

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC)
Minutes of February 6, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Noelle Moeggenberg, Nate Alger, Joanie Blamer, Sonny Wheelock, Tom Bensley, Diana Bauer, Christie Minervini, Chris Barsheff, Janette Mistele, Jeff O'Brien,

Others Present: Linda Pepper, Darcie Pickren, Lisa Emery

Approval of Minutes: 12-5-19

Moved to approve minutes for 12-5-19 by Wheelock, seconded by Minervini
Approved unanimously

Public Comment:

None

Introduction of Indigent Defense Managed Assigned Council Administrator: Paul Jarboe

Paul Jarboe gave a background on his previous criminal defense work and 35 years of practice, as well as his aspirations for this new partnership.

Juvenile Justice Diversion Program:

Joanie Blamer shared information and opened discussion regarding a Juvenile Justice Diversion Program, a pre-booking juvenile screening program. This program would be to provide specialized services to better meet the needs of youth with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Blamer touched on benefits of a diversion program, one of which would be keeping juveniles local instead of sending outside the community. Grant money will be a big component, as well as the use of liquor tax dollars from the 6 counties CHM provides services to.

The Stepping Up Initiative, a nationwide initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail, was introduced by Blamer and elaborated on by Chris Barsheff.

Noelle Moeggenberg asked if this is something the CJCC Board wants to pursue.

Move to take a resolution in support of the Stepping Up Initiative to the Grand Traverse Board of Commissioners by Bensley, seconded by Mistele. **Approved** unanimously

Noelle Moeggenberg and Kit Tholen to draft a formal resolution for the February 19th or March 4th Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting.

Public comment.

Darcie Pickren: expressed concerns about the length of time people are in jail prior to sentencing and the cost that is incurred

Motion by Bensley, seconded by Alger to adjourn at 6:38 p.m.