

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUSTICE & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, June 5, 2006

**Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana**

7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Carter, Greenwalt, Hogue, James, Putman, Sapp, Tapley

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Busey (County Administrator of Finance & HR Management), Joseph Gordon (Court Services/Probation Director), Kathleen Liffick (Head Start Director), Susan McGrath (Senior Assistant State's Attorney), Nancy Richardson (Assistant Nursing Home Administrator), Peter Tracy (Director of Mental Health), Dan Walsh (Sheriff), Marilyn Garmon (C-U Area Project)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary called the roll. Anderson, Carter, Greenwalt, Hogue, James, Putman, and Sapp were present at the time of the roll call. Anderson declared a quorum and proceeded with the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM

MOTION by Carter to approve the agenda and addendum; seconded by Hogue. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Carter to approve the Justice & Social Services Committee minutes of May 1, 2006 and May 18, 2006; seconded by Putman. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION by Hogue to receive and place on file the Animal Control April 2006 report, Children's Advocacy Center April 27, 2006 minutes, Coroner January 2006 report, Court Services/Probation March 2006 & April 2006 reports, Emergency Management Agency May 2006 report, and the Public Defender March 2006 report; seconded by Carter. **Motion carried.**

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANT MONTHLY REPORTS

MOTION by James to receive and place on file the Best Interest of Children April 2006 report, CASA April 2006 report, Mental Health Center April 2006 report, Regional Planning Commission April 2006 report, and the Restoration Urban Ministries April 2006 report; seconded by Hogue. **Motion carried.**

Tapley entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

SHERIFF

Approval of Renewal Agreement for Inmate Mental Health Services at County Jail with Health Professionals, LTD

The Renewal Agreement for Inmate Mental Health Services at County Jail with Health Professionals, LTD and the Renewal Agreement for Inmate Health Services at County Jail with Health Professionals, LTD were distributed to the committee. The Sheriff stated his department is very happy with the services provided by Health Professionals, LTD. He was able to negotiate no price increase for one year. The number of inmates housed at the County Jail has recently been lower due to the efforts of the Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, and the Courts. The population was as low as 172 inmates a few weeks ago and is presently at 211 inmates. The Sheriff negotiated both agreements so they will be reviewed in six months. If the population numbers at the County Jail continue to be down, then the County could reduce the services with Health Professionals, LTD and the corresponding costs. The Sheriff requested the agreements be approved subject to final approval by McGrath and himself regarding language changes. The Health Professionals principles have agreed to the changes the Sheriff and McGrath requested, but there is some difficulty in communicating with the attorneys for Health Professionals, LTD.

Putman asked if there were any changes from the previous year's agreements. McGrath there are some substantive changes, including: the statutory changes on some services the County must provide to any inmate who might be developmentally disabled, language about reviewing the agreements midyear to determine whether to reduce services and costs if the average daily inmate population remains low, and additional language about possible changes to the regulatory language about how medications are dispensed and what is done to provide mental health services for inmates. McGrath noted the other significant change was to clarify what the County is asking Health Professionals, LTD to provide in terms of the type of person who will administer the onsite services. The Sheriff stated that prescriptions are presently ordered through a third contract with Diamond Pharmacy. The new Agreement for Inmate Health Services has the County contracting with Health Professionals, LTD for prescriptions. This should result in a significant savings on the pharmacy bills. The committee discussed how continued low inmate levels could affect the cost of health services. The Sheriff noted that the mental health services would likely remain constant, but the health services could be reduced and result in savings.

James asked if the County paying the cost for medical waste removal was normal for this type of contract. The Sheriff said the County has been handling this service for years and it is typical. McGrath explained there are cost savings with this current method as opposed to Health Professionals, LTD providing the medical waste disposal because the County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center are the only Health Professionals, LTD facilities in this area.

MOTION by James to approve the Agreement for Inmate Mental Health Services at County Jail with Health Professionals, LTD and the Agreement for Inmate Health Services at County Jail with Health Professionals, LTD; seconded by Putman. **Motion carried with one abstention by Tapley.**

Approval of Aramark Contract

The Sheriff requested this item be deferred because work on the contract is ongoing. He hoped to have this item ready by next month.

ADDENDUM

Approval of Renewal Agreement for Inmate Health Services at County Jail with Health Professionals, LTD

This item was approved in a previous motion.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GRANTS

Status Report from Peter Tracy

Tracy reported that the information provided at the May Justice & Social Services Committee meeting regarding the selection of grant recipients was approved by the Mental Health Board. The Mental Health Center will receive a \$95,000 grant that is funded solely with Mental Health Board money. This is the money the Mental Health Board donated to the Juvenile Delinquency Grants money to fund another grant program. Mental Health is in the process of writing the contracts with each agency selected for a grant. The contracts will be ready by July 1st. On June 8th, Mental Health will host a meeting for all the grant recipients. Tracy plans to define what is meant by recidivism so all the agencies are operating from the same definition. The required monthly reports from each agency will focus on the issue of recidivism instead of just reporting on their activities.

