

Type of Meeting: Sullivan County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting
Date: Monday, April 10th, 2014
Place: Newport, NH - DeWolf Block, County Administration Building, 14 Main Street – 3rd Floor

Attendees: Ben Nelson, Board of Commissioners; Bruce Cardello, District Court Judge; Marc Hathaway, County Attorney; Ross L. Cunningham, Department of Corrections Superintendent; Jane Coplan, DOC Programs Director; Kevin Warwick, Alternative Solutions Associates Inc.; Jessie Levine, County Manager; Jan Peterson, NH State Defense Attorney; Suellen Griffin, Executive Director of West Central Behavioral Health Services; Alex Scott, Claremont Police Chief; Rudy Grzanna, Chief Probation/Parole Officer; Liz Hennig, Communities United Regional Network Coordinator; Cindy Gallagher, Director of At-Risk and Alternative Education Services; and Don Clarke, Claremont citizen.

CJCC Chair Ben Nelson opened the meeting at 12:20 PM.

The following was discussed:

1. Mr. Nelson introduced and welcomed the new County Manager Jessie Levine.
2. Mr. Warwick and Mr. Cunningham gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) and updated the committee on CCC programming and current success rates. Discussion ensued about the need and opportunities for Transitional Housing. Further discussions will occur at the next meeting.

Ms. Levine suggested quantifying the cost difference between the traditional jail model for capital and operations and the CCC model, in order to illustrate to taxpayers that not only is the program successful but we are ahead financially. Mr. Warwick suggested starting with the Ricci Green report, which Mr. Hathaway will provide.

3. Mr. Cunningham announced that Jane Coplan will be retiring in a couple of months and that the program director position has been posted and will become full-time. Ms. Coplan announced that the Dartmouth College Inmate project presentation will be held May 8 & 9.
4. Grants: Mr. Cunningham updated the committee on the status of grant applications, including PREA, which we believe we have a low chance of award because our statistics are good (which is not a bad thing).
5. CJCC At Risk Youth subcommittee: Liz distributed documents (attached). As discussions were not completed Warwick suggested placing those topics first on the next agenda.
6. All complimented Mr. Hathaway on the article he wrote for the NH Bar Association titled **Criminal Law: Sullivan County's Community Corrections Journey:** <http://www.nhbar.org/publications/display-news-issue.asp?id=7172>
7. No date set for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 1:15 PM.