

April 9, 2002

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 9th day of April, 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
Leroy Krohmer, Member
Libba Smith, Member

Vice-Chairman Melissa McLawhorn and members William Hetherington and Tim Kuykendall were absent.

Others present were: Kirk Wilson, Toby Taylor, Julia Curry, Corry Flowers, Debbie Cox, Ed Kearns, Bill Yeager, Tim Guinn, Tom Belusko, and Donna Woods.

Chairman 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 regular meeting of March 12, 2002, and there being no additions or corrections, Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. DeWayne Beggs seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for presentation of Financial Affairs, Audit. etc., by Oklahoma Community Sentencing Division and asked if anyone had any additional questions since our last meeting when Mr. Yeager made a presentation. Any questions about the way the State audits, are there being audits conducted, what shape the Council is in, and is there a good accountability in tracking the money that is being spent and received.

Dorinda Harvey stated she had one question and asked if the State Auditor's Office does the auditing and Mr. Bill Yeager replied yes and the Department of Corrections audits it also. This being just a presentation no action was taken by the Council.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and/or action upon entering into a contract with Donna Woods, Drug Recovery, Inc. Chairman Stockwell asked if the Council needed to do a contract with DRI and Mr. Bill Yeager stated not if DMH pay was being used. Ed Kearns stated in the next few weeks he will be doing Contracts for FY03 and at that time he would do one with DRI.

Libba Smith asked if the Council does not do a contract with DRI, could it keep using DMH money instead of the Council's money?

Mr. Yeager stated it could be done as long as DMH will let us and as long as their funds are available and so far it has been successful.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to strike discussion, consideration and/or action upon entering a contract with Donna Woods, Drug Recovery, Inc. from the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to strike utilizing the new drug-testing machine available through the Cleveland County Adult Drug Court System.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and/or action on Proposal's to Reduce Expenditures.

Bill Yeager handed out the Budget Report for the Month of March, stating that this included the additional \$16,800.00 that he spoke of at the last meeting. He also handed out what he estimated would be the bills for next month. Mr. Yeager is anticipating additional money from other Councils that have not used all of the money allocated to them.

Mr. Stockwell asked Mr. Yeager that it is his understanding that Mr. Yeager is advising this Council to cut back where it can and he (Mr. Yeager) anticipates being able to evaluate on a month-by-month basis and get additional funding in order to pay the providers.

Mr. Yeager stated he is not the person that is totally in control of everything that goes on but he will do the best he can.

Julia Curry explained to the Council how she was doing her billing for administrative services and that she was apparently mistaken on how this was to be done. She was told last week that she could only bill for money that she has collected each month.

Mr. Stockwell stated this was the first he had heard of this and he wasn't real keen on her cutting fees down by fifty percent (50%) as was suggested last month and he is really less keen now if she can only bill for what she collects. Mr. Stockwell asked Mr. Yeager if the Council accept Julia's offer only to charge \$10.00 instead of \$20.00 for the rest of this year, could the Council pay her for the difference out of next years funds?

Mr. Yeager stated that he did not think so and other Council members agreed. More questions were asked about the budget and Mr. Nelson McSwain from the State Auditors Office was asked to come into the meeting and answer questions regarding the budget.

DeWayne Beggs moved, seconded by Leroy Krohmer, to reject Julia Curry's offer of reducing her fees from now until years end.

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

Motion carried.

A discussion took place as to next years budget and if this Council is going to be able to do what it set out to do. The discussion went back to the current budget and another way the expenditures are being reduced is that the offenders are paying for their own UA's and have been for about three (3) months, that saves about five to six hundred a month.

Mr. Kearns stated that the bulk of the money is going for treatment.

Dorinda Harvey asked what was going to happen if the money that Mr. Yeager talked about this Council getting and if it doesn't, what will happen with what has already been expended but no money to pay for it.

Mr. Yeager stated that is why he wants to meet every month, because if the Council does not get the money then he will have to stop paying the bills. Mr. Yeager doesn't think this will happen and he wants to see how much is recouped this month to pay bill and he will have an idea of how much money he can gather from other Councils by next meeting and whatever is received by next meeting that will be the time to make a decision.

Leroy Krohmer asked Dorinda Harvey, if when she talks to the auditors to ask where it puts the elected officials that sit on this Council, if money is spent that is not there.

Bill Yeager explained that the Council is not voting to spend money, all the Council does is submit a plan, the Council does not select service providers it just makes recommendations.

Mr. Yeager thinks the statutes are clear that the Council is just an advisory volunteer committee, that doesn't sign contract, doesn't appropriate money, doesn't spend money, and doesn't make decision about treatment. The Council only makes recommendations. Mr.

Yeager thinks this might have been the reason that the Council is not involved in the above, that is why the department and state agencies are taking care of all of the funding, so it can be a buffer and make the bad decisions or good decisions, or take the heat.

Libba Smith stated that when the auditors are spoken to, to make sure it is a liability of the State.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and/or action on Status report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers.

Julia Curry with Oklahoma Court Services, Inc. gave her report and stated thirty-six (36) clients are completely compliant and progressing successfully with their conditions of probation and their release dates vary between April, 2002, and February, 2004, and she is very pleased.

Corry Flowers dittoed Julia about how good the clients are doing.

Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to accept Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers Status report.

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and/or action on additional money for FY2002 Budget.

Once again Bill Yeager stated that he thinks more money will be available from other Counties (Councils).

Leroy Krohmer moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to approve Bill Yeager's statement that he thinks more money will be available from other Counties (Councils).

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

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell introduced Toby Taylor and Kirk Wilson with Guardian Interlock and they are going to show the Council what the Ignition Interlock Device is, what it does, and how it may benefit this Council in supervising the offenders.

Mr. Taylor stated he will not be requesting money from this Council, his program is completely offender funded. Mr. Taylor presented his program for people who drink and

drive and explained his system. This system features memo minders, data logger, random rolling retest, and time lapsed fail mode. Mr. Taylor handed out information regarding his system and an example summary report. Mr. Taylor explained how his billing is setup and how the offenders could pay.

Chairman Stockwell stated he is familiar with this program and he would like Julia and Corry to see if there is anyone they would like to consider for this program, how useful this information would be, and what will be done to the offender when this information is obtained.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to table discussion, consideration and/or action on Guardian Interlock.

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

Libba Smith suggested that when successful offenders completes the program and when they come and tell the Council what a good program it is to have the press present also. She thinks this would be good publicity for the program.

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

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