

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
DODGE COUNTY)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2012-23 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole December 11, 2012, in the Commissioner's Room at the Dodge County Courthouse Annex, Mantorville, MN, at 9:00 a.m. CST. Chair Don Gray opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present:	Jane Olive	District #1
	Lyle Tjosaas	District #2
	David Erickson	District #3
	Don Gray	District #4
	David Hanson	District #5

Members absent: None

Also present:	Jim Elmquist	County Administrator
	Becky Lubahn	Deputy Clerk
	Eric Thompson	Drug Court Coordinator
	Amanda Linderman	Drug Court Case Manager

Drug Court Coordinator Eric Thompson provided the Board with a Dodge County Drug Court Annual Report.

Drug Court Annual Report

Mr. Thompson informed the Board that the Dodge County Drug Court has served thirty participants so far in 2012. Of those, eight participants have graduated, three participants were terminated, and nineteen participants remain active in the program. In addition, two participants have been accepted into the program and are scheduled to start prior to the end of 2012.

The Dodge County Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTTC) also has one participant that was accepted into the program in 2012 and remains active.

The Drug Court Coordinator notated that at this point, the Dodge County Drug Court is near its targeted maximum capacity of twenty-five participants.

Since the inception of Adult Drug Court in 2003, one hundred thirty participants have been served. Of those, sixty-three participants have graduated and forty-eight participants were terminated. Eight participants have been readmitted into the program.

The differences between Drug Court participants and Family Dependency Treatment Court participants were discussed.

Drug Court Case Manager Amanda Linderman was available to comment on the annual report.

Dodge County Drug Court has established the following performance measures and expects to provide corresponding data for 2012 at some point in early 2013:

Drug Court Annual Report - Continued

1. The number of Drug Court participants who obtain a GED/high school diploma upon graduation from Drug Court.
2. The number of Drug Court participants who obtain/maintain full-time employment upon graduation from Drug Court.
3. The number of Drug Court participants who become/remain current on child support obligations upon graduation from Drug Court.
4. The number of Drug Court participants who remain law abiding following graduation/discharge from Drug Court.

The Drug Court Coordinator shared the following State of Minnesota performance measures:

The Dodge County Drug Court is responsible for reporting various performance measures on a quarterly basis to the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO).

The SCAO issued an evaluation based on two and one half years of data collected statewide in May, 2012. Based on the evaluation, the SCAO concluded that Drug Court models enhance public safety by significantly reducing recidivism, promoting social engagement, and reducing costs to society. Included in the Board packet was an evaluation summary with attachments.

Some of the factors considered in the evaluation are based on whether or not a Drug Court participant attains the following:

- Valid Driver's License
- GED/Diploma
- Full-Time Employment
- Stable Housing
- Current on Child Support Obligation(s)
- Reduced LSI (Level of Service Inventory) Score
- Reduction in Jail Time
- Treatment Compliance

Also included in the Board packet was information on the Family Dependency Treatment Court.

The Dodge County Drug Court, in collaboration with Dodge County Human Services, developed, established, and received approval from the State Court Administrator's Office in 2011 to implement a Family Dependency Treatment Court for individuals involved in the child protection system as a result of chemical dependency issues. All cost associated with implementing and sustaining the Family Dependency Treatment Court is covered by the existing Drug Court and Human Services budgets. There is currently one active FDTC case.

The following Community Outreach (Sober Events) information was included in the Board packet for the Board's review.

The Dodge County Drug Court is tasked with developing an outreach program consisting of sober events and activities that are intended to educate, inform, and build support for the Drug Court program throughout the local community.

In 2012, the Dodge County Drug Court sponsored sober bowling in Hayfield (March), the 6th Annual Sober Fest in Kasson (July), and sober ice skating in Kasson (October). The Drug Court partnered with DFO Community Corrections and the Sheriff’s Office to sponsor a community forum on synthetic drugs in Dodge Center (November, 2011). Similarly, the Drug Court is partnering with the Dodge County Family Services Collaborative and the Sheriff’s Office to sponsor a community forum on heroin/opiate abuse to be convened at some point in the near future.

Drug Court staff also provided presentations regarding the Drug Court program to the Exchange Club and the Erdman’s Charitable Board in 2012.

The following training/continuing education information was included in the annual report:

Dodge County Drug Court staff attended a DWI Court Enhancement Training in Mankato in June, 2012. Also in attendance were staff members from Human Services, Women’s Shelter, DFO Community Corrections, Nehemiah Family Services, and the County Attorney’s Office. The focus of the training for Dodge County staff was insuring that Dodge County’s Drug Court is utilizing best practices in dealing with DWI offenders.

Drug Court staff attended an LS/CMI training in Olmsted County in July, 2012 in order to maintain consistency with DFO Community Corrections in assessing risks/needs in offenders. Drug Court staff also attended a chronic pain/opioid addiction training in Albert Lea in October, 2012 and maintains an on-going presence on the Prescription Medication Task Force in Rochester.

The Board thanked Mr. Thompson and Ms. Linderman for the update.

The Board ran out of time to discuss the county’s mission/vision statement with the County Administrator. This item will be discussed at a later date.

Mission/Vision Statement Discussion Postponed

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m. CST.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

DON GRAY
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: