



# Champaign County Community Justice Task Force County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

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7 **MINUTES – SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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8 DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 2013  
9 TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
10 PLACE: Jennifer Putnam Meeting Room  
11 Brookens Administrative Center  
12 1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

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14 **Committee Members**

Present	Absent
Carol Ammons (Chair)	
Scott Bennett	
Astrid Berkson	
Lynn Branham	
James Kilgore	
Darlene Kloeppel	
Julian Rappaport	
Michael Richards	
	Bruce Suardini
	William Sullivan

15 **County Staff:** Deb Busey (County Administrator), Beth Brunk (Recording Secretary)

17 **Others Present:** Pattsy Petrie (Champaign Co Board), Sophia Lewis

19 **MINUTES**

20 **I. Call to Order**

21 Chair Ammons called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

23 **II. Approval of Agenda**

24 Mr. Rappaport commented that he was unsure if the Mental Health part that had changes was  
25 included in this agenda. Ms. Ammons will add an agenda item V-C to cover the Mental Health  
26 changes.

28 **MOTION** by Mr. Kilgore to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Ms. Kloeppel. Upon  
29 vote, the **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

31 **III. Public Participation**

32 Sophia Lewis explained that she leads the workgroup for women in the jail and requested  
33 funding for the women. One problem that affects women who have been arrested with a  
34 claim of abuse toward her children is that she must complete a service plan including a  
35 specified number of courses within 9 months. This time limit begins when the mother is  
36 incarcerated. The approved DCFS coursework is not currently offered in the jail so depending  
37 so the length of time in jail, a woman may have a limited time to complete this requirement  
38 when she has been released. Failure to complete the required studies is a negative factor  
39 when her case is evaluated which could result in losing the custody of her children. Ms. Lewis

1 would like some more time to come up with specific costs of programs needed for the women  
2 in the jail.

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4 **Mr. Richards entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.**

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6 Ms. Ammons stated that this Task Force will be looking at recommendations and will see where Ms.  
7 Lewis' request could fit in. It may be something outside of the Task Force but could be included in Dr.  
8 Kalmanoff's report.

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10 **IV. Approval of Minutes**

11 A. *April 5, 2013 and May 15, 2013 Meetings*

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13 **MOTION** by Ms. Kloeppe to approve the April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting minutes for the  
14 Champaign County Community Task Force as distributed; seconded by Mr. Bennett. Upon vote, the  
15 **MOTION CARRIED unanimously.**

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17 **V. Review**

18 A. Funding Draft

19 Ms. Ammons and Mr. Richards asked for input from the Task Force on the Funding Draft that they co-  
20 authored. Ms. Berkson wondered if the County Board decided how the funds allocated to the Sheriff  
21 are used. Ms. Busey clarified that once the County Board establishes the budget for the Sheriff's  
22 office, the Sheriff controls it completely. However the County Board has to approve the budget  
23 based on what the Sheriff is asking for programmatically to be able to provide. Elected Officials align  
24 their strategic plans based on the County Board's strategic plan. Ms. Kloeppe thought outcome  
25 measures based on the County Board goals should be looked at in evaluating the Sheriff's budget.  
26 The Task Force is asking for a reprioritization of County funds to pay for alternative services.

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28 Mr. Kilgore thought that there should be a reassessment of the jail maintenance budgets to bring  
29 them up to a standard of that would allow for adequate maintenance. Ms. Branham recommended  
30 that some costs should be listed in terms of jail construction expenses, operating costs to illustrate  
31 the small amount of money that goes to community corrections like probation, diversion, drug court,  
32 etc.

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34 Mr. Kilgore recommended including language to indicate future plans to phase in a larger percentage  
35 than 30% from the Public Safety Sales Tax (PSST) as alternative programs expand. Mr. Richards noted  
36 that 30% was chosen because 70% of PSST money is obligated toward bond payments. Ms. Berkson  
37 thought 30% was a great deal of money – approximately \$1.1 to \$1.2 million. Ms. Busey noted that  
38 the 30% is currently being used to pay for criminal justice system technology and utility costs of the  
39 criminal justice facilities. Those costs still have to be paid for by some fund.

