



Minutes

Eau Claire County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Full Council
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.
In-Person Meeting in **1227 County Boardroom**
721 Oxford Avenue • Eau Claire, WI 54703
Virtual Meeting via Webex

Members Present: Hon. Michael Schumacher, Peter Rindal, Dave Riewestahl, Dana Brown, Mike Felton, Ryan Raymond Dr. Justin Patchin, Dana Smetana, Susan Schaffer, Sharon McIlquham, Elizabeth Giese, Diane Cable, Kathryn Schauf, Nick Smiar

Other present: Connie Russell, Brianna Albers, Brittany Nessel, Miranda Pederson, Amanda Lonsdorf

Members Absent: Matt Rokus, Janessa Stromberger, Kelly Mahoney, Judge Wickstrom, Stella Pagonis,

Staff: Tiana Glenna, Aimee Drivas, Crystal Ruzicka, Cathryn Steidl,

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judge Schumacher at 7:01

Confirmation of Public meeting Notice

The Clerk Confirmed the meeting was properly noticed to the public.

Call of the Roll

Verbal roll call was taken and is listed above.

Public Comment (3-minute limit per person)

No public comment was made.

Approval of Full Council meeting minutes from February 15, 2023

Kathryn Schauf moved to approve the minutes from February 15, 2023 and seconded by Dr. Justin Patchin. No deletions, corrections, or additions. All in favor of approving the minutes from February 15, 2023.



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System Updates

Department Initiatives Update

Tiana explained that the departments will report on initiatives and grants crossovers with other programs, see how CJCC can support work, and any requests for the 2024 budget. We will compile this information and review intersections.

Peter Rindal presented on the district attorney department. They are not fully staffed (down 2 attorney positions). American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) local positions are filled. Their biggest challenge is getting attorneys' heads above water with old cases from COVID. They are making progress on the trial backlog.

Diane Cable reported from the Department of Human Services.

- Continued need in Eau Claire County for Crisis programs.
- Keep the schools in mind. They are struggling with behavioral issues.

Dave Riewestahl reported for the Sheriff's Department.

- They have been collaborating with the Department of Human Services and the Health Department. There will be a vending machine that is available to the public and people who are leaving jail. It will dispense Narcan and fentanyl test strips.
- Actively recruiting for 27 positions.
- The Department is seeing a need for a data analyst.
- Criminal Justice Services stated they will be asking for a data specialist in the 2024 budget. Currently, the workload of the current CJS analyst is overwhelming. She is stretched across all departments.

Mental health summit- update

A team of 4 will be attending the Chief Justice's Summit on mental health on Friday, April 21st in Madison. An update from the summit will be discussed at the next CJCC meeting.

Standing Committee Updates

Juvenile Justice Collaboration Council – Tabled until next meeting.

Opioid Taskforce

Criminal Justice Service received a Bureau of Justice (BJA) Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Peer Recovery Support Services Mentoring Initiative. This initiative will allow us to learn from another site who has



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implemented peer specialists within the county structure.

Program Updates

Community Transition Center/Harm Reduction

Brittany Nessel, Miranda Pederson, and Amanda Lonsdorf presented on Community Transition Center (CTC) move towards a harm reduction model.
Please see handout for more details.

Community Services Sentencing Language

Aimee Drivas reported on Community Service. Discussion focused on sentencing language used by the courts.

Treatment Court

Presentation by Brianna Albers. Moving from 4 courts down to 2 courts with less delineation between the courts. There will still be an active Veteran's track within the two courts. This will begin July 1 with Judge Harless and Judge Wickstrom presiding over the courts.

- Referrals are up from 29 to 39.
- There is a waiting list due to waiting for cases to close and sometimes due to revocation status.
- This change does not change who we can serve, just how they attend court.

Future Agenda Items

- Department initiative updates.
- Racial Ethnic Disparity (RED) update.
- Juvenile Justice Collaborating Council
- 180 program update.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Steidl
Committee Clerk



Date: 4/19/2023

To bring awareness to the contract partners and the communities we serve regarding person centered approaches as it relates to substance use, harm reduction, and social determinants of health. We believe, as does Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), that there is no “wrong door” by which people with co-occurring and substance use disorders arrive at treatment. Harm Reduction is also a Wisconsin State initiative called “Dose of Reality-Safer Use/Harm Reduction”. LSS staff should have a wide range of interventions and services in their “tool box” with which they can support clients.

Ultimate Goal: Provide clients with an individualized service that addresses their overall needs as it relates to their addiction, mental health, trauma history, criminogenic needs, and other basic needs. This approach allows for a safe and client centered approach through the use of motivational interviewing, being trauma informed, and person centered. We want to close service gaps and ensure that people in our community living with substance use disorders (SUDs) and mental health disorders achieve long-lasting recovery as it applies to them.

LSS will engage clients in evidence-based practices that align with their MH and/or SUD needs and work to provide the practices to fidelity. Initial phase of the One LSS Training and Development Plan includes:

- *Motivational Interviewing (MI) - “MI is a collaborative, goal-oriented style of communication with particular attention to the language of change. It is designed to strengthen personal motivation for and commitment to a specific goal by eliciting and exploring the person’s own reasons for change within an atmosphere of acceptance and compassion.” (Miller & Rollnick, 2013, p. 29)*
- *Trauma Informed Care - “A trauma-informed approach to care acknowledges that health care organizations and care teams need to have a complete picture of a patient’s life situation — past and present — in order to provide effective health care services with a healing orientation. Adopting trauma-informed practices can potentially improve patient engagement, treatment adherence, and health outcomes, as well as provider and staff wellness.” (traumainformedcare.chcs.org)*
- *Person Centered Planning - This is a strength-based approach that focuses on engagement and communication with those we interact with. Person Centered Planning is collaborative in nature ensuring each person is receiving individualized services. Person-centered language is about respecting the dignity, worth, unique qualities and strengths of every individual. A person’s identity and self-image are closely linked to the words used to describe them. Utilizing person-centered language emphasizes the person first rather than what brought them to services.*

What does this look like for clients and partners?

- CTC recognizes that abstinence is not the only means to success.
- CTC staff will have many tools and approaches to working with the clients we serve. One of those approaches will be harm reduction. We follow the state and national standard to communication and approach to harm reduction.
- Applying a client centered approach based on their needs and any external requirements they may have encourages honesty in the client’s report of any use or struggles.
- We are not endorsing clients use and/or suggesting that they not have impacts from their use.
- When a client has positive tests, LSS staff will attend to coordinating services and/or treatment as applicable before considering termination.
- LSS staff may need to adapt interventions based on the unique needs and characteristics of the client.
- Individual plans will be developed in collaboration with other providers whenever possible. We want each individualized plan to meet a client where they are in the community.