



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Team Members Present:

County Board Chair Paul Decker (CJCC Vice Chair)
Hon. Maria Lazar, Juvenile Court Judge
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
District Attorney Sue Opper
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell

Team Members Absent:

County Executive Paul Farrow
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman
DOC Regional Chief Vicki Seibel-Garvey
Sheriff Eric Severson
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri

Others Present:

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
County Supervisor Joel Gaughan
Director of Court Services Mary Sweeney (Proxy for Carpenter)
Local Attorney Manager Maura McMahan (Proxy for Perri)
Deputy Jail Administrator Tracy Lewandowski
Citizen Bob Gibson
Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski
Deputy Division Director Risë Haneberg

City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly
City of Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring
HHS Director Elizabeth Aldred

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair
Clerk of Circuit Court Monica Paz
UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain
County Supervisor Larry Nelson
Senior Policy Analyst Mark Stovell
Associate Program Director Nastassia Walsh
Chief Deputy Clerk Francesca Backus (Proxy for Paz)
Citizen Ralph Schultz
Diversion Coordinator Shelby Maruszczak

Welcome

Vice Chair Decker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes from May 26, 2021

Motion: Reilly moved, second by Thompson, to approve the minutes from May 26, 2021. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Presentation: *The Stepping Up Initiative and Becoming a Stepping Up County*

Stovell and Haneberg from the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and Walsh from the National Association of Counties, provided a brief overview on the Stepping Up Initiative.

Discuss and Consider Becoming a *Stepping Up County*

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "The Stepping Up Initiative: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails."

The CJCC Mental Health Committee is already working on the "6-step Framework" outlined in the Stepping Up Initiative, as the CJCC is a recipient of a 2019 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHP) Grant to implement crisis stabilization services in an effort to reduce the number of individuals with mental illnesses in the jail.

Motion: Reilly moved, second by Aldred, to approve the Waukesha County CJCC submitting a letter of commitment to become a Stepping Up County. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Luczaj will coordinate with Dorow to draft and submit a letter of commitment to the Council of State Governments and the National Association of Counties.

Discuss and Consider Applying for WI Department of Justice Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (2022) Grant

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "2022 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Application Summary." The CJCC will apply for funding for both the Drug Treatment Court and Diversion programs.

Motion: Lazar moved, second by Reilly, to approve Luczaj applying for the WI Department of Justice Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (2022) Grant when it becomes available. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Update on Status of Juvenile Center

Decker reported that the Juvenile Center closure was approved at last night's County Board meeting.

Aldred distributed and reviewed a document titled "Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services; Proposed Closure of Secure Detention."

HHS Deputy Director, Lisa Roberts, Adolescent and Family Division Manager, Ron Pupp, and Secure Detention Center Coordinator, Ted Schwartz, will be meeting with individual law enforcement jurisdictions within the county regarding how the juvenile secure detention closure will impact them and what the new process will be.

The center will be closed on October 1, 2021, which will result in a cost savings of approximately \$451,000.

Reilly left at 9:30 a.m.

Juvenile Court/Juvenile Summit Committee Update

Lazar reported that Paul Nowakowski is the Interim Juvenile Court Clerk, as Kelly Haag retired. The application deadline for the position is this Friday.

Governor Evers passed Ethan's Law on July 15, which states that children cannot be placed with an adult who has been charged with abusing a child, even if it was pled down to a lesser charge.

Thompson left at 9:46 a.m.

Other updates from Lazar included: The Summit Committee continues to meet regularly; Teen Court has resumed meeting in-person; and there have been 66 adoptions since August 1, 2020. Lazar intends to bring back the National Adoption Day celebration in November.

Courthouse Construction Project Update

Neimon reported that the new courtroom tower is scheduled for occupancy on August 30. The final installation of audio/video will occur in the next couple of weeks. Until everything is set up correctly in the jury rooms, jury trials may need to be held in the old courtrooms.

CJCC Committee Updates

Pretrial

Luczaj reported that the Pretrial Committee is preparing for a presentation at the next meeting on drug testing as a condition of bail. The committee also continues to monitor caseload sizes with the Pretrial Supervision and Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention (IDIP) programs, which had exceeded capacity during the pandemic.

Case Processing

Opper reported that the Case Processing Committee continues to work through the COVID case backlog. Over 300 cases were disposed of in June with an 80% disposition rate utilizing pretrial conferencing. Waukesha County will be moving a sixth judge into the Criminal/Traffic Division for two years, beginning in January 2022, to also address the case backlog.

Alternative Interventions

Luczaj reported that the Alternative Interventions Committee continues to oversee the Diversion grant, treatment court programs, and Day Report Center.

Mental Health

Aldred reported that the most recent Mental Health Committee meeting was cancelled, so there is nothing new to report.

Victims' Rights

Dunn reported that the Victims' Rights Committee is currently focusing on victims' issues related to the pandemic, Marsy's Law, and victim privacy.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Aldred moved, second by McMahon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.