

June 13, 2006

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 13th day of June, 2006, 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
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member
Waldo Blanton, Member
William C. Hetherington, Member
Tim Kuykendall, Member

Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston and Member Leroy Krohmer were absent.
Member Libba Smith was absent at roll call.

Others present were: Christine Brannon, Debbie Cox, Wayne Barnes, Sid Stell, Terri Paxson, Tracy Ramirez, Carmen Jackson, and Steve Nelson.

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 regular meeting of May 9, 2006, and there being no additions or corrections, William C. Hetherington moved that the minutes be approved. F. DeWayne Beggs seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes.
Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the FY2007 Plan and Budget.

Debbie Cox stated that Carmen Jackson should have that and she is just running late. This item will be discussed when Ms. Jackson arrives.

Dave Stockwell moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve the Review of the bills for the months of April, 2006.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes.
Motion carried.

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

Terri Paxson, stated that you can find anything Wal-Mart and Debbie Cox had found one absconder at Wal-Mart. This absconder is in jail at the present time and a motion to revoke has been filed. There is one new absconder added to the list.

Wayne Barnes stated that one more absconder should come off the list today.

(Member, Libba Smith entered the meeting at this time.)

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

Terri Paxson stated there was one new case in May and one closed case in May. There are a total of 64 in Community Sentencing. At the time of this report there were a lot of absconders and with the arrest of the one spoken about above that leaves 10. On Ms. Paxson court docket there were 3 sanctioned and 2 incentives. On her compliance report she received 88%. Ms. Paxson spoke about 3 clients that received a “no” in the overall compliance column.

Chairman Stockwell asked how many LSI’s were done last month and he was told between 5 and 8 and that is the average. Chairman Stockwell asked how many of those 5 to 8 are actually getting into the program? Chairman Stockwell still has the same concern that there was one new case last month and one was closed out, the status quo is just being held and the Council is giving back \$50,000.00.

Terri Paxson stated the last six months has averaged 1 to 2 a month, maybe.

Judge Hetherington stated that one was turned down because of too many mental health issues.

Wayne Barnes didn’t understand how the Council had this much money with all the people in in-patient treatment.

Chairman Stockwell stated the money for in-patient does not come out of the Council’s budget.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration and/or action to approve the 2007 Plan and Budget.

Carmen Jackson gave Council Members a copy of the Plan and Budget and stated she did what was requested and kept the amounts about the same. One of the things that she found out was that the Council sent far more people to in-patient than our budget would have allowed to go and get treatment for a total of \$60,000.00. There were 16 with substance abuse, 4 dual diagnosis and 3 of those clients also went to a halfway house. The pot of gold money is really working well as far as getting people in and spending the amount of money without worrying about how much the Council had. On an average when the Council was paying for in-patient the Council might have gotten in 7 or 8 clients during the course of a year because most was offender pay. Ms. Jackson stated she did put in the plan that the Council didn’t spend all of it’s money because of the \$60,000.00 that came out of the pot of gold money.

Chairman Stockwell asked Ms. Jackson of the people that are sent to treatment how are they fairing in the program and Ms. Jackson replied that about 50% are doing well.

Ms. Jackson stated she had updated the numbers on the plan. Last year there were 34 new people in the plan this year to date there are 20. She has the ranges of the LSI's and there are far more people that have 3 or more prior offenses. The number of people and the types of crimes, there were more property crimes last year and this year it was drug related charges. This year there was only 1 burglary II, and last year there were 4. DUI's there were 4. Primarily the Council is staying between drug possession cases and DUI's. Ms. Jackson did add the information in about SCRAM and wanted the Council to talk about adding additional money for that. Ms. Jackson stated that District Attorney, Tim Kuykendall, was giving the Council a great deal for the SCRAM at \$5.30. Ms. Jackson thought the \$5.30 was going to cover the cost but all that entire amount did was pay for the daily fee that Mr. Kuykendall pays out. So anytime the Council sends Mr. Kuykendall an indigent he doesn't get any money that is going toward the equipment, which he has to buy out right. Ms. Jackson suggestion is to add more money for the SCRAM cost or if the Council feels that this is coming out of admin fee money and the Council can't afford it to vote to allow that \$4.70 be something that the clients can pay. That was not voted on last time because she thought the Council was paying the cost if the client was indigent.

