

Policy Recommendation Subcommittee Minutes: **11/11/2025**

1.) Call to order 1207PM

2.) Roll Call

Present: Ben Brantmeier, RaDonna Clark, Cassi Nelson, Jordan Lippert, Elizabeth McGahey, Monica Hall, Alan Ritcher Brent Ruehlow

Absent: Michael Luckey

3.) JL certified compliance of meeting.

4.) Motion to approve minutes made by Jordan Lippert. SR seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5.) No public comment

6.) SIM Priorities

Transportation: RaDonna Clark communicated the plan to schedule meeting with Pamela Waters to draft the survey to collect data on the need for transportation assistance. The initial cohort is High Risk/High Need justice involved individuals. The subcommittee discussed solutions outside of transportation. Such as developing satellite offices for existing services, specifically in Watertown. BR and EM will check with their own contacts and circle back.

No action taken by the Subcommittee. RC will provide updates at next scheduled meeting.

Recovery Housing: DOC expressed housing concerns for individuals on active supervision and the inability to fund temporary housing. JCHS is also unable to fund any recovery housing at this time. BR presented information about the RFP and the progress being made. The subcommittee discussed alternative funding sources.

No action taken by the Subcommittee. BR will provide updates with any progress made. RC will reach out to the Watertown Health Foundation.

Alternatives to Charging: November 1st the established L/E survey became live. L/E were asked to fill this out for any contact with indications of MH/SUD. At the time of the meeting, there were many responses. Data collection will continue through November. Jefferson County will send 3 representatives to the PTACC Summitt on December 1-5, 2025. These representatives will be members of L/E, Behavioral Health and CJCC. The data and information from the PTACC will be presented to the Chiefs' Association for further discussion on planning practices.

No action taken: PRS will be updated at next meeting.

7.) Treatment Court Admissions:

- a) TAD Grant Submitted. Discussion about operational changes that revised previous budget allocations.
- b) BB recommended review of counties using alternatives to jail sentences through Impaired driving courts OWI 5th. BB stated he would be presenting this to the District Court Judges for review prior to further planning. If there is judicial approval, it will be presented to the CJCC to approve efforts for ATC enhancements. BB briefly summarized processes for accepting OWI 5th, and identified partnering with other Counties for a better understanding.
- c) RC provided the data for 2025 to PRS. DA Hall provided explanations for why each prosecutorial decision was made for not offering treatment court. DA Hall was adamant that a formula for determining does not exist. RC expressed that we are obligated by our TAD Funding to provide policy of how eligibility criteria and how admission decisions are made. The purpose of TAD is to offer alternatives to incarceration.
- d) A meeting to review EM practices for ATC is scheduled for 11/13/2025. Discussions with the Sheriff's office, and CJCC Office continue to establish a clear MOU.

10.) Approval of next meeting: 12/09/2025 all in favor.

11.) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 1:05PM

Policy Recommendation Subcommittee- 12/09/2025 Minutes

1. Call to Order @ 1205PM

2. Roll Call

Present: Brent Ruehlow, RaDonna Clark, Michael Luckey, Jordan Lippert, Elizabeth McGeary

Absent: Judge Brantmeier, Monica Hall, Cassi Nelson, Chief Richter, Sarah Rogge

3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law- The meeting could not be certified due to not meeting the quorum.

4. ~~Review and Approval of Minutes- November 11th, 2025~~

5. ~~Public Comment~~

6. ~~Discussion and possible action regarding Treatment Court Operations.~~

7. ~~Discussion and possible action regarding SIM Priorities.~~

- a. ~~Transportation~~**
- b. ~~Recovery Housing~~**
- c. ~~Alternatives to Charging~~**

8. Next Scheduled meeting:

Proposed: January 13th, 2026

9. Adjournment 12:10PM