

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT-04

## **BUDGET SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS:**

The 2022 budget is proposed to be \$327,983 a 9.7% (\$29,000) increase from 2022 due to employee wage/benefits. A proposed levy of \$134,769 represents a 6.3% levy reduction from 2021. Levy reductions are primarily due to increased DOJ funding (applied for) for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversions program.

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Department Staff include:

- Barb Flynn, Criminal Justice Coordinator (Full Time) supported by the Criminal Justice funding.
- Pre-Charge Diversion Coordinator (Part time) supported under the Criminal Justice budget. This position has been vacant since January 2021. Several interviews were conducted, and two offers were made to candidates that resulted in rejections. The position remains open. This position included duties as the Jail Reentry Coordinator funded under the DOJ Jail Reentry grant at eight hours weekly. This grant will end 12/31/2021.
- Alannah Belanger: (Full Time) Treatment Court Case Manager supported under the DOJ Treatment Court budget.

## **FUNCTION:**

The Criminal Justice Coordinator serves as a liaison between the various local, county, state and federal entities involved in components of the criminal justice in Bayfield County. The coordinator will develop, implement, and evaluate policies and procedures and programs that create viable, evidenced based alternatives to incarceration. In addition, the coordinator is responsible for developing, implementing, and facilitating programming that will be effective in changing destructive behaviors of offenders to protect the community while reducing recidivism.

## **MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:**

This department's main responsibility includes program oversight and management. Three specific programs are:

- **1. The Hybrid (OWI & Drug Court):** holds offenders accountable and develops an intensive treatment plan that focuses on providing critical resources for rehabilitation. It involves collaborative team decision-making, case management and extensive court oversight. Participation requires motivation and commitment from clients to successfully complete an intensive program designed to end the cycle of substance abuse and criminal behavior. Treatment Court facilitates recovery from addiction, improved mental and physical health, and an opportunity to become productive members of society. The

Treatment Court team consists of the Criminal Justice coordinator, Case Manager, District Attorney, Comprehensive Community Services Coordinator, State Public Defender representative, Department of Corrections representative, law enforcement, and circuit court. This project is funded by the Department of Justice through an annual grant. The 5-year competitive grant cycle begins 1/1/2021 with a proposed allocation of Total Project Budget:  $\$150,000/0.75 = \$200,000$  Required Match:  $\$200,000 \times 0.25 = \$50,000$ .

**2. Pre-Charge Diversion program:** In collaboration with the District Attorney's Office Criminal Justice offers coordination services for this program. An offer of a Pre-Charge Diversion to an individual allows for a participant to consider their behavior and amend their cognitive thought process with no court filed criminal charges. Alternative routes offered to clients are completion of mental health/AODA assessments and complete all recommendations of therapist; pay traffic fines to allow for the ability to obtain a driver's license and written assignments reflecting on behavior and change. Resources allocated to this project include one part time 12-hour weekly position supported under county funds. This position has been vacant since January 2021 due to the retirement of Kate Miller. Duties has been assumed by the Criminal Justice Coordinator.

- 52 Pre-Charge Diversion cases were referred from the District Attorney's office in 2021.
- Successful Completion: 10
- In Progress: 14
- Not Successfully Completed: 21
- Declined offer: 1

**3. Jail Programming:** Continued funding of the Department of Corrections Becky Young Community Corrections Recidivism Reduction grant was received. This \$50,000 annual grant supports jail inmates with addiction and mental health issues. Licensed Therapist Alicia Carlson facilitated 284 individual sessions supporting 50 inmates from June 1, 2020-June 1, 2021.

**Jail Reentry Project:** This initiative was developed by the Department of Justice in 2019 to support 4-year pilot projects to develop a model of jail reentry designed to prevent recidivism, ensure individuals have a plan for housing, health care, employment and training, and benefits and/or other services as needed so they can successfully reintegrate and become part of the community upon release. The goal of the pilots is to develop a model that can be tested and evaluated to determine the effectiveness, to potentially lead to replication in other counties. This is the final funding to continue this project in Bayfield County.

To date, 82 formerly incarcerated individuals have been provided support that includes educational and employment courses facilitated by WITC and Northwest Wisconsin investment Board, Inc. on a contractual basis. 10 Laptops were purchased to support remote learning

opportunities allowing for 10 inmates to participate in obtaining certificates of completion for all courses.

Immediate supportive services included Groceries, clothing, health and beauty aids, BART passes, Post Office box assistance, referrals to local mental health/ AODA providers, referrals to DHS to assist in health insurance enrollment.

## **FY2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- The pandemic brought new protocols to support the accountability of recovering clients. The purchase of two additional Sotoxa Drug testing devices allowed for enhanced timely and accurate drug testing by deputies at residence checks Bayfield County deputies utilize the testing equipment during random home visits. An oral cartridge is used with clients to determine drug usage violations with the capability to test for Amphetamines, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Opiates & THC. As of 7/21/2021:
  - ✓ 60 Sotoxa tests were performed with 1 positive drug test.
  - ✓ 143 Breathalyzer tests by deputies and case managers with 2 positive tests.
  - ✓ 105 observed UAs were obtained from clients by Criminal Justice staff.
  - ✓ 72 Sweat patches applied to client's forearms.
  - ✓ Sober track Testing equipment resulted in 126 tests.
  - ✓ 54 Review Hearings were scheduled. 44 conducted by Zoom and 10 in person hearings.

