



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Pretrial Committee Minutes Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Members Present

Kevin Costello (Co-Chair)
Neil Dussault

Sue Opper
Jeremy Perri

Monica Paz
Matt Ruehle

Members Absent

Craig Kuhary

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Laura Flood

Janelle McClain

Mary Sweeney

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

Approve Minutes from September 13, 2023 Meeting

Motion: Opper moved, second by Paz, to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023 meeting of the CJCC Pretrial Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Status of New Committee Co-Chair

This topic has been tabled for a future meeting, as the judicial rotation schedule should be determined within the next week or two.

Update on 2024 JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Continuation Grant Award

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled, "2024 Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Grant Award Summary."

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will be conducting a site visit at the end of January or in February. The purpose of the site visit is to map the pretrial process. The site visit will include a meeting with Luczaj, Sweeney, Ruehle, Christine Olson, and a representative from Opper's office, if needed.

Update on ARPA-Funded Pretrial Supervision Case Manager Position for 2024

Luczaj reported that since the position was added in September 2022, the Pretrial Supervision program has been adequately staffed and has been able to handle all referrals for supervision by the courts. The ARPA funding expired in December 2023; however, Luczaj worked with HHS leadership and was approved to receive tax levy to sustain the position in 2024. While the position is not guaranteed beyond 2024, she remains hopeful that the County will continue to budget for the position in future years.

Review and Discuss 2023 Pretrial Outcomes and Current Pretrial Supervision Caseloads

Ruehle distributed and reviewed a document titled, "Jail Screening YTD 2023."

In response to a question from Costello, Ruehle stated that defendants seem to be more cooperative and amenable if they receive notice of a bail review hearing versus a bench warrant being issued to address violations of conditions of bail.

Perri arrived at 12:42 p.m.

Update on Revised Format of PSA Report

The revised PSA Report is still in development. Luczaj will continue to update the group as progress is made on this initiative.

Justice System Stakeholder Input on Pretrial Services

Luczaj reported that the CJCC Court Services RFP, comprised of all pretrial and post-conviction programming, will be going out for bid likely in spring. She is working with Purchasing to develop the RFP so that there will be enough time

between signing the contract and making sure there is no disruption to programming as of the start of the contract on January 1, 2025. The Court Services contract is 5 years in length, with two potential 1-year extensions. Luczaj encouraged committee members to contact her with any input they have on the existing services to assist her with the RFP development process.

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: Dussault moved, second by Perri, to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Were Approved March 13, 2024.