



Intercounty Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2012
Green Lake County Government Center
Green Lake, Wisconsin

ICC Participants

Columbia County – Andy Ross, Vern Gove, Bob Westby; **Dodge County** – Russell Kottke, Jeff Hoffman; **Green Lake County** – Jack Meyers, Marge Bostelmann, Jason Kauffeld (scribe); **Jefferson County** - John Molinaro, Steve Grabow; **Marquette County** - Paul Wade, Marty Havlovic; **Sauk County** – Marty Krueger; **WCA** – David Callender; **Congressman** – Senator Luther Olsen; **Media** – none; **Program Guests** – LeRoy Dissing and Phillip Robinson and Joe Hatcher (HHS Green Lake County), Joel Gerth and Mark Putzke (Sherriff's Dept. Green Lake County), Kim Gaffney (Sherriff of Marquette County), Dennis Richards (Sherriff of Columbia County), Chip Meister (Sherriff of Sauk County), Jerry Haferman (Sherriff's Office Jefferson County)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by ICC Chair Russell Kottke at 9:30 a.m.

Certification of Wisconsin Open Meetings Law Notice

The Secretary confirmed the requirements of the WI Open Meetings Law were met.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Columbia County, second by Green Lake County to approve the agenda – Approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Marquette County, second by Jefferson County to approve the minutes of the May 2012 meeting of the Intercounty Coordinating Committee -- Approved.

Legislative Report

Senator Olsen said that EMS in Berlin has gone to the Dept. of Workforce Development to ask to be paid minimum wage while on call. The legislature is currently not in session, but in the next budget the top three issues will probably be: 1) Jobs/Grow the Economy (lack of skills), 2) Medical Assistance, and 3) Transportation (costs are increasing rapidly).

Wisconsin Counties Association Report

David Callender

Legislature is out of session. Senate has flipped to the Democrats. Revenues are a little higher than expected. There is an ongoing debate about modifying the recall process. Legislative Study Committees are studying 911 calls, Juvenile Delinquency, and Placement of Patients with Alzheimer's.

Program – *Jails: Mental Illness among Inmates.* Presenters: Green Lake County: Dr. Joe Hatcher, HHS Director and LeRoy Dissing and Deputy Director Phillip Robinson led a panel discussion which included the Sherriff's Department representatives from the ICC member counties.

As asylums have decreased in number, more mentally ill are ending up in jail, where they do not do well. New correctional facility officers are not properly trained for dealing with inmates with mental illness. HHS works with people on the outside in order to divert them from the prison system. Prevention is key, but how to measure ROI - how do you prove a negative? Captain Haferman mentioned that for 170 inmates, they provide 12 hours a week from a professional. Sauk County spends \$10,000/month on medications. Leroy mentioned the possibility of the ICC counties collaborating on a roving mental health professional. David Callender mentioned the TAD (Treatment Alternatives Diversions) program as a possibility to look into.

Other County issues

- Note was made of the passing of ICC member Howard Zelmer – a card was passed around.
- Dodge County's new Nursing Home (236 beds) is being dedicated June 30th.

Next Meeting

Next meeting: July 16, 2012 – Topic: County Human Resources Part I, to be held in Dodge County.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Kauffeld
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