



Inter-County Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 16, 2015
Dodge County Administration Building, 127 E Oak Street
Juneau, Wisconsin

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Chairperson Russell Kottke.

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Certification of Open Meeting Notice

Jeff Hoffman certified that the ICC meeting was posted according to Wisconsin State Open Meeting Law.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Columbia County to adopt the meeting agenda as presented; seconded by Green Lake County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jefferson County to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting; seconded by Columbia County. Motion passed on voice vote.

Reports from Visiting Legislative Officials

No reports.

Update of County Issues –WCA

WCA representative Sarah Dietrick-Kasdorf, commented on several issues:

- State Budget discussion
 - UW hot topic
 - General school aids
- Transportation funding
 - Transportation – counties take on assessment
 - Funding with increase bonding
- Bucks arena

County Issue

- Levy limits remain in place
- Move to County-Wide assessment system
- Towns opposed to change in assessment system
- Elimination of Local government property insurance fund
- Drug screening for individuals on some type of assistance
- Youth aids funding remain stable
- Looking for changes to probation and parole program with an increase in funding

- Change to funding State Circuit Court System
- Natural Resource Board and DATCP Board
 - Lose ability to write policy
 - Eliminate stewardship land purchases
 - State will no longer make tax payments moving forward
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Discussion Q and A followed

Program Topic: Presentation by Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney of Dodge County

DA Klomberg presented information on:

Heroin is a problem in Wisconsin/Dodge County

Shared information on the County's Opioid Task Force, concentrating on prevention

A Task force for treatment

The role of Alcohol court

Presentation provided information on:

What is Heroin?

Opiate/Opioid Drugs

How it works on the body

What is a narcotic-symptoms

Narcotic withdrawals – how they drive the user to reuse

Transition to Heroin

From prescription drugs to narcotics

378% increase in Heroin cases in 5 years

Heroin driving property crimes/is taxing law enforcement

Rural areas particularly impacted

Prescription misuse far out numbers Heroin abuse

The problem begins with prescription misuse

CDC Study Painkiller – Prescribed Drugs

No policy on when to prescribe opioids

Reporting of prescription scripts reduces 'Doctor Shopping'

Pain management examples

Solutions

Prevention

Enforcement

Treatment

Harm Reduction

Resources sheet provided

Open Discussion of Counties – “What are you doing to remain a competitive & preferred employer?”

Columbia County –

No slash and burn to employees
To give the employees a sense of security
Have a new Compensation Plan
Reviewed many appeals
Built bridges of trust with employees
Encourage all employees with questions and concerns to call Co Br. Supervisors

Jefferson County –

Completed a Wage Study
Reviewed many appeals
Gave County Administrator more latitude in compensation offers to retain employees
Implemented an Employee Recognition Program

Dodge County –

Watch pay structure, made tweaks to wage structure to attract quality applicants
Moving ahead with Strategic Planning to improve communications between Co. Bd. Supervisors and employees.

Sauk County –

Completed wage compensation study
Wants the Administrative Coordinator and Corporation taken out of their wage and comprehensive study

Green Lake County –

Started Pay for Performance
Looking for a new Administrative type person
New open door policy encouraged
Improve recognition of employees

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

How to get the public more involved in County Government?
Wants to talk about who oversight and supervision for Corporation Council and Administrative Coordinator?

Adjournment

Chairman Russ Kottke adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.

Minutes submitted by:

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