

Before the meeting was called to order a proxy was given to Chairman Dave Stockwell, from member F. DeWayne Beggs, authorizing David E. Williams to represent him as a voting member in his absence

June 14, 2005

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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  
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary  
David Williams, (Voting for Member F. DeWayne Beggs)  
William C. Hetherington, Member  
Libba Smith, Member

Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston, Members F. DeWayne Beggs, Waldo Blanton, Leroy Krohmer, and Tim Kuykendall were absent.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Rhonda Peterson, James Riddick, Terri Paxson, Julia Curry, Sonny Scott, Carmen Jackson, Steve Nelson, Tracy Ramirez, Tom Belusko, Dan Merritt, Jennifer Creecy, and Wayne Barnes.

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 May 10, 2005, and there being no additions or corrections, Libba Smith moved that the minutes be approved. William C. Hetherington seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; David Williams, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for the Presentation by James Riddick, from Department of Corrections on GPS Monitoring.

Mr. Riddick presented the Council Members with literature about the company (Pro Tech) the Department of Corrections uses this company for GPS monitoring. The Department of Corrections uses GPS on an early release program for non-violent, no violent crimes, no escape etc. Those offenders that are on work release status are allowed to go home early on GPS. County Sheriff's and local police departments are notified prior to their release. Currently there are about 180 on the program. Senate Bill 631 was pass and signed by the Governor this legislative session, which requires all sex offenders to be monitored basically the rest of their lives on this program. Mr. Riddick showed the Council one of the units, the actually tracking device, the docking station, and the unit that the offender wears. Mr. Riddick explained the actual monitoring device, it is to be worn by the offenders when they

leave their house, and when they get home they put it into the docking station. It is dual purpose it is hooked up to their phone line, it charges the unit, and it calls in and down loads all of the movement of the offender to the company and then the officers can pull up the point and track the offender and see where they have been. There are several different warnings that can take place if the two units separate. If the unit is not in the docking stand by seven o'clock at night and that is the curfew time then it throws out curfew violations, those types of warnings. Mr. Riddick continued explaining what all the device can do. There are two types of units passive and active. There are no active units currently in the State of Oklahoma and Mr. Riddick explained that unit and the cost, which is \$13.50 per day. The unit that Mr. Riddick has with him today has a cost of \$4.50 per day and he charges \$150.00 per month for offenders to be on this. This unit can tell officers if an offenders is in an exclusion area but not until the unit is put in the docking station because that is the only time there are point or tracking on this. The offender will know about it immediately because the unit will vibrate and beep. The offender that is on this program has to have a curfew. The offender can be tracked and the company can send the officers violation reports. Everything is computer driven and information can be obtain by getting on the web site (not everyone can get on it) you have to go through the Pro Tech training, and have to have a security code. Wayne Barnes is already certified and has this program. Pro Tech's equipment has motion sensors in them, which Pro Tech has patented as GPS satellites won't do through walls. So if the equipment moves around but is not picking up satellite it throws off a violation. If the bracelet that the offender wears is cut or bent there are fiber optics that run through it and it will set off a violation. The bracelet stays on twenty-four hours a day. These units could be leased by the Community Corrections Planning Council, but they are very expensive the set up that Mr. Riddick is showing today is about \$1,500.00. The offenders need to know that if they don't want to do this anymore, than they leave this stuff on their bed or at home and it will be picked up. Mr. Riddick stated that the State of Oklahoma gets billed direct for any lost or damaged equipment and he would have to check how it would be set up for the Planning Council. The State has their offenders' sign that they are responsible for the equipment.

Carmen Jackson stated the way it is set up, the Planning Council would receive the services at the rate it is being done and the Council would be held accountable. More discussion took place.

Carmen Jackson stated that she had put this in the budget for next year to get eight units.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve additional help for Julia Curry and Wayne Barnes.

Carmen Jackson stated that the Council was a little late to ask for this because there is no state rate for it. It is not something that couldn't be done next year but it is not something that was put into practice soon enough to be able to do it. Ms. Jackson told the Council what was being done now so that Terri Paxson and Wayne Barnes could spend more time with the high risk people.

Dave Stockwell moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to strike discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve additional help for Julia Curry and Wayne Barnes.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; David Williams, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on follow up & evaluation on home visitation.

Carmen Jackson stated she thought that was going much better. Ms. Paxson and Mr. Barnes have increased the amount of home visits they are doing bring those to court and also increasing accountability for their job and bring that to court. Ms. Jackson thinks that the Judge is seeing that they are cracking down. Curfews have been implemented on several people.

Julia Curry stated that Terri Paxson has added that on the document that they present to the Council each month so that the Council can see how many home visits are made.

More discussion took place.

Dave Stockwell moved, seconded by William C. Hetherington, to table discussion, consideration and/or action on follow up & evaluation on home visitation.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; David Williams, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to approve changing the regularly scheduled meeting for July, from the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, to the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; David Williams, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Dave Stockwell moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to approve the Review of the bills for the month of April, 2005.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; David Williams, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for review status on Bench Warrant Executions and Arrest of Absconders.

Terri Paxson stated that the last few months they have been going down the scale as far as having a great amount of absconders, but this month she has added three and only one has been busted.

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

Terri Paxson stated that three had been added but three also closed. There was a total of eight new violations there were three incentive recipients, there were forty-five home visits and the total of DOC payments were \$160.00. There were a number of individuals that were sanctioned yesterday in court for not paying the DOC payments. The compliance total is at eighty percent.

Wayne Barnes had a problem with the offenders that were in limbo, going through a motion to revoke etc., they are saying to themselves that they are about to go to jail anyway why do I have to report.

Judge Hetherington stated that Mr. Barnes had a good point and thinks that is the Council's next challenge is to figure out a way on how and when to make a decision to file a motion to revoke. Judge Hetherington thinks that is a high-risk group and that the Council is going to have to address it and develop a better idea of how to file a motion to revoke. These participants have to know that if a motion gets filed they are going to jail. He thinks that if Ms. Paxson or Mr. Barnes say to Ms. Farnsworth in the District Attorney's Office or Ms. Farnsworth says she wants to file a motion to revoke it needs to be the final straw, and off to jail the offender goes, bond is set, and there is no more community sentencing supervision.

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

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; David Williams, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.