Anderson inquired about the grant for the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club. Tracy stated the Boys & Girls Club's original grant application was for \$200,000, but he has been assured that the agency could scale this proposal back to accommodate the \$60,000 grant they were awarded. Tracy is waiting for the final rewritten program plan from the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club. Gordon explained one of the program's concepts involves juveniles who are suspended from school. Instead of being at home during their suspensions, the juveniles would be at a site and reporting to someone.

HEAD START

Monthly Report

MOTION by Hogue to receive and place on file the Head Start May report; seconded by James.

Greenwalt asked why the Savoy enrollment dropped to zero. Liffick explained May 12th was the last day of classes. Putman asked about the Head Start labor contract negotiations. McGrath advised the committee that the negotiations could not be discussed in open session because they are part of the collective bargaining process. James thanked Liffick for providing her report in large, easy-to-read-print.

Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Request Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impoundment Services with the Village of Homer and Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the Village of Homer

MOTION by James to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Impoundment Services with the Village of Homer and the Intergovernmental Agreement for Animal Control Services with the Village of Homer; seconded by Greenwalt.

James requested a spreadsheet to show the revenue and expenditures attributed to the intergovernmental agreements with the villages. Busey explained that will be developed during the budget process in June and

July. There will not be a full twelve months of financial information until September or October because it takes a month to obtain the prior month's figures.

Motion carried.

NURSING HOME

Monthly Report

MOTION by Tapley to receive and place on file the Nursing Home May report; seconded by Greenwalt.

Putman asked about the switch to the twelve-hour shifts and which employees were offered this option. Richardson said these shifts were for nursing supervisors, not the regular nursing staff. Putman asked why only five new employees were added to the nursing staff when the County Board approved the creation of nineteen new positions in May. Richardson said they held an open house for nurses a week ago at the new Nursing Home facility in a recruiting attempt and have had some success in hiring more nurses. Busey explained the nineteen new positions approved by the County Board were CNA positions and would not be added or filled until the Nursing Home moves into the new facility and increases its resident population. The five nurses were hired to fill positions that have been vacant. Putman asked what committee would be discussing the future use of the space in the new facility that had originally been reserved for the child day care center. Busey said the matter will likely be discussed by the Justice & Social Services Committee, County Facilities Committee, Finance Committee, and ultimately by the full County Board meeting.

Anderson commented that she attended the ice cream social during Nursing Week and it was very enjoyable occasion.

Carter exited the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion carried.

Approval of Lease/Purchase of Laundry Equipment from Loomis Commercial, Inc. for the Champaign County Nursing Home

Anderson said this item would be deferred to a short Justice & Social Services Committee meeting at 6:45 p.m. before the County Board meeting on June 22nd.

COURT SERVICES/PROBATION

Request Approval of Agreement for the Provision of Health Services at the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center

MOTION by Hogue to approve the Agreement for the Provision of Health Services at the Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center; seconded by James.

A new version of the agreement was distributed to the committee. McGrath said the new version carried no substantive changes; it was simply a cleaner version of the document. Anderson asked if the services and costs for this agreement could be reduced if the Juvenile Detention Center's population decreases. Gordon explained that unlike at the Adult Correctional Center, the JDC's agreement is based on the appropriate amount of time for a nurse and doctor to be available for an anticipated population, so he doubted there could be a change in the amount of services or costs. The JDC's population has been fairly consistent in the last three to four years. McGrath noted it would be difficult to cut the services or costs because the County is required to provide a certain level of services to inmates. The situation at the Adult Correctional Center and the opportunity

to review the agreements in six months is unique because there has been a large population fluctuation. The JDC's population numbers are fairly low to start with and do not change significantly.

James asked if Health Professionals, LTD was the only company in the area that provides these types of services. Gordon said there are very few vendors that provide these services and when the agreement was originally negotiated it was difficult to get many responses to the County's RFP. Busey stated this agreement was originally contracted through the RFP competitive bidding process. This agreement is an extension of a contract pursuant to an RFP. The committee discussed the JDC's population and costs involved in providing services to the inmates.

Motion carried with one abstention by Tapley.

Submission of 2005 Annual Report

Gordon submitted the 2005 Court Services/Probation Annual Report to the committee. He provided copies for each of the committee members. A copy will be kept on file in the Administrative Services Department. Gordon said he was willing to answer any questions committee members might have as they read the report over the next month and encouraged them to contact him.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Busey stated the Policy, Personnel, & Appointments Committee will consider canceling the committee meetings in July at their meeting on Wednesday. All essential business would go directly to the July County Board agenda. The Justice & Social Services Committee concurred with the idea to cancel the July meeting.

DESIGNATION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair designated agenda items XI A & B for the consent agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Bork
Administrative Secretary

Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.