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41 Ms. Kloeppe asked if any money was being considered for facility construction and/or renovation.  
42 Ms. Ammons thought that topic would be covered in Dr. Kalmanoff's report. This Task Force is  
43 concentrating on recidivism reduction by alternative plans not fully explored in the ILPP study. Mr.  
44 Kilgore thought the food statistics should be compared to a per capita number or percentage of  
45 budget to gain more meaning. Mr. Bennett thought it would be beneficial to use an average.

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47 Ms. Branham suggested listing the Champaign Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) as a potential  
48 source of funding for behavioral health recommendations. Mr. Richards stated that the Mental  
49 Health Board is a County entity whereas the CUPHD is not and therefore he felt uncomfortable listing  
50 it.

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52 Mr. Richards asked for help from the Task Force members to come up with more programs than he  
53 has listed to reduce the census in the jail, get the up-front costs associated with the listed programs,

1 look at other counties across the country for programs that saved money and reduced the inmate  
 2 population and get percentages for the reduction of recidivism. This information would give Mr.  
 3 Richards an estimation of the money that could be saved by the County and reduce inmate numbers.  
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5 Mr. Richards went over the General Corporate Fund numbers as it relates to the criminal justice  
 6 system. Ms. Busey noted that the PSST revenues and expenditures are equal at \$4.7 million. Ms.  
 7 Branham noted that no PSST money is going toward adult community-based diversion programs. Mr.  
 8 Richards suggested that the money saved by reducing traditional jail services could be used for  
 9 programs to keep people out of jail. The Mental Health Board has recently committed \$576,884 for  
 10 servicing people with behavioral health problems who are also involved in the criminal justice system.  
 11 Short-term avenues for revenue are state and federal grants such as Access Initiative (youth only) and  
 12 the Drug Court Program. Ms. Kloeppel mentioned that the Department of Corrections state grants  
 13 fund re-entry programs. Ms. Petrie suggested that this document should have more visual  
 14 components besides just the narrative.  
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## 16 B. Recommendations

### 17 1. Behavioral Health (Mental Health) Services

18 Mr. Rappaport indicated that he has made small changes to the 4 recommendations in this  
 19 document from the previous draft. The Mental Health Board (MHB), police and the jail  
 20 administrator are cooperating in making changes so the mentally ill are not put in jail. There are  
 21 modest requests for support from the County for hiring a full-time person to create  
 22 intergovernmental agreements and seek contracts and grants. The in-jail services with the  
 23 Sheriff should include two social workers. Ms. Kloeppel will assist with estimating the cost of  
 24 these additional staffing requests.  
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26 Mr. Rappaport suggested the development of a 24/7 Community-Based Mental Health Crisis  
 27 Center in cooperation with a local hospital (Provena). The County should support two crisis  
 28 intervention case managers at this location. The details will need to be worked out. He thought  
 29 this Task Force should recommend that the County could begin a conversation with the CUPHD  
 30 to discuss ways which public health and mental health could collaborate in this venture.  
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32 Ms. Ammons thought that Ms. Kloeppel should continue to work on this document. Comments  
 33 should be forwarded to Ms. Kloeppel.  
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### 35 2. Restorative and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

