

MINUTES

Community Justice Collaborating Council

September 22, 2021

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; 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; Alan Richter, Chief’s & Sheriff’s Association Representative; Barbara LeDuc, President/CEO- Opportunities, Inc; Michael Wallace, President/CEO-Fort Healthcare; Kendall Wick, Child Support Agency Representative.

Excused: Sheriff Paul Milbrath; Cindy Hamre Incha, Gail Scott, Health Department

Absent: Kathi Cauley, Human Services Director

Others present: Craig Holler, CJCC/Treatment Court Coordinator; Kristy Gusse, WCS

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law Requirements

Staff certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review and approve minutes from July 14, 2021 meeting

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Rogge/Wehmeier to approve the minutes from July 14, 2021. Motion passed 13-0.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Evidence Based Decision Making and Data Gathering subcommittee update

Holler said the subcommittee met to discuss the driver’s license reinstatement process and discussed the data that was collected. Holler will come back to the Council with some recommendations for a possible pilot program. Hall explained that the DA’s office has the driving records on file to determine the reasons that individuals have no driver’s license and what needs to be done to assist them. Rumpf said that she supports this pilot program. Wehmeier said that once the subcommittee has a recommended pilot program in place staff can look at funds needed to develop it.

The subcommittee will meet in October to review data and make a recommendation for moving forward. No action taken.

7. Discussion and possible action on 2021 TAD Grant Application (Holler)

Holler said that almost everything for the 2021 TAD Grant application is completed. Wehmeier reminded the committee that there were two items added: A Psychotherapist position and providing peer support group sessions. Funds for both of these items have been included in the 2022 budget. No action taken.

8. Report from CJCC/Treatment Coordinator (Holler)

A report was emailed for review. Holler said that the Community Service Program with the Parks Department and Fair Park has been working out well to deal with some of the violations. Hall said that she is happy with the program and has been looking for other community service opportunities. Rogge and Rumpf support this program and said that the feedback they are getting is that the individuals seem to be working hard and taking it seriously. No action taken.

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

- Data Update
- Current Operation Status
- Tentative Recovery Plan

LeDuc asked what is being done to help participants once they graduate from the program. Holler explained the steps that are in place to help the participants be as successful as possible. Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

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

Reports were provided for review. No action taken.

11. Report on Recidivism (CCAP) (Gusse)

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Drug Treatment Court: 24 graduates, 3 reoffended, 4 pending charges. No action taken.

12. Update on Recidivism Council (Forseth)

Forseth said that the Literacy Council met for department updates including the following: LIFT Wisconsin is expanding into Jefferson County; Housing Challenge; Family Treatment Court; Drug Free Coalition events, funding issues related to GED testing; continued OSHA safety training. No action taken.

13. Update on monthly jail data (JESO)

Jail data was provided for review. Wehmeier said that they will increasing mental health support in the jail for the next few years. No action taken.

14. Update on Opioid Litigation

Wehmeier said that there a couple of pending bankruptcies. We expect one of the parties will be settling shortly. Staff will talk through what those dollars should be used for in the future. No action taken.

15. Future Meeting dates:

- Subcommittee Only - October 27, 2021 – at Noon
- Full Committee - November 17, 2021 - Noon

16. Adjourn

Motion by Morris/Wehmeier to adjourn at 12:51 p.m.