



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Pretrial Committee Minutes Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Members Present

Sue Opper	JoAnn Eiring	Kevin Costello
Monica Paz	Jeremy Perri	Neil Dussault

Members Absent

Hon. Jennifer Dorow (Chair)	Craig Kuhary
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Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	David Herring
Mary Sweeney	Alex Klosterman	Melissa Santiago
Anna Kees	Daniel Rieck	

Motion: Paz moved, second by Dussault, to approve Costello as the Chairperson Pro Tem for the CJCC Pretrial Committee meeting for the date of February 9, 2022, only. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Costello called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Approve Minutes from January 12, 2022 Meeting

Motion: Paz moved, second by Opper, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting of the CJCC Pretrial Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Discuss and Consider Designating Committee Co-Chair

Motion: Paz moved, second by Eiring, to approve Costello as the CJCC Pretrial Committee Co-Chair. Costello abstained. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Update on Progress of Pretrial Detention Data Project

Santiago shared the data that she is collecting from CCAP and Spillman.

Paz will work with Santiago to determine how the data from CCAP correlates to the data from Spillman and will also show her how to query cases that were charged only.

Opper suggested narrowing the timeframe of data being pulled by looking at comparable data from pre-pandemic to current – such as January-March 2019 compared to January-March 2022.

Attendees continued to discuss data they would like to be collected, including:

- Average length of stay of a pretrial defendant in custody
- If there is a cash bail, how much is it?
 - If the cash bail has not been posted, what is the reason?

Further discussion is needed on this topic to clarify and narrow the purpose of the project.

Continue to Discuss Bond Language Revisions

Paz stated that the WCS standard language will remain in place, as revised. If a court official wants a variation from the standard language, they should request that the Clerk enter the variation.

Eiring clarified that WCS will not put a defendant on CAM if it was not specifically ordered on the record and they will not drug test, even if absolute sobriety is ordered, if drug testing is not specifically ordered.

Further discussion is needed on this topic at the next meeting.

Update on Status of Pretrial Supervision Caseloads

Eiring reported that there are 157 OWI defendants reporting in to WCS, plus 21 in a warrant status. There are 12 defendants who have been in custody since intake. If all the defendants were active, WCS would be beyond program capacity.

The general Pretrial Supervision program has a capacity of 130 defendants. WCS has 155 active defendants, 40 of whom are in warrant status. 44 defendants have remained in custody since being ordered to WCS.

To reduce the caseload, the group agreed that moving forward, no OAR cases will be referred for Pretrial Supervision.

Luczaj inquired if the right defendants are being supervised to ensure that funding is being used appropriately. More resources for pretrial supervision may be needed. In response to a question by Paz, Luczaj will follow up with Arnold Ventures regarding impacts of the pandemic on the validity of the PSA.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional agenda items discussed for the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Opper moved, second by Dussault, to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.