



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Case Processing Committee Minutes
Thursday, July 26, 2018**

Team Members Present:

Hon. Ralph Ramirez	Sara Scullen	Katie Kegel
Sue Opper	Frank McElderry	
Monica Paz		

Team Members Absent:

Michael Neimon	Chris Ehrfurth
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Others Present:

Kristina Gordon	Janelle McClain	Rebecca Luczaj
Ronda Baxter	Karla Gabor	

Opper called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Approve Minutes from June 28, 2018

Motion: Ramirez moved, McElderry second, to approve the minutes of June 28, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Discuss Pretrial Conferencing Outcomes

Paz distributed and reviewed documents titled "Pretrial Conference Attorney Breakdown," "Summary Data of Pretrial Pilot," and a list of pretrial conferencing dates held with the presiding judge and the number and percent of cases broken down by each judge.

Gordon reported that the pretrial conferences have been going well. Ramirez added that the judges are striving hard to have the highest percentage of cases resolved amongst each other.

Judge-Elect Lau will be shadowing Ramirez for two weeks prior to holding her own pretrial conference calendar on November 20.

Gordon has observed that there still appears to be issues with defendants not showing up with private bar attorneys. Paz confirmed that text messages are being sent, stating that the defendant must appear and be prepared to resolve their case that day. On June 24, 20 cases were resolved with private bar attorneys.

Other Items for Discussion

Luczaj distributed a document titled "Frequency of Signature Bonds in Dane County Criminal Cases: 2012-2016." Paz distributed and reviewed a document titled "Frequency of Signature Bonds in Waukesha County Criminal Cases: 2012-2016."

Paz replicated the signature bond study originally completed by Dane County in order to compare the outcomes between the two counties. Paz stated that cases were not included in the study if they were in a filed status. If no bail was set in a case, Paz counted the case in the "No Bail" category.

The committee discussed possible causes for a 10% jump in signature bonds between 2015 and 2016.

Paz has also started to add 2017 and 2018 data to tables 6-10, to determine if there are changes through the efforts of this committee.

Continue to Discuss Impact of OARs/OWLs and Potential Solutions

Overview of Previous CJCC OAR Program

Luczaj distributed and reviewed documents titled “OAR/Driver’s License Reinstatement Program,” “OAR Screening Report,” “Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.; Waukesha County OAR Program Statistics Report; 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008,” and an e-mail from then-DA Brad Schimel, dated 7/6/2009.

Luczaj stated that when the program was active in Waukesha County, law enforcement would give a card to defendants who were arrested for OAR, which would have the contact information for the WCS Drivers’ License Reinstatement Program. Then, when the OAR cases were heard during Intake Court, a WCS case manager would be available to enroll defendants into the program. If the defendant successfully completed the program, the charge would be amended down to “No Driver’s License on Person.”

The program ended June 30, 2009, when OARs were decriminalized by the WI legislature and municipalities were unwilling to continue it through municipal courts due to a lack of resources. When the program ended, the tax levy was dispersed to other existing CJCC programs.

Kegel arrived at 7:59 a.m.

Ramirez would like to know how Waukesha County could resolve OAR/OWL cases efficiently and effectively. Paz stated that prior to pretrial conferencing, a report from the DOT is being printed for defendants with OAR/OWL cases that day, which lists what needs to be accomplished for driver’s license reinstatement.

Ramirez recommended waiting to see the impact of the DOT report being generated and distributed to defendants.

Scullen left at 8:12 a.m.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 a.m.