Milwaukee County Community Justice Council  
Public Outreach and Education Committee  
May 7, 2013

Attending: Paul Dedinski, Ann Maldonado Heaps, Pete Koneazny, Dan Idzikowski, Kit Murphy McNally, Beth Bishop Perrigo, Tom Reed, Rose Scott

Dan introduced Ann Maldonado Heaps, who is an attorney and at Central Legal, as a new member of the committee. He provided an overview of the committee’s work.

Confirm Theme & Speakers for May CJCC Committee of the Whole Meeting

Discussed topic of May 22nd meeting. Decided to confirm Tom Reed’s request to focus on the Drug Court in honor of drug court awareness month. Beth will confirm speakers. The Committee expressed its sentiment that we do not need to follow the suggested topic list laid out by the Committee earlier in the year and that the summer session is usually lightly attended. The new Coordinator can be enlisted to pursue the business roundtable idea for the fall. The July CJC topic was considered briefly, but left open.

Dan reported on the last data committee meeting. He noted that Syslogic has been hired as a consultant to put together the data architecture. The data committee was identifying the key pieces of data they wanted to start to capture, as well as the sources of that data. The focus right now is on populating the scorecard for the EBDM grant.

Pete expressed his concern that we take the opportunity in gathering data to track racial, ethnic, poverty, and neighborhood disparities, since these factors were among the most important in both community impact and resource allocation. Data from involvement with the Behavioral Health Division is already being incorporated in the model to track co-involvement with mental health and the justice system.

Kit reported that the search committee had hired Nate Holton to be the next CJC Coordinator. Nate has a law degree from Indiana and a Masters in Public Policy. He previously worked at LAW. Dan suggested that he be formally introduced at the CJC meeting, so that he would get more exposure than Jim did in the past. The Committee agreed to add this to the agenda.

The Committee briefly discussed reviving the outreach presentation. The Committee was again provided with copies of the December 2011 PowerPoint that Pete Koneazny and Andrea Gouin had put together. Given that there was new data, this should be incorporated. The focus of the presentation was on the function of the CJC itself, but perhaps this focus should be changed in light of the various initiatives in place. The idea of holding Justice cafes was discussed as a possible alternative. Members were asked to review the presentation and bring their ideas for revision to the next meeting.
Changing CJC Committee of the Whole meeting time to 4pm was not well received by the Executive Committee, since most felt that those who are interested were available at that time.

Pete noted that we should broaden our invitation list. Beth added that she routinely sends notice to members of the Milwaukee Common Council and the Milwaukee County Board. Pete indicated that we could also use the opportunity to invite business leaders (specifically those that have been involved with re-entry efforts) as a warm-up to the May meeting.