

October 8, 2002

Before the meeting was called to order a proxy was given to Chairman David Stockwell, from Secretary Dorinda Harvey, authorizing Kerrie Hudson to represent her in her absence.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 8th day of October, 2002, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Chairman Dave Stockwell. Roll was called by Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, Vice-Chairman and those present were:

Dave Stockwell, Chairman
Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, Vice-Chairman
DeWayne Beggs
Waldo Blanton
William C. Hetherington
Tim Kuykendall
Libba Smith

Kerrie Hudson, Secretary was absent at roll call. Leroy Krohmer, member was absent.

Others present were: Jennifer Creecy, Corry Flowers, Ed Kearns, Richard Stevens, Julia Curry, Tom Belusko, Cindy Allen and Paul Garcia.

Chairman Dave Stockwell asked if the Council was in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston answered in the affirmative.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2002, and there being no additions or corrections, Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. DeWayne Beggs seconded the motion.

(Kerrie Hudson entered meeting at this time.)

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on Offender Pay, Sliding Scale, and a consistent Fee Schedule. Paul Garcia with NAIC discussed the plans and programs that are in place and being utilized. Chairman Stockwell asked, what is the sliding scale we are using?

Paul Garcia said, basically you use their federal poverty level.

Chairman Stockwell asked, specifically you look at their income, their treatment and base it off of all that.

Mr. Garcia said, yes the minimum is \$ 5.00 up to \$ 25.00 per week with 25.00 being the maximum thus far.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve the offender pay sliding scale.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Kerrie Hudson, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on Assessor's who do LSI Assessments. Chairman Stockwell asked, if we had any more people doing assessments?

Julia Curry said she just does the ones for their clients.

Ed Kearns stated that Tom Belusko has one, but he is not yet certified. He should be certified within the next month. Mr. Kearns is still doing some assessments also.

Chairman Stockwell recommends that this be tabled until next month when we have an additional LSI Assessor in place and certified.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston moved, seconded by Tim Kuykendall, to table this item until next month.

Mr. Kearns added that there is a time problem by the time the Attorney gets with their client that it eats into the 17 day period.

Chairman Stockwell asked the DA's Office what could be done to correct this?

Mr. Kuykendall said, that they could stress the importance of getting their LSI's scheduled. Cindy Allen suggested that if we haven't gotten their LSI within 30 days then they will be dropped and maybe this will encourage them to get it done on time. More discussion took place on the time frame. Cindy Allen asked if faxing the LSI to Mr. Kearns would be helpful and he answered in the affirmative. There being no further discussion on motion to table a vote was taken.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Kerrie Hudson, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell introduced Cindy Allen with the District Attorney's Office and stated that she was going to be replacing Richard Stevens (who's duties have shifted) and welcomed her.

Vice-Chairman McLawhorn-Houston called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to review previous months bills. There are two months of bills here for the months of August and September.

Mr. Kearns stated that this was just September but that August was on it also. Mr. Kearns also stated that we were under \$674.00 for this month's allotment.

Julia Curry asked about the drug testing. Last year it was decided that we would charge our clients as a way to save money. Julia stated that Department of Corrections couldn't do this, so someone who comes to us has to pay more than someone who goes to Corry.

Corry Flowers stated he could not explain this, that it was a supervision fee that DOC takes the funds out of and buys the drug tests. Discussion took place as to how Julia Curry could charge DOC for drug testing and what kind of problems might be created.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston suggested that Bill Yeager come to the next meeting to address this issue. Melissa McLawhorn-Houston said that this is more appropriate for Item # 4 so the Council went back to Item #1 under new business, the monthly bills.

Chairman Stockwell asked Mr. Beggs if his amount was right because it seemed a little low.

Mr. Beggs said, it did to him and he would check it out.

(Chairman Stockwell exited the meeting at this time.)

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve the review of the previous months bills.

The vote was: Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Kerrie Hudson, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman McLawhorn-Houston called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on Pre-Screening.

Julia Curry stated that it might not be beneficial in this county as in Pottawatomie County. Mr. Kearns agreed with Julia Curry that there would not be enough of a benefit. We would only save a few hundred dollars over the year. The LSI's that we have done 61% are moderate, 18% are high and 21% are low. The pre-screening only screens out the lows, it doesn't screen out moderate or highs. If we pre-screen then the courts would no longer receive LSI's on the low range defendants.

Tim Kuykendall, District Attorney, stated that the LSI is beneficial to his office and wanted to continue using it as a basis for recommending punishment whether it has anything to do with community sentencing. We could recommend that some of them go to Julia's program and some not.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston stated that we don't need a motion on this item since there is no support for pre-screening.

More discussion took place on LSI's and pre-screening.

DeWayne Beggs moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, that no action be done on pre-screening.

The vote was: Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Kerrie Hudson, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman McLawhorn-Houston called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on the dollar amount being charged for LSI's and the consistency of pay for LSI's.

Melissa McLawhorn-Houston stated that the discussion in the past was to come up with a sliding scale so that the providers would have a consistent fee schedule. Would asking all providers to go to a sliding scale achieve this consistency?

Mr. Belusko said that the scale voted on by the board was a minimum of \$5.00 per week up to the full amount no matter how many times a week. The full amount can be up to their full fee for services. We have not established a scale for LSI's yet and this is what we need to get established. Mr. Belusko stated that everyone charges different.

More discussion took place on LSI sliding scale.

Judge Hetherington stated that the LSI providers needed to get together and have a recommendation next month.

Judge Hetherington moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to table this item until next month with a recommendation by providers.

Tim Kuykendall stated that he is speaking for himself that he would like to see the recommendations for the providers addressed with offenders pay. He would like to see the offenders pay the \$75.00 and right now his office is paying all of it and it is a large chunk of money and most offenders can pay it.

The vote was: Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Kerrie Hudson, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman McLawhorn-Houston called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on Clients paying for Drug Testing. Melissa McLawhorn-Houston stated that this has been discussed as far as having clients pay for drug testing and the consistency between CSI charges and DOC not charging and how we can correct the charges. We discussed asking Bill Yeager or someone who can answer the why can't we questions.

Judge Hetherington moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to table this item until next month with someone addressing the Board.

The vote was: Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Kerrie Hudson, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Discussion took place as to how the budget cuts would affect the Council's budget and whether or not our budget was in line for cuts. Mr. Kearns said he would check into it, as of right now he has not been told of any cuts.

Vice-Chairman McLawhorn-Houston called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on the presentation of the Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers.

Judge Hetherington stated that according to the report 23 have completed the program and only 6 completed it successfully. We need to find out why or what has caused the people to fail the program. Judge Hetherington said that the Board needed to request a report so we can begin to get an idea why the success rate is so poor.

Vice-Chairman McLawhorn-Houston asked to place on the agenda for next month a report on unsuccessful offenders, one report being Cleveland County offenders and the other being a comparison statewide.

Ed Kearns gave some statistic to the Board.

Julia Curry told the Council of some of the things that could be added to the status report. (Judge Hetherington exited the meeting at this time.)

Jennifer Creecy handed out the status reports and explained the report.

Curry Flowers also explained some of his clients.

Cindy Allen brought up discussion on the DUI cases and inpatient treatment.

Mr. Belusko stated that the ones doing inpatient treatments come out and re-offend. The reports that are being asked for should help evaluate these cases also as to when inpatient will help and when it is not successful.

Mr. Kuykendall stated that we needed to look at our entire program and see what we need to do to change the numbers around.

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

The vote was: Melissa McLawhorn-Houston, yes; Kerrie Hudson, yes; DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.