

June 25, 2002

The scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 25th day of June, 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
Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, Vice-Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
Waldo Blanton, Member
Leroy Krohmer, Member
Libba Smith, Member

Members DeWayne Beggs and Tim Kuykendall were absent and Member William C. Hetherington was absent at roll call.

Others present were: Debbie Cox, Corry Flowers, Bill Yeager, Jennifer Beck, Richard Stevens, Ron Alexander Jr., Ron Alexander Sr., and Tim Guinn.

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 regular meeting of May 14, 2002, and there begin no additions or corrections, Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. Melissa McLawhorn-Houston seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

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

Chairman Stockwell called for the Presentation by Bill Yeager on Year-End Budget and New Budget for 2002-2003.

Bill Yeager gave Council Members a copy of the budget report for May and the budget summary for FY2003. Mr. Yeager explained the budget report for May and stated that at the end of May there was \$8,310.37 left and he is expecting June expenditures to be \$4,156.00, which will leave about \$4,154.37. The Sheriff's bill is still open and Mr. Yeager doesn't know how much that will be. Mr. Yeager stated that all of the other providers have been very good about turning in their invoices. Mr. Yeager also explained the budget summary for FY2003, stating how much was in each category and how it was determined what amount to go into each category. The State is funding \$133,624.20 and with anticipated collections or resources etc in the amount of \$33,860.00 (which Mr. Yeager thinks may be a little high) the total is \$167,484.20 and this is not counting offender pay so the Council could figure it's budget at \$200,000.00 if it wanted to project income from offender pay. More discussion took place about each category. Mr. Yeager stated that over a twelve (12) month period in

terms of the appropriated money there is about \$11,000.00 per month to spend. Mr. Yeager suggested that the budget be watched closely on a monthly basis and set the target amount of \$11,000.00 or whatever amount the Council decides and if it is exceeded one month than cut back the next month or do it by quarters if that would be easier. He recommends that the Council slow down in the middle of the year instead of having to cut so drastically the end of the year.

Chairman Stockwell asked Julia Curry and Corry Flower if sanctions cost the Council money. Julia responded that the offenders are put in jail and inpatient treatment.

Chairman Stockwell asked about Department of Mental Health money that was available at one time and Mr. Yeager stated he would not count on that as a regular source of money.

Chairman Stockwell stated that when offenders are sanctioned consideration might be given to the economic impact it is going to have on the Council's budget. He doesn't think that should be a driving force but he thinks it should be considered.

Mr. Yeager stated that this might be something that is looked at when the team meets on Tuesdays and considers sanctions. More discussion took place as to sanctions.

Mr. Yeager stated that new contracts have been tightened up as far as performance and assessments because he is going to hold by some of the things that he was loose on before. Vouchers is another system that is going to be implemented so the Council will know up front how much is going to be authorized per person/offender. He is trying to get more accountability from the service providers.

Chairman Stockwell asked that the Council receive a curve, chart, or graph on the offenders and the cost so the Council will know where it stands on the spending of money.

Mr. Yeager stated that re-assessments also need to start being done, as the contracts require this. It is a cost to the Council of \$37.50 each. More discussion took place on re-assessments and LSI's.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston asked Mr. Yeager if a comprehensive study was being done on Community Sentencing and Mr. Yeager explained who was going to be doing this and stated it had to wait until after July 1st because of budgets.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston also stated that at some point (not right now) for future reference when the budget has to be justified again if there is somehow the Council could get the amount of offender pay that was going to the providers. As far as how much it is, so the Council can demonstrate the recourses the offenders are getting but also demonstrate that the offenders are paying for their treatment.

Mr. Yeager stated that this could be done.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston complimented Mr. Yeager on all of the work that he had done on the budget.

Julia Curry asked about getting certified to do LSI's and discussion was held.

Libba Smith wanted to make sure she understood that on the budget for next year since more money would be coming in for offender pay (if it comes in) the Council will have about \$30,000.00 more and Chairman Stockwell stated yes if the fees are collected and the offenders are in the program long enough and not terminated. Libba Smith asked if the new budget puts the providers back at their regular pay and was told yes. Libba Smith also asked about the number of offenders that could be put into the program if it had to stay at the same amount it has had been in the past.

Chairman Stockwell stated it would go up due to the fact that some offenders are going to graduate, some are going to terminate and there is going to be additional money.

It was asked how much money Grady County had received and a discussion took place as to the amount of money they are going to receive and the providers they have.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and/or action on Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers. Julia with Oklahoma Court Services handed out the monthly report for June 2002 and her report.

Chairman Stockwell asked about page nine (9) of her report as far as the successful and unsuccessful and Julia explained that there had been five (5) successful this year or graduated and twelve (12) unsuccessful having revocations etc and this is the total for the year not for just one month and the other offenders (seventy-two (72)) in the program and doing fine. Corry Flowers stated everything was fine.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton to approve the Status Report of Julia Curry with Oklahoma Court Services, Inc and Corry Flowers.

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

Motion carried.

Ron Alexander, Sr. and Ron Alexander, Jr. did a presentation on their facility New Direction Centers of America. Information was handed out and both of the Alexander's told about their facility and what their facility provides.

After a brief discussion it was decided that on the next agenda the Council needs to approve all potential service providers.

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

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

Motion carried.