

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 16, 2004
KCAB 2ND FLOOR AUDITOR'S ROOM**

Members Present: Jim Huff, Terry Rose, William Michel II, Susan Deschler

Others Present: John O'Day, Ron Frederick, Corri Hess

Meeting Called to Order: 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Jim Huff

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: Supr. Huff passed on information regarding a judiciary review of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance. He also mentioned information received from Supr. Rose about a program that Outagamie Co. is doing to reduce inmate population and asked Rose if he wanted this on a subsequent agenda. The December Committee meeting was changed to December 1, 2004 and the jail population discussion will be added to the agenda.

Minutes Read: October 13, 2004

Motion by: Rose

Seconded by: Michel II

Approved: unanimously

Discussion Regarding Developing a Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee/Collaborating Council:

Ron Frederick, Director of Disability Services, attended the meeting for this discussion. Rose explained that the object of a coordinating committee is to bring together a number of different elements in the community such as prosecution, defense, people involved with mental health issues, probation, law enforcement, and jail administration to discuss what the public needs and is willing to spend. This would be a recommending committee that may look at issues such as jail alternatives and legislation soon to be signed by the president about non-violent mentally ill people in jail. If the JLEC Committee so chooses, legislation can be presented to the County Board to establish a Coordinating Committee.

Ron Frederick explained that Rose had asked what happened to the KTAP program that offered offenders with addiction problems the option of going into treatment instead of jail. This was originally instituted to relieve jail overcrowding when prisoners were being sent out of county. This was considered treatment conducive instead of a jail cell. Frederick explained that Human Services eventually could not financially support enough beds to make the program viable. They discussed that the KTAP program is just a small element and that possibly instead of resurrecting this small piece the whole picture should be looked at. The current justice system consists of several independent institutions. There is a Dept. of Justice guidebook to establish a coordinating council. The value of the committee would be that all areas of the justice system could meet together to discuss what the other institutions are doing and common problems. Supr. Michel asked if Frederick contacted the District Attorney about this to determine if they would be willing to support the committee. Michel said he recalls that authorization by the District Attorney was needed for an offender to go into KTAP and without his approval the program was shut down. He believes that the Living Free Program was then started at the KCDC. Frederick said that he has not contacted the District Attorney and that tonight's discussion is a conceptual one. He feels he is not the appropriate party to champion the coordinating council. He said that if a council ever comes to be he would like to be at the table representing the mentally ill and alcohol/drug population. Frederick compares the concept of a coordinating committee

to that of KABA where businesses can come together for discussions and recommendations. Huff said that KASA (Kenoshans Against Sexual Assault) already does this with a committee consisting of social workers, police officers, the District Attorney, sexual assault counselors from the hospital, and the Medical Examiner. If a child dies they gather to try to find out what happened and how it can be prevented in the future.

Rose asked who else could be consulted about this. Frederick suggested Dennis Dannon, the retired Milwaukee Regional Chief for the Dept. of Corrections. He spearheaded the Racine Criminal Justice effort. Frederick has already spoken with Dannon about possibly attending a discussion. He believes that Waukesha is the closest county with an operating coordinating council. Supr. O'Day asked how long Waukesha's council has been in existence and if they show a results orientated synopsis. Frederick responded 25 years or longer and that he has not looked at their program in depth. O'Day asked that a packet be given to his Committee. Michel asked if there are any grants for a program like this. Frederick said he believes there is. He said there are already efforts; he is working with Mike Williams to get a group together to go to Dane Co. to look at some of their diversion programs for those with mental illness. Rose asked that Dannon be contacted to address the committee. Frederick will do so and the date was tentatively set for January 19 pending Dannon's availability.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 p.m. on motion by Rose, seconded by Michel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree