

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes – March 18, 2021

Call to Order. Chair Mattingly called the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:02 P.M. via teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Chair Kelly Mattingly, Chief David Moore, Steve Howland, Supervisor Shirley Williams, Kate Luster, Jim Neitzel (alt. for Troy Enger), Marc Perry, alt. for Angela Moore), Ryan Trautsch, Bill Rankin, Acting Chief Stigler, Lonnie Brigham, Judge Barbara McCrory (alt. for Judge Daniel Dillon), Billy Bob Grahn, and Carol Wickersham

Committee Members Absent: David O’Leary and Sheriff Troy Knudson.

Staff Members Present: Dr. Kendra Schiffman, Analyst; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Greg Winkler, Deputy Human Services Director.

Others Present: Faun Moses, State Public Defender’s Office; Jonah Beleckis and Lorin Cox, Janesville Gazette; Marcia Galvan, SWWDB; and Mike Fallon.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Brigham moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Wickersham. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2021. Mr. Grahn moved approval of the minutes of February 18, 2021 as presented, second by Chief Stigler. ADOPTED.

Support to Communities Program Presentation. Ms. Galvan said this program is supported by a Department of Labor grant. The Support to Communities grant provide financial assistance for training and employment services, and educational resources, for in-demand jobs to individuals who have been impacted by substance use. The grant also provides for wraparound service referrals, including financial resources, for recovery services, childcare, transportation, etc. as they relate to job development. In order for individuals to be eligible for support and recovery services must be tied to approved career activities. (Enrollment in school, career planning, certification or training program, etc.)

Ms. Galvan said there are two types of eligible workers:

a) Type I Worker: workers who are personally affected by opioid misuse or other substance use disorders. Defined as individuals who themselves, or friends or family, have been impacted by substance use disorder. Skills training in opioid recovery and health-related professions, skills training for in-demand occupations. Financial assistance for supportive services, such as transportation, childcare, and recovery related services.

b) Type II Worker: Workers who seek to transition to professions that support individuals with a substance use disorder or occupations that address the opioid recovery efforts in local service areas. To include individuals who need new or upgraded skills to better serve struggling, or at-risk, individuals. Skills training in opioid recovery and health-related professions.

Ms. Galvan said she will send her contact information and the referral link for the program to the CJCC. She welcomed anyone to contact her for further information about the program.

Discussion Regarding Criminal Justice System Racial and Ethnic Disparities Improvement Goals.

Updates from CJCC Agencies. No updates.

Update on Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System. Mr. Trautsch said this group continues to meet and is trying to identify gaps in training. Mr. Perry said there needs to be outreach and engagement to people of color and to build relationships with people of color in the community. He said there needs to be training on how to make these connections. This will continue to be discussed at future CJCC meetings.

Discussion regarding Stakeholder Response to Difficult Pretrial Cases. Mr. Perry took over chairing the meeting for this agenda item.

Chief Moore is requesting a review of the Jeremy Mondy case. He said he wants this to be productive and not blaming. He wants to look at the criminal justice decisions that lead to the death of a Janesville woman. He wants to look at domestic violence incidents in a broad manner. He would like to know several things: what information was available to JusticePoint; what information was available to the court; how federal supervision was integrated; what follow-up occurred between release and the alleged homicide; and other options for victim safety. Chief Moore said he would like this looked at from all points of the system and look for areas of improvement.

Ms. Luster said she thinks it is helpful to look at what happened when bad things happen. She said there is a critical incident review process in child welfare that is used that looks at things systematically. Ms. Wickersham said she thinks the domestic violence system needs to be looked at also.

The group discussed who could provide such a system review. Chief Moore said he, Mr. Perry, and Ms. Pohlman McQuillen would meet to discuss how to move forward and present a recommendation at the next CJCC meeting.

Discussion regarding Criminal Justice System Responses to Domestic Violence. Mr. Mattingly resumed the chairpersonship. Judge McCrory said one county in Wisconsin has a Domestic Violence court. She said other counties have one judge that handle all the domestic violence work or handle domestic violence cases in specific ways. She is looking into how the court can make changes with regard to domestic violence cases. The group indicated support for looking into more ways to address domestic violence in a broader sense. Chief Moore offered to have his Domestic Violence Team present at the next CJCC meeting.

Jail Renovation Update. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen shared Sheriff Knudson's regrets for not being able to make the meeting. Sheriff Knudson asked that the following information be shared. He said that they are still in the Program Development stage. He said some priority areas for change are a recreational space, program space, reentry space, diversion/community corrections space, and a space to help those in a transition phase. He encourages anyone with feedback to reach out to him soon to be considered in the planning.

EBDM Update. No update.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. None.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action (from current meeting).

- Discussion regarding how to address Domestic Violence on a broader scale (Judge McCrory)
- Presentation on Pretrial and the Public Safety Assessment

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021, 3:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Mr. Grahn moved to adjourn at 4:02 P.M., second by Acting Chief Stigler.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

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