

March 8, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 8th day of March, 2005, in the conference room of the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 605 E. Robinson, Norman, Oklahoma, by Chairman Dave Stockwell. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Dave Stockwell, Chairman
Melissa Houston, Vice-Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
Waldo Blanton, Member
William C. Hetherington, Member

Member Libba Smith was absent at roll call, and Members Leroy Krohmer and Tim Kuykendall were absent.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, David Williams, Rhonda Peterson, Tracy Ramirez, Julia Curry, Debbie Cox, Terri Paxson, Steve Nelson, Carmen Jackson, Wayne Barnes, Cheryl Farnsworth, Tom Belusko, and Sonny Scott.

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 February 8, 2005, and there being no additions or corrections Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. Melissa Houston seconded the motion.

Carmen Jackson stated that in the minutes of the last meeting it said that the Planning Council would get the same amount of money as before and that is not the case as it is not known how much money the Council is going to receive.

Chairman Stockwell called for the vote: Dave Stockwell, abstain, Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes.

Motion carried.

(Libba Smith entered the meeting at this time.)

Melissa Houston moved, seconded by Dave Stockwell to Re-Appointment the following Board Members: Dorinda Harvey, Secretary, F. DeWayne Beggs, Member, Waldo Blanton, Member, Leroy Krohmer, Member, Tim Kuykendall, Member, Libba Smith, Member and William C. Hetherington, Advisory Member.

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

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the Review of the bills for the month of January, 2005.

Melissa Houston asked why the month of January was so low?

Carmen Jackson stated that the intakes are low and the other is getting Wayne Barnes' caseload up, because all of Mr. Barnes' is free and that cuts down on the cost. Discussion took place as to the referrals being down.

Melissa Houston moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to approve the review of the bills for the month of January, 2005.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F.

DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell went to item #4 on the agenda and called for Budget Proposal – Dr. Margaret Olsen or Carmen Jackson – Mental Health Component and/or any Reports related thereto.

Carmen Jackson had given the Council Members packets that contained several documents. One of the documents was the Results of Cleveland County Community Sentencing Mental Health Needs Survey. Ms. Jackson stated that they were asked to try to make a determination about the Council's Mental Health Unit of Community Sentencing and to give the Council some idea of where we are with the clients that we have right now. Try to find out how many additional mental health services were needed and based on what we have right now determine if there is going to be space, time and money to handle any additional clients. In order to do that Dr. Olson designed a survey sixty-six people returned the survey and Ms. Jackson went over the results. Group A sixteen people, no one had mental health symptoms or desired those services. Group B seven people, no one had any symptoms or history but they wanted some services. Group C twenty-four people had a history of mental health; twenty-three had the illness and nineteen that desired some services. Group D, which is the more severe people that have mental health issues and only twelve wanted to do the services. The conclusion is that twenty-four of the sixty-six clients we currently have would actually be good candidates for mental health. Ms. Jackson explained a little bit of the survey that Dr. Olson did and what Dr. Olson thought she would do for the clients. Ms. Jackson took everything that Dr. Olson did and turned it into a budget and based on Dr. Olson's recommendation for the six severe participants it would take \$10,792.00; for the moderate participants \$17,872.00; for the anger management \$6,685.00.

Ms. Jackson stated that while doing this it was agreed by the team that the mentally ill people are often homeless and that issue needed to be looked at. So just on those twenty-four people they are thinking that maybe six would be able to have access to go into inpatient if necessary. Ms. Jackson came up with \$35,000.00 excluding the residential and \$57,000.00 if we get the money to fund for residential beds. These are the people that are on our caseload right now that have proven that they have mental health issues. If the Council is going to implement this program with the resources that are available now this is the additional cost. Some of these issues we are dealing with because we have people who are skilled in the area. Ms. Jackson thinks we have the professionals available to do these services it just about the funding. This amount is for the clients we have right now and then the discussion has to be how many additional people specifically designed with these issues do we want to have in

addition to the people that are all ready on the caseload. Ms. Jackson did not know how the Council wanted to handle this so she only gave a budget based on the survey.

Judge Hetherington wanted to recognize the work that Dr. Olson put into the survey. The Judge thinks it is something we should include in the budget, in whatever form or amount the Council thinks, with a very detailed summary as to why, all of the observations and the model that Dr. Olson had created here on how we evaluate this. Provide this in our budget request. Judge Hetherington continued to explain how unique this program was.

Chairman Stockwell stated that he agreed with the Judge but the legislators are not going to see our request, Justin Jones is going to see the request.

Judge Hetherington doesn't see how much higher up the Council can go than that.

Chairman Stockwell asked Ms. Jackson what was DOC's mentality on addressing these issues through Community Sentencing.

Ms. Jackson had spoken to Mr. Jones and he said as long as we stay within the guidelines of the new legislation that deals with mental health people as it was brought in, since the legislators put it in there to be considered under Community Sentencing for the mentally ill outside of the ranks he thinks it can come under that umbrella, because the legislators are the ones that put it in there, in the first place. Ms. Jackson referred to the plan and what she wrote in has to do with the justification for the mental health court and she stated she went in some detail and then Ms. Jackson read from the plan. Discussion took place on part of the plan that Ms. Jackson read about the offenders must be financially solvent and that they have to stay on their medication.

Council Members questioned this as prior in the meeting it was discussed that several offenders with mental disorders are homeless.

