

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Minutes – October 21, 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, Steve Howland, Supervisor Shirley Williams, David O’Leary, Troy Enger, Amiee Leavy (alt. for Angela Moore), Ryan Trautsch, Bill Rankin, Chief David Moore, Marc Perry, Chief Andre Sayles, Judge Barbara McCrory, Lonnie Brigham, Carol Wickersham, Sheriff Troy Knudson.

Committee Members Absent: Billy Bob Grahn and Kate Luster.

Staff Members Present: Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director; Dr. Kendra Schiffman, Analyst; Jordyn Jenkins, HSD Lead Worker.

Others Present: Faun Moses, State Public Defender’s Office; Scott Froehlich, Janesville Gazette; Deputy Chief Terry Sheridan, Mike Blaser and Rob Perkins, Janesville Police Department; Chief Bob Kowalski, Edgerton Police Department; Kelsey Hood-Christenson, Director of Defy Domestic Abuse in Beloit; Jessi Luepnitz, Program Director of Alternatives to Violence and CARE House; Roy Carrasco; Erin Briggs; Jennifer Wehmas; John Pfleiderer; Erin Betley; Sara Schumacher; Heather L.; Erin Evans; Sara Krall; Xandi Finn; Megan Fisher.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Howland moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Enger. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2021. Mr. Trautsch moved approval of the minutes of August 19, 2021 as presented, second by Mr. Howland. ADOPTED.

Report on Handling of Domestic Violence Cases in Rock County – Dr. Schiffman and Chief Kowalski. Chair Mattingly turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Perry. Dr. Schiffman and Chief Kowalski reviewed the report with the committee. Chief Moore thanked them for the thorough report and the help to understand the outcome. It seems the PSA (Public Safety Assessment) may not be effective in assessing domestic violence. Bail and bond do not take into consideration public and victim safety. This is a legislative issue, and they urge the CJCC to take a position on this to start change. This item will be placed on the next agenda for follow up and possible recommendations.

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

Updates from CJCC Agencies. Mr. Perry said institutions have been reaching out for equity training.

Update on Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System. Mr. Trautsch said they met two weeks ago. They are working on curriculum development for training.

Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Concerns. Sheriff Knudson said there are no current COVID cases within the jail population. They are moving forward with the planning phase of the jail renovation. The recommended budget has been presented by the County Administrator. Sheriff

Knudson had requested a Treatment Coordinator position which was not recommended. Sheriff Knudson will be appealing this decision.

Chief Sayles said they are looking for more officers to join their workforce. One positive outcome is they do have a higher amount of minority candidates applying. They had a recent incident where a citizen pointed a handgun at their Community Resource Officer. They are working on locating that individual.

Mr. Perry asked if Beloit Police Department can refer their minority candidates they do not hire to other local agencies.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action. None.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021, 3:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Mr. Trautsch moved to adjourn at 4:50 P.M., second by Mr. Howland.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
Secretary

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