This represents a total of 506 tests or approximately 2 tests every single day.

Program Profile reflecting 2021:

### **Graduations: 4**

- **Average age of Hybrid Treatment court client:** 41. Youngest client: Ages: 22-25. Over 55: 1
- **Sex:**
  - Male: 83.3%
  - Females: 16.7%
- **Marital Status:** Divorced: 33.3%                      Never Married: 50%    No Data: 16.7%
- **Primary Offense Category:** OWI 66.7%                      Property/ Fraud: 33.3%
- **Primary Drug of Choice:** Alcohol 66.7%                      Methamphetamine: 33.3%
- **Living Situations:** Residing with Parents/Relatives/Friends: 66.7%
- **Incarceration:** 16.7%No Data: 16.7%

- A successful 2021 goal of increasing evidence-based practices for Treatment Court participants by adding a licensed AODA provider to the Treatment Court team was accomplished with the addition of CCS Director, Thomas Croteau to the Treatment Court team. Thomas is funded at 5 hours weekly with the support of the Criminal Justice budget.
- The Department of Human Services Medicated Assisted Treatment (Vivitrol) grant was granted for year three. This project supports jail inmates preparing to transition into the community with opioid, heroin and or alcohol addictions. The project was refunded again for the 2021-2022 year. Vivitrol is a treatment drug that helps prevent relapse in opioid-dependent patients. From its inception, it offered a completely different model for treatment than its predecessors for many reasons. It effectively takes away the “high feeling” produced in the brain when using opioids or alcohol. Vivitrol lasts for up to 30 days with a single treatment. Unlike almost every other alternative, Vivitrol is completely non-addictive. Inmates can volunteer to participate in receiving an injection by the Jail Nurse prior to five days of their release date. A change in the new budget includes each participant is now eligible to receive up to 3 Vivitrol injections. One injection prior to their release from jail and the remaining two within 30-day intervals of each other. Each vial of Vivitrol is purchased at a cost of \$1,068.41 from Besse Medical. A new incentive has been implemented into the current funding to include a \$25.00 gas card for each Vivitrol injection received to support transportation of participant. Total Department of Health Services-Division of Care and Treatment Services grant: \$30,000 providing for assessments and injections.

### **FY2021 CHALLENGES:**

- Drug Testing: Remote workers and case management is a difficult mix. Beginning on March 26, 2020, Criminal Justice moved from traditional urinalysis testing to transdermal sweat patches. The sweat patches require less contact with a continued high reliability rate. Sweat patches placed on each client for seven days and removed and submitted to a testing lab for confirmation of drugs in each client’s system. The patch replaced the usual routine of the collection of observed UAs from clients.
- Virtual Counseling and community support groups provided challenges for clients. The inability to address substance abuse behaviors with providers in person played a negative interaction role in the path of recovery.
- The jail population decreased since COVID-19 and jail construction making it problematic to enter the jail and maintain a group-based environment. To maintain the highest structure of cognitive based continual care the jail lobby glass visiting booth was utilized weekly by Therapist Alicia Carlson and proved to chilly at times but productive in the end. Inmates are reliant and appreciative of the ability to have the opportunity to meet with a licensed professional while establishing a routine of recovery.

- With the reduced jail population and enhanced Covid protocols implemented challenges were faced with implementing all aspects of the Jail Reentry project. Huber was cancelled disallowing inmates to be released to attend employment or educational programming with partners WITC & Northwest Wisconsin Investment Board effecting the Reentry grant planning efforts. With the creative re-design of curriculum of courses offered remotely at least 8 male inmates were afforded the opportunity to successfully complete Kitchen Cook, Guest Services and Real Careers and Essential Employee Skills courses.
- Funding was allocated to support residential treatment for clients however with the COVID pandemic facilities across the state reduced their treatment beds to 50% with increased COVID protocols resulting in increased wait lists. Bayfield County was not afforded the opportunity to support any Treatment Court clients despite need and Intensive Outpatient programming referrals were made to local area providers.

### **FY2022 GOALS:**

- Increase Treatment Court participants with the consideration of offering Deferred Entry of Judgments agreements (DEJ's) to appropriate high-risk referrals. The advantage of a DEJ allows for the ability to enhance the overall marketing attraction to defense attorneys and their clients. A DEJ agreement affords the ability for all charges to be dropped after successful completion of Treatment Court while being afforded the opportunity to participate in the 4 Phase Structured program to support a full path of recovery. The condition of community supervision does not apply to these participants.
- Provide financial support to Treatment Court clients by supporting residential treatment services as requested and available by residential facilities.

### **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**

- New Treatment Court enrollments will be increased with the implementation of Deferred Entry of Judgment agreements by 4 new participants.
- Tom Croteau, CCS Coordinator will contribute 10 hours monthly to the Treatment Court team.
- At least 2 new Treatment Court participants will be funded to support residential treatment.