Ms. Jackson stated that there was a hardship policy under resources needed and she is asking the Council to allow some of the fees to be waved.

Discussion took place on the number of people both present and additional people that would be covered under this, the people that are not being treated by the Department of Mental Health because they are Community Sentencing people, how people are getting their medication, and money needed.

Chairman Stockwell doesn't see the Council getting a whole lot more money this year.

Judge Hetherington recommended that we be very serious about this and a letter be drafted and signed by the members of the Council as part of the submission of our budget or he will do a letter, expressing these kind of frustration of what we are running into and fully disclose the reason for the need.

Ms. Jackson stated that Mr. Jones is expecting this she thinks we will get some money she doesn't know how much, we will have to wait and see.

Right now there are three people that Community Sentencing is pay for all their mental health services. There are some that have substance abuse and mental health that have to get stabilized on the substances first before any therapy can go on and some with just mental health.

Libba Smith inquired about rewording some parts of the plan and about using any money we have left on the three people that we have now and spending some of that money so we would have a track record and we can say we already are doing this on three but we need to do it on twenty-three.

Ms. Jackson stated that the plan is only a draft and we could do that with the money.

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

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the FY2006 Plan and Budget.

Ms. Jackson stated that this was just a draft for the Council's consideration and in the packet there are copies of all of the data that she used to comply it to see where the number came from. Ms. Jackson stated that on the budget the \$181,565.00 was the amount of money we would need for our regular people to cover those expenses if we don't do mental health. The amount in this budget does not include any categories of the mental health.

Once the Council makes a decision on the mental health then Ms. Jackson will know how many units the Council wants her to add.

Melissa Houston moved, seconded by Chairman Stockwell, to table discussion, consideration and/or action to approve the FY2006 Plan and Budget until the next meeting.

Chairman Stockwell thinks the Council is pretty clear that we do want to do something with mental health. Not a court but a unit and with that said what do we need to do to include that in the budget and plan.

Basically what Ms. Jackson needs is to what scope and what numbers, because she has to turn numbers into units of services to add it to the budget, and what percent ten percent or twenty percent? Discussion took place and the Department of Mental Health came up again. Melissa Houston asked Ms. Jackson to prepare a letter for the Council regarding this challenge with the Department of Mental Health it sounds like to her they are getting double funded because if they are getting funded to help people in Norman that they are not helping we need to be accessing those funds. If Ms. Jackson could prepare some sort of letter about what problem the Council is having locally in accessing state funded mental health services she thinks that would be helpful.

Chairman Stockwell asked if the Council wanted to give Ms. Jackson a number, a percentage, for her to include for the mental health issues?

Melissa Houston thinks it would just be a line item.

Ms. Jackson stated that in order to turn it in, it has to be by the unit and that is why it is broken down that way. She has to go in and establish it in the overall budget. She separated it out for that purpose so they wouldn't take the whole big amount and think that our mental health unit was too much and start taking us down in our regular money. More discussion took place.

Ms. Jackson stated that for the people who are in the LSI range she wants to ask for \$57,000.00, because they need the services and they already meet the criteria and we need extra money for them and that is the twenty-four people on the caseload. Then the question is how much more does the Council want to use as a projection, because part of these twenty-four, by the time we go to the next budget will be gone? Then the question becomes beside the people who are eligible for the LSI how much extra money in addition to this extra \$60,000.00 that we are already asking do we want.

Melissa Houston stated ten more people. Ms. Houston said twenty-four for mental health services for people who are currently in the system and go ahead and add a cushion of ten more people that will be capturing these people that fall outside of the LSI range. Go ahead and work it in so it should say thirty-five people basically.

Chairman Stockwell called for the vote to table: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for Report on other Counties Success Rate. This was also in the packet that Ms. Jackson had handed out. Ms. Jackson went over the report and stated that Oklahoma County being the largest has never gone above sixty-eight percent compliance and they have never been paid more than seventy-five percent of their invoices. Several other counties were discussed.

Chairman Stockwell called for Review Status on Bench Warrant Executions and Arrest of Absconders.

Julia Curry, with Oklahoma Court Services, stated that one had been busted.

Terri Paxson stated that his hearing was set for March 7, 2005, and she doesn't know exactly what the outcome was.

Ms. Jackson stated that his motion to revoke is set for September and Ms. Jackson has to get with the Judge's Secretary because she thinks we need a date sooner than that.

This absconder was discussed in detail.

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

Julia Curry stated that they just need more people.

Terri Paxson stated that in February they a total of eight-three, the absconders went down from ten to nine, two new cases and one closed case. There were four violation reports and eight incentives. The total DOC payment was \$515.00. On the January Compliance Report the total was seventy-six percent.

Wayne Barnes stated that he is going to come up with a new way of going out and look for absconders. He has five people that have warrants that he needs to pick up. He is going two nights per month and that should clear this up a little bit.

Ms. Jackson stated that there they are inviting everyone to the Community Sentencing and Education Conference and Ms. Jackson needs to get a count of the people who would like to go.

Libba Smith asked Ms. Jackson what the 210 money was and Ms. Jackson stated that was the administrative fee money. Ms. Jackson was just bringing this up today to let the Council know what the balance is. This is the money that is received when the offender pays their \$20.00 per month and this is the money that is used to pay Dr. Erwin.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Dave Stockwell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Melissa Houston seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.