

May 11, 2004

Before the meeting was called to order a proxy was given to Secretary Dorinda Harvey, from Member F. DeWayne Beggs, authorizing David E. Williams to represent him as a voting member in his absence.

(As per instructed by Jim McGoodwin with the State Auditor and Inspectors Office since a quorum was present but the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present a temporary Chairman could be elected to conduct the business of this meeting only.)

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to elect Judge William Hetherington Chairman for this meeting.

The vote was unanimous for Judge Hetherington.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 11th day of May, 2004, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Temporary Chairman Judge William C. Hetherington. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Judge William Hetherington, Temporary Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
Waldo Blanton, Member
Libba Smith, Member
David Williams, Member

Chairman Dave Stockwell, Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston, Members F. DeWayne Beggs, Leroy Krohmer, and Tim Kuykendall were absent.

Others present were: Jennifer Creecy, Steve Nelson, Wayne Barnes, Debbie Cox, Tracy Ramirez, Carmen Jackson, and Tom Belusko.

Chairman Hetherington asked if the Council was in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Dorinda Harvey answered in the affirmative.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2004, and there being no additions or corrections, Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. David Williams seconded the motion.

The vote was: Judge William Hetherington, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes; David Williams, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Hetherington called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to comply with the new HIPAA Regulations.

Jennifer Creecy, with Oklahoma Court Services, stated that she had spoken with Amber Gooch, the person who led the HIPAA conference that Ms. Creecy attended. Ms. Creecy

stated that she forwarded Ms. Gooch a copy of the release that is used and Ms. Gooch used the term “watertight” and said it would work.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to strike from the agenda discussion, consideration, and/or action to comply with the new HIPAA Regulations.

The vote was: Judge William Hetherington, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes; David Williams, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Hetherington called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on how to procedurally handle the money administratively (\$6.00). After of brief discussion Chairman Hetherington stated that the problem is cured in terms of process but until the A.G.’s opinion is received where if Council would like to go back to the \$30.00 directly to the system but in the mean time the \$6.00 will be collected from the participant and the Court Clerk will be paying the Sheriff.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to table until A.G.’s opinion is received items “#2” discussion, consideration, and/or action on how to procedurally handle the money administratively (\$6.00) and “#3” discussion, consideration, and/or action on the issuance of reimbursement by the Sheriff to DOC until the Council has determined legally how it is to be done.

The vote was: Judge William Hetherington, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes; David Williams, yes.

Motion carried.

Carmen Jackson requested that the Council table discussion, consideration, and/or action to review previous months April bills. Ms. Jackson stated that some of the bills have not be received yet and explained why. She also told the Council that it looked like there could be some extra money and explained how it would be used.

Libba Smith inquired about the letter that Julia Curry had sent about OSC not getting it’s paperwork from the State in order to get paid and Ms. Jackson explained what had happened. Ms. Smith asked about other programs around the State and Ms. Jackson said that she had been traveling to other areas but was not looking at the money the other programs had spent but looked at the people who had failed and why to see if some alternatives could be found. Ms. Jackson explained residential treatment and how in residential treatment you have substance abuse and dual-diagnoses. A discussion took place about some of the money being spent for medication and the Council thought that would be a good idea.

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to table discussion, consideration, and/or action to review previous months April bills.

The vote was: Judge William Hetherington, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes; David Williams, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Hetherington called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve payment for comprehensive client report from Oklahoma Court Services.

Carmen Jackson stated that basically this is compensation for the big report that the Council is receiving quarterly instead of monthly and the agreement is that rather than paying OCS the full administrative fee every month the Council will pay \$15.00 a client quarterly because

the report is going to get done quarterly and it will also save some money in the admin. fees to be able to do some other services and Mr. Jackson thinks that will be a “win, win” combination. Cleveland County’s Council is the only Council in the State getting this report. Libba Smith asked about an end of year report with the statistic for this year.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to approve payment for comprehensive client report from Oklahoma Court Services at a rate of \$15.00 per person per quarter.

The vote was: Judge William Hetherington, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes; David Williams, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Hetherington called for review Status on Bench Warrant Executions and Arrest of Absconders.

Jennifer Creecy stated that on the AWOL report there was one busted.

One client was discussed in detail as questions were asked about the length of time it is going to be before the client has to report back.

Judge Hetherington stated that if this problem can’t get cured he might have to do some sort of administrative order that any Community Corrections arrest is arraigned before him, but even then he does not know if that will cure it.

Right now Oklahoma Court Services has 47 clients and Wayne Barnes has 26 clients.

Ms. Jackson stated that she is in the process of building Mr. Barnes up to 35 clients.

Another client was discussed in depth that Judge Hetherington had released from prison.

Chairman Hetherington called for presentation on Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Wayne Barnes.

Ms. Creecy stated that for the month of April there are three new cases, one closed case, and twenty-four violations. There were no incentive recipients and DOC payments of \$680.00.

Wayne Barnes has gotten three new cases.

Chairman Hetherington asked were the Council was headed as far as adding people. He knows the Council is hanging were it is until the Council sees were the budget is. Discussion took place about new laws, changes in the laws, and how the laws could impact the Planning Council.

Mr. Barnes explained the problems he was having when the warrants for defendants are not in the computer and discussion took place.

Ms. Smith asked about having new legislation that would affect the Council being put on the agenda for discussion.

Chairman Hetherington stated that at the end of the session Ms. Jackson could report back to the Council under miscellaneous discussion on any new legislation.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Dorinda Harvey moved that the meeting be adjourned. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

The vote was: Judge William Hetherington, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes; David Williams, yes.

Motion carried.