



## Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes Wednesday, September 23, 2020

### Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair  
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri  
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon  
Interim Clerk of Circuit Court Monica Paz  
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn  
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman  
Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski  
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell

City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly  
County Board Chair Paul Decker  
DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess  
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter  
County Executive Paul Farrow  
Sheriff Eric Severson  
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring

### Team Members Absent:

UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz  
District Attorney Sue Opper

HHS Director Antwayne Robertson

### Others Present:

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj  
Citizen Ralph Schultz  
Departmental Secretary Staci Griffiths (proxy for Braatz)  
Clinical Services Division Manager Kirk Yauchler (proxy for Robertson)

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain  
County Supervisor Joel Gaughan  
City of Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson

### Welcome

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

### Approve Minutes from July 22, 2020

Motion: Decker moved, second by Ruzinski, to approve the minutes from July 22, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

### Discuss and Consider CJCC Membership Addition and Change to Bylaws

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Reilly, to add the City of Waukesha Police Chief, Dan Thompson, to the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Reilly, to amend the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council bylaws to add the position of City of Waukesha Police Chief to the list of members. Motion passed without a negative vote.

### Stakeholder Operational Updates Related to the Pandemic

Stakeholders gave updates on their respective areas related to changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carpenter arrived at 8:39 a.m. Thompson left at 9:00 a.m.

### CJCC Grants Status Update

#### ***Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Drug Court Grant Extension***

The SAMHSA grant was set to expire on September 29, 2020; however, Waukesha County requested and was approved for a no-cost extension, utilizing underspent grant funds, to allow services to continue through December 30, 2020. This extension will allow for a seamless transition from federal funding to the Department of Corrections funding for drug court beginning January 1, 2021.

***WI Department of Justice (DOJ) 2021 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Drug Court Grant Continuation Application***

Luczaj has submitted the continuation application for the final year (2021) of the 5-year TAD funding for drug court. Next year, the state will be releasing a TAD grant solicitation on a competitive basis for 2022 – 2026 funding.

***Courthouse Construction Project Update***

Dorow stated that courthouse construction continues to be “on target” for occupancy by the second quarter of 2021. The RFP process is underway for renovation of the existing courthouse. Once an architect is selected, the planning process will begin. This process took approximately two years to complete for the current construction project and is predicted to take at least as long for the second phase, as many more departments will be directly impacted by the renovations.

***CJCC Committee Updates***

***Pretrial***

Dorow stated that the PSA has been implemented, and the committee continues to review the process to identify any areas for improvement.

***Case Processing***

Neimon stated that the highly successful pretrial conferencing has been temporarily suspended during the pandemic. Also, the traffic calendar has been cancelled through the rest of the year. The judges will re-evaluate this at the end of the year to determine if it will restart in 2021. Paz has been working with Judge Ramirez to schedule preliminary hearings to help clear up the case backlog.

***Alternative Interventions***

Perri stated that the committee is continuing to focus on ongoing implementation of the diversion program grant.

***Mental Health***

Ruzinski stated that the committee has been working on the Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Program grant planning, which will reduce the number of mentally ill individuals in the jail through implementation of crisis stabilization services.

***Victims’ Rights***

Dunn stated that the committee has been focused on reviewing the changes to Marsy’s Law and addressing its impact on the courts and other justice system stakeholders.

***CJCC Budget Objectives***

Dorow stated that the committee has had presentations from the jail and WCS regarding electronic monitoring (EM). They plan to have other counties who have county-run EM programs present at the October meeting. Due to the pandemic, the committee’s meeting schedule has been extended into 2021.

***Announcements***

Ruzinski has been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee to become US Marshall for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. If she is confirmed by the full Senate, she will be retiring from the Menomonee Falls Police Department and is required to resign from all committees and boards.

***Public Comment***

Citizen Ralph Schultz and County Supervisor Joel Gaughan gave public comments.

Farrow left at 9:45 a.m.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Decker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.