



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
County Executive Paul Farrow
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman
Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski
Sheriff Eric Severson
Departmental Secretary Staci Griffiths (proxy for Braatz)

Team Members Absent:

UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz

Others Present:

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
County Board Supervisor Larry Nelson
WCTC Associate Dean of Adult Basic Education Linda Gordy
Interim HHS Clinical Services Division Manager Peter Cork
Sheriff Deputy Grant Winchowky

Clerk of Circuit Court Gina Colletti
County Board Chair Paul Decker
DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter
District Attorney Sue Opper
HHS Director Antwayne Robertson
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn

City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain
Citizen Bob Gibson
Senior Financial Analyst Stephanie Kirby
County Board Supervisor Joel Gaughan

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Approve Minutes from November 20, 2019

Motion: Huelsman moved, second by Bell, to approve the minutes from November 20, 2019. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Decker, Ruzinski, Carpenter, and Eiring arrived at 8:32 a.m.

Presentation: Jail ABE/GED Program Outcomes and Update on New Training Pilot

Gordy distributed and reviewed a document titled "Jail Report 17-18 and 18-19; Waukesha County Technical College."

Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) is looking to offer education for those individuals involved in a diversion program. They also hope that, by this summer, they will have a certificate program in place for those who need employment as a component of the diversion grant requirements. The possible certificate programs that would be an option include: welding, CNC, IT support, Google support, and culinary arts. All five of these programs can be completed in one semester.

Discuss and Consider Membership for New Ad Hoc Committee to Address 2020 CJCC Budget Objectives

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "CJCC ad hoc Committee to Address 2020 Budget Objectives Membership List."

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Eiring, to approve the membership list as presented. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Courthouse Construction Project Update

Dorow stated that the former intake court has been demolished, and the project is still on track for 2021 occupancy. Courtroom changes are posted daily, as well as text reminders sent on a daily basis. Three of the five criminal judges have jury rooms, so if the other two judges have a jury case, the judges' courtrooms are swapped.

Attendees commended the cooperation of everyone during the construction process.

Opper expressed a concern regarding the inability of the DA's Office staff and other stakeholders to have indoor access to the Juvenile Center. As this issue is temporary, to provide access at this time would be costly. Farrow will follow-up with Shane Waeghe to determine if there is a solution for poor weather days.

CJCC Committee Updates

Pretrial

Dorow reported that the committee continues to work towards PSA implementation. Waukesha County is currently waiting for the state to finalize the software contract so that the pilot sites can automate the PSA and collect data for validation.

Case Processing

Neimon stated that the committee continues to look at case processing efficiencies. The committee is currently reviewing ways to process Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Criminal Traffic cases quicker. Another goal of the committee is to determine how to bring those with warrants in for hearings faster, especially when it is a branch-only warrant.

Alternative Interventions

Perri commented that the committee has been reviewing diversion grant outcomes and discussing ways to increase the number of pre-charge diversions.

The DA's Office will host a lunch-and-learn on February 22 to give an overview of pre-charge diversion and DPA opportunities made possible through the federal Diversion grant. The target audience is private bar attorneys.

The committee is also reviewing strategies to eliminate the OWI Treatment Court waiting list.

Mental Health

Ruzinski reported that Waukesha County received a grant from the US Department of Justice (DOJ) to implement community crisis stabilization services. The committee has reviewed and completed the first two sections of the Planning & Implementation Guide, which is required to be submitted and approved before project implementation can start. The committee will continue to work through the Guide at upcoming meetings.

Ruzinski stated that video court appearances for Mental Health Center patients who have pending criminal charges is now occurring. Dorow commented that defense attorneys have expressed appreciation of this process change.

Victims' Rights

Dunn stated that the committee is focusing on crime victims' privacy. The state's Forms Committee is implementing a document that was created by Monica Paz from the Waukesha County Clerk of Court's Office that creates more privacy for victims.

Anti-Human Trafficking

Luczaj distributed and Dunn reviewed a document titled "CJCC Anti-Human Trafficking ad hoc Committee; Final Recommendations; November 2019." Dunn stated that the committee has wrapped up its work, and some of the members of the group will be added to the Law Enforcement Pillar.

There will be a summit at noon today for the Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee.

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Farrow, to adopt the CJCC Anti-Human Trafficking ad hoc Committee Final Recommendations as presented. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Decker moved, second by Robertson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.