Chairman Stockwell asked Mr. Kuykendall if the \$10.00 a day is what he wants.

Discussion took place on the SCRAM program and Mr. Kuykendall stated he bought the SCRAM bracelets for \$45,000.00 and in addition to that cost he has to pay the company \$5.30 per day for the monitoring fee, whether the clients are indigents or not and his office has been doing that. The initial agreement that he had worked out the Community Sentencing is that the offender pays everything, the \$10.00 per day, that includes the \$5.30 for monitoring and the \$4.70 goes to Mr. Kuykendall's office to help recoup some of the \$45,000.00. Mr. Kuykendall also made the agreement with Community Sentencing that in the case occasionally someone is indigent he will only charge them the \$5.30 and not worry about the \$4.70 and so far everyone has been indigent. With all programs very few clients have paid anything. He is paying \$6,000.00 in daily monitoring fees and he is recouping nothing and it is becoming totally cost prohibitive. Mr. Kuykendall wants to purchase another 5 bracelets and set those aside for Community Sentencing people only. Then this Council approve payment out of its funds of up to \$10.00 per day. If the offender can pay any or all then the offender pays, collect anything that it can from the offender then this Council pay the difference.

Dorinda Harvey, asked if Mr. Kuykendall was not a provider and with all the money that this Council has can it not buy those bracelets for Mr. Kuykendall?

Ms. Jackson stated the Council could only spend its money for services the Council is not allowed to own equipment.

Ms. Jackson suggested instead of the Council taking money out of the Administrative Fee money take it out of the pot, that is where there keeps being a surplus. In the 2007 plan and budget that is where Ms. Jackson suggested it come from the regular budget as a service not the 210 funds.

After further discussion it was decided that there needs to be an agenda item for next month to go back and reflex it in the minutes to bump up to the \$10.00 so the Council can pay the bills in full for the SCRAM out of the 210 money. Mr. Kuykendall would just have to re-submit the bills. For 2007 Ms. Jackson suggest that a contract be done for all the services and take it out of the regular pot of money. Ms. Jackson think this is the only way the Council can do it up to the \$10.00.

Tim Kuykendall stated for FY07 he is a big believer that the offender should pay if the offender can pay and asked who is going to make the decision or determines what the offender will pay verses what the balance is that this Council is going to have to pick up. Chairman Stockwell stated it would be the Community Sentencing Team that meets on Thursdays at 9:00 A.M. More discussion took place on indigent offenders.

Chairman Stockwell called Ms. Jackson attention to page 8 about the AG's opinion and the amount it cost to house a inmate. It was determined that the Board has received the AG's Opinion and that needed to be removed, but that it still cost more for the Sheriff to house a prisoner than the statutes allow and that needs to still be addressed. Sheriff Beggs was asked to give Ms. Jackson a cost per prisoner before the next Council meeting.

More discussion took place to make sure there was money in the plan and budget for the SCRAM program.

Discussion took place on the different programs that are offered to offenders.

Dave Stockwell moved, seconded by Dorinda Harvey, to table discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the FY2007 Plan and Budget.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Carmen Jackson stated they have their first person they want to recommend for mental health court and this person was discussed in length on how to get people from the community-sentencing program to mental health court. Mental health court was also discussed.

Libba Smith spoke about a client that had been discussed in length at the previous Council meeting and Ms. Smith had tried to get this person into the Center for Children and Families and the Center could do an intake but could not get her into the weekly program until the new session starts which is several week away. The lady was discussed again.

There being no further business to come before the Council Dave Stockwell moved that the meeting be adjourned. F. DeWayne Beggs seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Tim Kuykendall, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.