

MINUTES

Community Justice Collaborating Council

October 27, 2020

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Judge Dehring at 12:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Robert F. Dehring, Jr., Circuit Court; Judge; Dwayne Morris, County Board Supervisor; Monica Hall, District Attorney; Cindy Hamre Incha, Clerk of Circuit Court; Emily McFarland, Mayor – City of Watertown; Amber Rumpf, Public Defender’s Office; Sarah Rogge, Department of Corrections; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; J. Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel; Lynn Forseth, Literacy Council Executive Director; Michael Wallace, President/CEO-Fort Healthcare; Gail Scott, Health Department Director; Kendall Wick, Child Support Agency Representative; Barbara LeDuc, President/CEO-Opportunities, Inc and Kathi Cauley, Human Services Director.

Absent: Paul Milbrath, Sheriff

Excused: Alan Richter, Chiefs & Sheriff’s Association Representative

Others present: Kristi Gusse, WCS; Craig Holler, CJCC/Treatment Court Coordinator; Bennett Brantmeier; Joe Szwec, Whitney DeVoe, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review and approve minutes from August 26, 2020 meeting

Draft minutes were provided for review. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Morris/Wehmeier to approve the minutes from August 26, 2020. Motion passed 14-0.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Report from CJCC/Treatment Coordinator (Holler)

A report was emailed for review. Holler reviewed the report. Action was taken for agenda “Discussion and Possible Action on Policy Revision”.

7. Update on Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court (JCATC) & Jefferson County Drug Treatment Court (JCDTC) outcomes (Gusse)

- Data Update
- Current Operation Status
- Tentative Recovery Plan

Reports were provided for review. Gusse reviewed the reports. No action taken.

8. Update on Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) and Remote Breath (Gusse)

Reports were provided for review. Gusse reviewed the reports. No action taken.

9. Report on Recidivism (CCAP) (Gusse)

Gusse said that the numbers are low for reoffending. No action taken.

10. Update on Recidivism Council (Forseth)

Forseth said they have had guest speakers that talked about the services that they provide. She talked about the adult education grant project. Jefferson County is one of two in the state that provide this service. A copy of the MOU will be sent out for review. This will be discussed and approved at the next meeting. No action taken.

11. Evidence Based Decision Making – System mapping (Holler)

Holler said that they have had two sessions to get this set up. This information will be emailed out for review before the next meeting. No action taken.

12. Update on monthly jail data (JESO)

Reports were provided for review. Wehmeier talked contracted services in the jail and about COVID-19 precautions that are being taken and future goals. No action taken.

13. Update on Opioid Litigation

Wehmeier said that more bankruptcies are being announced. He discussed different models. No action taken.

14. Discussion on long term goals

Holler said that the TAD grant expires at the end of next year. We can apply for another 5 year grant which could include other programs that we might want to request funding for. Morris and Brantmeier discussed the possibility of a Family Court program. Hall would like to discuss a Veteran Program. They discussed other programs that are already in place that are being utilized. Cauley discussed programs and education offered through Human Services. A presentation on "Every Child Thrives" through the Watertown Health Foundation may be scheduled for a future meeting. The Health Department has some prevention programs as well. Rogge talked about programs that are coming from the Department of Justice. No action taken.

15. Discussion and possible action on policy revisions

Holler proposed amending the Drug Treatment Court Manual to allow for DOC Supervised cases facing revocation to be allowed into the program as an Alternative to Revocation. The language the CJCC agreed to allow for 5 such cases at a time.

Motion Morris/Wehmeier to approve the changes in options. Motion passed 14-0.

16. Future Meeting dates:

- December 16, 2020 – via ZOOM at Noon
- January 27, 2021 – via ZOOM at Noon

17. Adjourn

Adjourned at 1:02 p.m.