36 Ms. Branham explained the importance of bringing together different players including experts  
 37 to look at the criminal justice system systemically. The composition of the Council must be  
 38 broad-based with different options. Ms. Branham listed an example of 15 people to be  
 39 included on the Council including two representatives from the public. Ms. Berkson thought a  
 40 representative for juvenile justice should be included.  
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42 Mr. Kilgore commented that the idea is good to include a broader participation in the  
 43 Coordinating Council than what was proposed in the ILPP study. However, the level of detail  
 44 and amount of text could be interpreted as confrontational and may dilute the other  
 45 recommendations' importance. Perhaps a broader recommendation of the principles would  
 46 be appropriate and this detailed approach could be in the appendix as an example. Mr.  
 47 Rappaport agreed that this document was too prescriptive. Ms. Berkson thought a "shovel-  
 48 ready" recommendation makes it more likely to get a Coordinating Council because it gives the  
 49 County Board something to work with. Mr. Bennett commented that the Court Administrator  
 50 should be included in the list. Ms. Busey suggested the County Administrator should also be  
 51 included as that person will have budget and finance information.  
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1 Mr. Bennett suggested including representatives so the key players will have the flexibility to  
 2 send who they want. Ms. Branham commented that Champaign County already does this in  
 3 small sections but this approach brings forth an integrated system. The Coordinating Council  
 4 will help to ensure that decisions are data-based with evaluation mechanisms. Some  
 5 Coordinating Councils have an Executive Committee who sets the agenda. Ms. Branham feels  
 6 the current system needs tremendous improvement with a structure in place. Ms. Ammons  
 7 agreed that coordination is needed and should be inclusive of many people. However, she  
 8 believed that it should be more organic to garner support from the County Board.

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 10 Ms. Branham thought that the Task Force needs to reach out to people behind the scenes now  
 11 to gain support. Ms. Kloeppel suggested that the Task Force could make an underlying  
 12 statement that they recommend this structure and then give examples of how it could be  
 13 formulated. Mr. Kilgore commented that the time to get this Council established may take a  
 14 minimum of 18 months whereas projects and programs could get started soon. Once the  
 15 projects and programs begin, they will be the proof that this Council is necessary.

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 17 Ms. Ammons wanted to cut this recommendation down and have an appendix which can  
 18 include the detailed examples. Ms. Branham suggested that the County Board could initiate an  
 19 intergovernmental agreement which would include detail. She felt that the composition  
 20 should be in the full report. Mr. Rappaport reiterated that this should be a policy statement.  
 21 Ms. Ammons will work with Ms. Branham individually to edit this document.

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 23 3. Other Recommendations

24 Ms. Ammons asked that the Task Forces read the other recommendations not discussed and  
 25 offer suggestions to Ms. Kloeppel, Ms. Berkson and Ms. Ammons. Ms. Branham asked for  
 26 direction on how to address juvenile justice. Ms. Ammons suggested a summary point stating  
 27 the areas that this report is not addressing including juvenile justice. Ms. Kloeppel offered to  
 28 write a 1-2 page summary on juvenile justice as she knows those resources. Ms. Kloeppel  
 29 asked for the actual charge of this Task Force. Ms. Busey will send it to Ms. Kloeppel.

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 31 Ms. Ammons will e-mail Task Force members on her suggestions on edits for the  
 32 recommendations. Mr. Richards will work on the Funding draft with the additions from the  
 33 Task Force.

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 35 **VI. Core Principles**

36 Ms. Ammons recommended a single core principle or goal which should encapsulate the Task Force's  
 37 vision of a criminal justice system in Champaign County. She will work with Ms. Kloeppel to draft the core  
 38 principle and send it to the Task Force members for their review. Ms. Kloeppel suggested using the  
 39 mission statement. Mr. Kilgore felt that human dignity should be the core principle.

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 41 **VII. Next Meeting – June 5, 2013**

42 A. Review Structure of Report

43 Ms. Kloeppel asked for the Word document of Mr. Suardini's Detox Center proposal. The Task Force  
 44 members should forward their most recent versions of their recommendations to Ms. Kloeppel. She  
 45 will have a rough outline ready for review at the next meeting.

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 47 **VIII. Other Business**

48 There are two more meetings, 6/5/13 and 6/13/13 before this report will be presented to the  
 49 County Board at the Study Session on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 51 **IX. Adjournment**

52 There being no further business, Ms. Ammons adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.  
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