

February 12, 2002

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 12th day of February, 2002, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Chairman Dave Stockwell. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Dave Stockwell, Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
DeWayne Beggs, Member
Waldo Blanton, Member
William C. Hetherington, Member
Libba Smith, Member

Member Tim Kuykendall was absent and members Melissa McLawhorn and Leroy Krohmer were absent at roll call.

Others present were: Corry Flowers, Jennifer Beck, Ed Kearns, Donna Woods, Linda York, Julia Curry, Richard Stevens and Steve Nelson.

Chairman Dave Stockwell 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 special meeting of January 18, 2002, and there being no additions or corrections, William C. Hetherington moved that the minutes be approved. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

(Leroy Krohmer entered the meeting at this time)

DeWayne Beggs moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to table the Presentation of Financial Affairs, Audit. etc., by Oklahoma Community Sentencing Division.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to approve Linda York/Rainbow & York as a service provider. Mr. Ed Kearns will do a contract.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

(Melissa McLawhorn entered the meeting at this time.)

Donna Woods, Drug Recovery, Inc., did a presentation explaining what her programs could provide for residential and non-residential offenders. She also explained the costs. A brief question and answer period took place as to whether this Council would enter a contract with Ms. Woods, or use the Department of Mental Health contract and who would pay Ms. Woods the Department of Mental Health or this Council. Melissa McLawhorn moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to table discussion, consideration and/or action entering into a contract with Donna Woods, Drug Recovery, Inc.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes, Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and or action on Status report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers. Julia Curry stated that there are several violation reports this month, but the number of people in the program is now sixty-five (65), there has been a total of five-hundred ninety-three (593) hours of community service worked in January, there has been three (3) sanction hearings and there are several more coming up this month. The Council asked Julia Curry and Corry Flowers about different offenders that were in the program and how they were doing. There were two offenders that went to Avalon and Chairman Stockwell asked about the facility and if there were any concerns. Ms. Curry responded stating that she and Corry had expressed their concerns with the people of Avalon and they assured them it would be corrected. Corry Flowers stated that six (6) people had completed Mr. Belusko's cognitive behavior training program. Chairman Stockwell stated he had heard wonderful reports about the program.

Chairman Stockwell stated that the budget needs discussing, as far as the money this Council has now and what would be left at the end of the fiscal year 2002.

Ed Kearns handed out a copy of the current budget and a list of six (6) proposals to reduce expenditures and stated at this time there is twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000.00) left in the budget. Mr. Kearns stated that there are two (2) factors, one is Julia was brought on and that was not accounted for, funding had to come out of other categories to cover her expenses and the other is this Council has double the number offenders in the system from what was originally projected. Mr. Kearns stated the Council is okay for the present time but something is going to have to be done to cut expenditures or there was going to be a budget shortfall.

Waldo Blanton asked about Bill Yeager, when Mr. Yeager made the statement just put them into treatment and DOC would take care of the money.

Mr. Stockwell said he recalls something like that also.

Julia Curry thinks the Council has already received the money Mr. Yeager was talking about. Mr. Blanton stated he did not hear a limit on the amount of money Mr. Yeager was talking about and that someone needs to talk to him and ask about the money he said we could expend but didn't have.

Chairman Stockwell asked Mr. Kearns if there would be any additional money available?

Mr. Kearns did not know but said there might be if any of the other Council's in the state did not use all of their funds.

Chairman Stockwell stated that what he now sees is that this Council requested a lot of money and did not receive all of the money requested. Now this Council can say we need the money and now we don't have it. Mr. Stockwell was told that Bill Yeager is still the regional administrator over Cleveland County and asked that he attend the meeting next month.

Melissa McLawhorn asked about the twenty dollars (\$20.00) a month that was assessed, for the offenders to pay that was supposed to go to pay Julia.

Ed Kearns stated it was marked to pay Julia for case management services and also to pay the extra six dollars (\$6.00) per day on the cost of incarceration for disciplinary confinement.

Mr. Kearns stated that was administrative fees and is not reflected on the budget. The budget only deals with appropriated funds.

Julia Curry explained how that money was basically a wash, it is collected when an offender comes in, sent to DOC, and then DOC returns it to Julia.

Mr. Kearns stated it was the supervision that Ms. Curry provides that comes out of the allocated funds in the budget.

Melissa McLawhorn thinks that money needs to show on the budget because the first statement made was we are short on the budget because we did not budget for Julia.

Mr. Kearns stated that Ms. Curry's supervision services and community service coordination services are coming out of allocated funding.

Ms. McLawhorn stated that supervision is reflected on the budget, the administrative services are not, and the community service money appropriation was received not to pay offenders but to pay Ms. Curry, but that should not be causing the budget short fall. The Council has accounted for bringing Ms. Curry on and it was anticipated.

Mr. Kearns stated it was not anticipated for on the original budget that was done so when she was brought on the only way to pay for supervision and community service coordination was to take money from other areas of the budget.

Ms. McLawhorn replied that the Council never allocated administrative fee money and never requested money for community service so the Council had that money to give.

Mr. Kearns stated no that in the original budget it did not have any money allocated for supervision or community service because at that time supervision was going to be done by probation.

Mr. Stockwell thinks Mr. Kearns is correct because the Council is paying one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for community service and that was done after the FY 2002 original budget so he can see where it is a little short there. He thinks the bigger problem is that it is going to cost more money to do what needs to be done than what was given and now what needs to be done is sacrifice what the Council thinks is proper treatment for the offenders, cease in taking in new offenders, or review the proposals to reduce expenditures that Mr. Kearns passed out and look at it more closely next month when it can be put on the agenda.

Mr. Blanton thinks we needs to look at raising everything. He thinks things will slowly be given back to the County and it's going to get stuck and this Council isn't going to be able to do the job and he thinks the Council needs to let them (the Department of Corrections) know about it.

Ms. McLawhorn asked if the FY2002 budget could be looked at as far as what was requested and what was received. The requested budget was thought to have been one hundred eight-one thousand dollars (\$181,000.00) and seven-six thousand was received (\$76,000.00).

Outpatient substance abuse treatment is the biggest money expenditures.

William C. Hetherington stated that what he thinks the Council is not doing a good job of is anticipating ahead the number of offenders the Council can handle. He is not saying that critically because this is a growing program. But in order to plan ahead you have to have the statistical background. He doesn't think this will happen in the future. He thinks this is a good thing because now the Council can say to the Department of Corrections "we told you". On the other hand the Council needs to do a better job of planning ahead in order that Richard Stevens has a way of knowing how many offenders can be accepted into the

program and be able to explain this the lawyers. It was agreed that the Council has done a better job for the FY2003 budget.

Chairman Stockwell asked if a letter (a supplemental attachment) needed to be sent to the Department of Corrections explaining about the budget shortfall and giving some of the numbers that it has cost this year so they won't cut the budget next year.

Judge Hetherington stated that he ran into one problem since the last meeting and that was it took thirty-eight (38) days to get an LSI done on one defendant. Ed Kearns apologized for that happening and said he would talk to the person about that.

(William C. Hetherington exited the meeting at this time).

Leroy Krohmer asked if this Council was the only one that was hurting for money and he was assured by several people that several of the Council's were in the same shape we are or even worse.

Julia was concern that some of the offender's would be turned over to Corry and she asked that that not be done. She stated that she would rather work a couple of months pro bono so her people would have continuity of care throughout this time. Julia explained to Libba Smith what all the twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month goes for. It was also explained to Libba Smith who all was doing LSI's.

The Council members discussed what all they wanted and who all they wanted to be on the Agenda next month.

There being no further business to come before the Council Melissa McLawhorn moved that the meeting be adjourned. Leroy Krohmer seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Dewayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.