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2nd Floor Training Room

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Jail Ad Hoc Committee
Minutes of May 15, 2018

Committee Members Present: Addison "Sonny" Wheelock (Chair), Tom Mair, Todd Ritter Phil Rodgers Jr., Michael Connelly
Also Present: Judges Tom Power and Mike Stepka, Before, During and After Incarceration (BDAI) Group, others.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Wheelock who introduced some of the invited attendees.

Public Comment:

Tom Bousamra, offered assistance from the BDAI Group (who meets at the same time); Cindy Kienlien, spoke about a mental health court and Eric VanDussan regarding a performance audit.

Presentations:

The presentation provided by Northern Lakes Community Mental Health was explained by Lauri Fischer and Joni Blamer.

Discussion and questions arose regarding various aspects of the proposal included issues with Psychotropic medications (in relation to whether or not the inmate is a CMH client). Medicaid is suspended in jail, and services are provided to those with prior relationship but not others. CMH indicated that if the inmate is identified as 'in need of crisis services', CMH can work with them.

Commissioner Wheelock would like to see everyone who is in jail, have an assessment and then Follow-up if necessary. Many need someone to talk to and perhaps BDAI can assist us with that. Judge Power inquired as to where the money would come from and Lauri explained that she has spent time with Benzie and other counties explaining funding. Also discussed was whether or not inmates are supervised (eyes on) after incarceration when they are taking medication.

Ritter presented the basics of the other proposals received. The committee would like Conlin and CCS to come in and outline their proposals similar to what CMH provided so there can be some discussion and comparison. This committee will eventually be responsibility for making a recommendation to the board of commissioners.

Previously, an RFP was developed with 3 proposals sent in as a response. CCS was selected at the time and their current contract will be up in 2019. The committee would like to evaluate the situation and determine what is needed and will best fill our needs. CCS was selected and their current contract will expire in 2019.

Another option discussed was to hire our own personnel but that would include substantial outside costs i.e. medical malpractice insurance.

Committee questioned where or not there is an ideal mix of inside and outside expertise for a great jail program? Todd and Sonny can talk to other counties and see how they are doing things differently.

Chair Wheelock continued the meeting discussing his ideas in regard to whether or not there should be any additions to the Committee membership, what the next steps might be and the actual meeting schedule. Something will be sent to members and attendees to finalize the meeting schedule.

Wheelock also shared the current status of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. He sees two pieces to resolving issues in the jail with the first being mental health issues and the 2nd being the jail facility itself.

Tom Power and Mike Stepka were invited to these meetings as the Chair hopes they will be the Circuit and District Court Representatives on the CJCC. Because there have been previous studies regarding a new jail facility, much of the research has been done and Ritter and Wheelock looked at a draft document for RFP. A new needs assessment will be necessary as both courts have radically changed how they are using the jail. Also, pointed out was that everyone in the area has a new jail and we need to figure into the needs assessment, "How much of a jail do we really need?" Chair Wheelock would like the County Board to commit to funding before we proceed.

Public Comment

Rich Powell is a multi-media developer for the Grand Traverse Republican Party and has also produced videos for many of the elected officials. He suggested a jail outreach program through various type of media being distributed to the community. If interested now or in the future, he could provide a video history of the jail since it was built in 1964 through the current situation and what needs have changed that need to be met.

Sheriff Bensley shared information regarding background on the capacity needs indicating that currently, the average is 158 and the optimal is 143.

Vandussan was asked to restrict himself from talking about a current public case. He then asked if anyone was going to get on board with following the minimum standards that he brought to the attention of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m..

Jail Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Schedule

Governmental Center
400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, City MI 49684

Meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 5:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Training Room.

July 17, 2018

August 21, 2018

September 18, 2018

October 16, 2018

November 20, 2018

December 18, 2018