



# Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Pretrial Committee Minutes Wednesday, December 9, 2020

## Members Present

Hon. Jennifer Dorow (Chair)  
Jeremy Perri

JoAnn Eiring  
Kevin Costello

Monica Paz  
Michelle Larsuel

## Members Absent

Sue Opper

Craig Kuhary

## Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj  
Mary Sweeney  
Christine Olsen

Janelle McClain  
Brittany Marin

Abbey Nickolie  
Sara Carpenter

Dorow called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

## Approve Minutes from November 11, 2020 Meeting

Motion: Eiring moved, second by Paz, to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2020 meeting of the CJCC Pretrial Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

## Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Change

Motion: Costello moved, second by Paz, to replace Captain Michelle Larsuel with Captain Neil Dussault on the CJCC Pretrial Committee, as of January 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

## Update on Status of Pretrial Supervision and Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program (IDIP) Caseloads and Waitlists

Eiring reported that, due to staff absences, WCS was unable to provide exact data regarding the current number of defendants on pretrial supervision waitlists; however, 20 IDIP defendants were able to be closed out due to longevity and compliance in the program, and 5 additional defendants are pending discharge. There has also been significant progress made in reducing the Pretrial Supervision waitlist.

Eiring will follow up with WCS staff to ensure they are receiving notices if bail is reinstated for defendants after it has been revoked. She thinks they are only being notified when bail is revoked.

## Discuss any PSA Concerns Since Implementation in June

Olsen reported that Waukesha County still has not finalized software for the PSA; however, access to Portal 100 has been successful.

Olsen stated that it has been helpful for the Pretrial Screeners to be involved in Intake Court utilizing Zoom, although they are not often asked questions.

Olsen has noticed that certain criteria, such as recently missed court appearances, are weighted more heavily in the PSA score. This has resulted in felony OWI cases typically scoring a Level 1 on the Release Conditions Matrix (RCM). Costello reminded attendees that as the county is vetting the PSA, oddities will occur.

Costello reported that there has been an increase in bench warrants during the pandemic. He suspects it is because defendants have not been taking court via Zoom seriously.

Perri asked if WCS is tracking the concurrence rate with the PSA (% of commissioners following PSA/RCM recommendations compared to those not following recommendations through either an override or under-ride). Olsen reported that she maintains an Excel spreadsheet to keep track of outcomes related to PSA implementation; however, she is behind in entering data, and this is one of the fields that is incomplete. Olsen added that there may be an influx of

defendants with under-rides due to the waitlists for pretrial supervision. Once a software program is in place, staff will be able to track the concurrence rate easier.

Dorow stated that the private bar and Public Defender's Office should seek removal of bail conditions when appropriate to help move these pretrial cases along.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Update on Status of Pretrial Supervision and Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program (IDIP) Caseloads and Waitlists

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Larsuel moved, second by Costello to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.