

Wood County Criminal Justice Task Force Minutes December 7, 2016

Present: Cindy Joosten, Clerk of Courts; Jackie Arnold, Clerk of Courts; Craig Lambert, District Attorney; Bill Clendenning, County Board; David Dickmann, Public Defender; Lance Pliml, County Board; Lori Heideman, Dispatch; Dan Schroeder, Dept. of Corrections; Adam Stublaski, Dept. of Corrections; Todd Wolf, Branch 3 Judge; Nicholas Brazeau, Branch 2 Judge; Greg Potter, Branch 1 Judge.

Judge Potter called meeting to order. Minutes from 9/14/16 meeting are approved. No additions to today's agenda. No public comments.

Teen Leadership group will be coming to Courthouse on 2/15/17. District Attorney and all judges will be speaking to them.

Judge Potter presented changes that will be made to the PTC and jury trial process in 2017. New process will begin on 7/1/17. Final PTC's will be set out 6 weeks. DA will make written offer 2 weeks prior to FPTC. Defendant must accept or reject offer. If rejected, FPTC is a mandatory appearance. Trial will have been previously set for 1-2 weeks after FPTC. There will be no more negotiations after FPTC. Motion to be filed and heard the first Friday of Court's intake and filed 2-3 weeks prior to FPTC. Dave Dickmann questions if there needs to be an appearance at FPTC if agreement is reached. Judge Potter states no appearance is needed unless no agreement is reached by FPTC. Craig Lambert suggests that trial be set out longer than 2-3 weeks because of issuance of subpoenas. Judge Potter says that trial will most likely be the Wednesday after FPTC. He says there is room for discussion, but feels most cases will be resolved at FPTC. Dave Dickmann addresses possible problems with new procedure. Judge Potter says that the proposed procedure can be modified and is still in the process of being finalized. Defendants will need to be told of the new process and the importance of staying in contact with their attorney. Sanctions will be issued for attorneys who do not appear for FPTC. The FPTC date will be given at the initial appearance. Trial dates will be mailed. There was discussion of defendants who are in custody and are being housed in Waupaca. Video appearances may need to be set up for those. Dave Dickmann states concerns of having defendants appear by video and entering pleas by video. Judge Potter states that local court rules will need to be modified when final plan is put together.

Drug Court - Judge Wolf states that the Criminal Justice Task Force committee needs to oversee Drug Court to meet grant requirements.

Task Force Presentation to Schools – Purpose is to explain criminal process to students. Craig Lambert states he is open to participating. Law enforcement officers are currently somewhat doing this program, but it is not a county-wide program. Might aim for something more organized next year.

Restitution Changes – Victim Witness Coordinator, Trisha Anderson, is not available today. Matter is tabled until next meeting.

Sub Committee Discussions:

Restorative Justice – Trish Anderson from Victim Witness is not here today. There is a Victim Impact Panel set for next week.

Drug Court – Nothing at this time.

Juvenile Issues – Nothing at this time.

Round Table:

Craig Lambert states that Danuta Kurzewski, ADA, is leaving the District Attorney's Office for Waupaca County. Her husband is retiring and they own property in Waupaca County. The job is posted, but he cannot hire anyone to replace her until January.

Cindy Joosten states that Ashley Beard, Judicial Assistant in Branch 1, will be doing agendas for the meeting and Clerk of Courts staff will be doing minutes.

Judge Potter states that the tentative task force meeting dates are included on today's agenda.

Judge Potter says that he has received positive comments regarding active shooter training that was held in the Courthouse yesterday. May be considered that it be done on an annual basis.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50

Submitted 12/15/16
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