



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & CJCC Chair
Hon. Maria Lazar, Juvenile Court Judge
Clerk of Circuit Court Monica Paz
Sheriff Eric Severson
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon

County Board Chair Paul Decker (CJCC Vice Chair)
UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz
District Attorney Sue Opper
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter
City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly

Team Members Absent:

County Executive Paul Farrow
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn

City of Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson
HHS Director Elizabeth Aldred
DOC Regional Chief Vicki Seibel-Garvey

Others Present:

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain
County Supervisor Joel Gaughan
HHS Clinical Services Division Manager Kirk Yauchler (proxy for Aldred)

Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski
County Supervisor Larry Nelson

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes from November 17, 2021

Motion: Lazar moved, second by Decker, to approve the minutes from November 17, 2021. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Update on Recent CJCC Grant Awards and Applications

WI Department of Justice (DOJ) Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) 2022 Grant Award

Dorow reported (in Luczaj’s absence) that Waukesha County was awarded \$139,680 through a TAD grant award. The grant period is from January 1 through December 31, 2022, with the opportunity to renew the grant annually through 2026. The grant will be used to fund approximately 40% of the Drug Treatment Court (DTC) program, including: case management, peer support, drug testing, incentives, transportation, and staff training.

Decker commented that the community has offered positive feedback regarding the DTC program.

WI DOJ EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Grant Award

Dorow reported (in Luczaj’s absence) that Waukesha County was awarded \$107,501. While the grant period is from January 1 through December 31, 2022, the DOJ has committed to funding the pilot sites at least another two years beyond this year of funding. The grant will be used to fund a pretrial screener, electronic monitoring fees for indigent defendants, AutoMon pretrial software, and staff training.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Application for Pretrial Supervision

Dorow reported that Luczaj submitted an application on February 28, 2022 to HHS for \$319,945 in ARPA funds. HHS approved the application and forwarded it to the Department of Administration for the next level of review. The funding period would be from approximately July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026. The funds would provide for a full time Pretrial Supervision Case Manager, allowing the program capacity to be increased by approximately another 60

defendants. The need for the new position is due to the increased demand for the Pretrial Supervision program, which has been over-capacity since the pandemic due to a variety of reasons, such as a backlog of criminal cases, increase in arrests and referrals to the District Attorney's Office, and the implementation of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) pretrial risk tool on June 15, 2020 that resulted in approximately 51% of defendants being recommended for supervision as a condition of bail.

Braatz arrived at 8:36 a.m.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)/National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC) DWI Court Foundational Training Application

Dorow reported that Luczaj submitted an application on March 16, 2022 in hopes of being one of twenty teams chosen from across the United States to participate in one of four OWI Court staffing team training sessions. The training sessions would be free and would be part virtual and part in-person with the facilitators traveling to Waukesha County. The need for additional training is due to a new judge rotating into OWI Treatment Court in August, a new case manager, and a new Assistant District Attorney by the end of 2022. Luczaj will be notified by the end of March if Waukesha County is chosen to participate.

Update on Refined Focus for Marquette University Student Practicum Data Project

Paz stated that the data project will address the question, "How has the backlog of cases caused by the pandemic impacted the jail's population and capacity?" The project will compare data between January through March in both 2019 and 2022. The following data points will be collected:

- Why is the defendant in custody?
- What is the average length the defendant is in custody?
- Is a signature bond or cash bail ordered? If cash bail, how much?

Juvenile Court/Juvenile Summit Committee Update

Lazar provided the following updates:

- The new Juvenile Clerk of Courts, Liz Adams, is doing very well.
- Adoption Day went well, despite being the Monday after the parade tragedy.
- A GAL seminar was held via Zoom in January.
- The Juvenile Summit Committee is revising forms and addressing various issues with the forms.
- There will be a reunification picnic for families in June.
- The in-person Buzz Sessions have been reinstated.
- The Juvenile Court is planning to host a gallery night, sharing art from the juveniles throughout the conference rooms and Juvenile Center.
- There have been 100 adoptions since Lazar has presided over the Juvenile Court.

Courthouse Construction Project Update

Dorow stated that the secure court addition has been successfully in operation since January. All parties have been enjoying the new technology that is available.

The courts have requested an increase in funding to allow the footprint to be expanded for a courts wing. This is part of phase 2 of the construction project.

Severson and Decker left at 8:58 a.m.

CJCC Committee Updates

Pretrial

The committee voted Commissioner Costello as the Co-Chair.

Case Processing

Pretrial conferencing is returning to 2 days per month.

Since working with the sixth judge, there has been a reduction in the felony case backlog by approximately 300 cases.

Quarterly, the committee will review any systemic issues to remain consistent with Dorow's 2-year case reduction project.

Alternative Interventions

The committee voted Yauchler as the Co-Chair.

The Diversion Program, currently funded with Fund Balance, has been modified to now allow eligibility for defendants with other drugs of abuse, instead of limiting the program to opioid use as the previous federal grant funding dictated.

Mental Health

Jenny Wrucke shared an overview presentation of 2021 HHS Crisis Services.

Victims' Rights

The committee added Commissioner Rieck as a member.

A virtual Victims Assistance Conference will be held on April 14.

Members discussed the need for communication between all parties when victims come to court and addressed what can and cannot be asked.

The committee continues to work on restitution for victims and address issues with the existing restitution process.

Announcements

Yauchler commented that there is a grant opportunity that HHS is pursuing through DHS for regional crisis stabilization facilities.

Decker returned at 9:11 a.m.

Reilly commented that Victims Assistance was phenomenal during the parade tragedy.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Neimon moved, second by Braatz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.