

MINUTES
Community Justice Collaborating Council
March 27, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge William Gruber at 12:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present: William V. Gruber, Circuit Court Judge; Monica Hall, District Attorney; Emily McFarland, Mayor – City of Watertown; Dwayne Morris, County Board Supervisor; Brent Ruehlow, Human Services Director; Amber Rumpf, Public Defender’s Office; Danielle Thompson, Corporation Counsel; Pamela Waters, Literacy Council Executive Director; Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Kendall Wick, Child Support Agency Representative.

Excused: Barbara LeDuc, President/CEO-Opportunities, Inc; Alan Richter, Chief’s & Sheriff’s Association Representative; Sarah Rogge, Department of Corrections

Absent: Elizabeth Chilsen, Health Department Director; Cindy Hamre Incha, Clerk of Circuit Court; Paul Milbrath, Sheriff; Kathy Volk, School District of Jefferson

Others present: Vanessa Baumann, CJCC/Treatment Court Coordinator; Mary Sweeney, WCS; and Denise Rawski WCS.

3. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law Requirements

Wehmeier certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Review and approve minutes from January 24, 2024 meeting.

Draft minutes were provided for review.

Motion by Wehmeier/Morris to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2024 as corrected. Motion passed 10-0.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Lift Wisconsin Presentation/ outcome from last year / looking forward (Baumann)

Wehmeier said that the Finance Committee allocated \$50,000 to continue the Lift Wisconsin Program. No action taken.

7. Report from CJCC/Treatment Coordinator (Baumann)

A written report was provided for review. Baumann said that there are two graduations scheduled for April 17th. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Treatment Court Team is reviewing program manuals and other policies. They are looking at opportunities for team building and will be attending a Treatment Court Conference in April. No action taken.

8. Family Treatment Court Tour/Walworth County (Wagner)

Wehmeier said that a Focus Group or Strategic Plan Committee could look at what treatment court options we would like to pursue, how we can improve processes in our current system and what would best serve Jefferson County. This Group would bring back recommendations to the Council for consideration. Ruehlow talked about Family Treatment Court models and the data that they received from them. Hall discussed the statistics related to other Family Treatment Courts. She also discussed the possibility of pursuing a Veterans Treatment Court. Judge Gruber will form a committee. Rumpf asked the group to consider whether we have the numbers to support a separate treatment court. Hall will begin to keep track of individuals who would not qualify for treatment court but may qualify in one of these new categories. No action taken.

9. Considering Treatment Court / Family Treatment Court (FTC) & Veterans Treatment Court (VTC). – DA Hall / ADA Johnson

- a. Form a subcommittee for strategic planning. (Gruber) No action taken.
- b. Status of meeting with stakeholders in proposed program (Wehmeier)

Treatment Court / Family Treatment Court (FTC) & Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) was discussed with item #8. No action taken.

- 10. Update on Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court (JCATC) & Jefferson County Drug Treatment Court (JCDTC) outcomes**
Alcohol Treatment Court and Drug Treatment Court reports were provided for review. Rawski reviewed the report. No action taken.
- 11. SCRAM / Risk Assessment Subcommittee / new policy (Thompson)**
Danielle Thompson, Corporation Counsel, provided an update. No action taken.
- 12. Update on Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) and Remote Breath (Sweeney)**
A SCRAM Report was provided for review. Sweeney reviewed the SCRAM data year to date and alerts. No action taken.
- 13. Update on Executive Committee Formation (Gruber)**
Creating a group to research Treatment Court / Family Treatment Court (FTC) & Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) was discussed with item #8. No action taken.
- 14. Update on Recidivism Council (Waters)**
Pamela Waters, Literacy Council Executive Director provided an update. No action taken.
- 15. Update on monthly jail data (JESO)**
No data provided other than provided report. No action taken.
- 16. Future regular CJCC Meeting dates:**
Regular Meetings:

May 22, 2024	Noon
June 27, 2024	Noon
- 17. Adjourn**
Motion by Wehmeier/Morris to adjourn at 12:47 p.m. Motion passed 10-0.