DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE GROUP

C. William Foust
Chief Circuit Court Judge

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Dane County Sheriff

Team/Group Name: Dane County Criminal Justice Group
Team Leader: Sheriff Mahoney/Judge Foust
Facilitator: Karl van Lith
Recorder: Karl van Lith
Date of Meeting: January 25, 2008
Time of Meeting: 12:00 noon to 2:00pm
Location: Conference Rm #3, PSB
Attendees: Richelle Anhalt, Brian Blanchard, Pat Bolch, Ron Boylan, Jule Cavanaugh, Dave Delap, John Tradewell, Kathleen Falk, Tony Delyea, Bill Foust, Linda Ketcham, Dave Mahoney, Todd Meurer, Paul Rusk, Judy Schwaemle, Jose Sentmanat, Michael Smith, Kirk Peterson, Eric Bates, Chris Nygaard, Peter Munoz, Noble Wray, Karl van Lith, Becky Young, Melaney Hampton

AGENDA TOPICS:

1. **Check-in and approval of 11.16.07 minutes**
   
   Minutes were approved.

2. **Electronic Monitoring Program criteria discussion--Sheriff**
   
   Lt. Richelle Anhalt introduced the topic and Deputies Eric Bates and Chris Nygaard presented a demonstration of the EMP and MEM equipment, along with its GPS tracking capabilities.

   Currently there are two types of electronic monitoring set ups. One is the GPS bracelet device that has been used for 8 years and the other is the MEM device that allows remote alcohol testing. New active units have GPS transmitters, radio frequency tags (RFT) in the ankle bracelet and wireless modems. 74 active units are in the field and by next week, passive units that require staying within 30 ft. of the GPS transmitter will be phased out and we should have 87 active units in place. All Huber participants are monitored.

   The tracking software is very sophisticated and allows for historic tracking of movements and full compliance with requirements outlined by court. Staff from the Sheriff’s Office still visit and check up on Huber inmates on a weekly basis.

3. **Centralized scheduling discussion—Pat**
   
   Pat Bloch distributed an update from Carol Esqueda containing data collected by the sub-committee looking into scheduling issues and have defined their task as looking into different approaches to in-court activity calendaring that lead to greater cash-flow efficiencies, quicker dispositions of criminal cases, and an incremental decrease in the rate of non-appearances that may result in bench warrants being issued. Foust and Meurer contributed their insights on the meeting and that issues around who can access calendars and what types of items can be added to them are still under discussion.
4. **Speedy Notice of Revocations--Cavanaugh and Foust**

On-going discussions being held with DOC to see if the packet availability timing can be improved. Regional offices will try to roll out a new process by March 1st. Several in room stated their appreciation of the DOC for its cooperation with this streamlining effort.

Jule Cavanaugh will send Judge Foust a memo outlining the new process.

5. **Future meeting dates:**


6. **Other Future Issues and updates:**

Jail Fees and Use of commitment to collect forfeitures

Todd Meurer updated the group on research he had done Dane County municipalities and other communities statewide regarding how they collected unpaid forfeitures and jail fees. He distributed a handout on both issues. Most DC communities use jail as a way to collect unpaid fees and this is contributing to County jail crowding. Dane County is regulated by the state DOA on what they can charge for fees, but will continue to look into what they can do.

There are on-going statewide discussions on how to best collect fees. Dane County will continue to send them to collection agencies.

**Adult Model for assessing and testing disparity update--Noble Wray**

Final review of the report to the Governor will be Monday. Noble will present the report to us at a future meeting and hopes that CJG will continue to discuss the issues and look at ways to resolve racial disparity issues.

**Immigration Policy—Mahoney and Wray**

Sheriff Mahoney wanted to publicly state that there has been no change in DCSO policy on immigration. Rumors had been circulating in the community, because of increased federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activity within the County at the end of 2007. Increased ICE arrests could lead to courtroom gridlock, which is a concern to all CJG members.

The Sheriff reinforced the long-standing policy of addressing criminal individuals who prey on immigrant populations here locally, but there would be no immigration ‘round-ups” or mass activities as has been rumored. The DCSO will follow the same policy it has followed since 1992.

The DCSO will contact foreign embassies as required by law to ensure that foreign nationals receive legal representation and fair protections of their rights.

The Sheriff and Chief Wray have met with ICE to discuss their activity within the county, but ICE has not followed up with him on clarifying what they plan on doing. They will continue to monitor the situation and provide feedback to the CJG.

7. **Checkout and Adjourn:**

Next meeting - February 15th, 2008