



Minutes

Eau Claire County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Full Council

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting in Room 1277 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, Dr. Justin Patchin, Susan Schaffer, Sharon McIlquham, Cortney Sperber for Elizabeth Giese, Kathryn Schauf, Nancy Coffey, Kelly Mahoney, Derek Thomas for Matt Rokus, Connie Russell, Janessa Stromberger (remote), Angela Weideman (remote)

Others present: Brianna Albers, Lynn Buske, Christie Knutson, Mike Sommer, Renee Sommer (remote)

Members Absent: Ryan Raymond, Dana Smetana

Staff: Tiana Glenna, 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

Roll 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 June 21, 2023 and August 16, 2023

Kathryn Schauf moved to approve the minutes from June 21, 2023 and August 16, 2023 and seconded by Mike Felton. No deletions, corrections, or additions. All in favor of approving the minutes from June 21, 2023 and August 16, 2023.



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Operational updates

Review budget for CJCC and CJS

The increase in the budget was from wages and benefits for staff.

The increase in the Department of Justice (DOJ) budget request for pretrial is from the state DOJ.

However, this increase will be covered by the grant from DOJ.

Meeting dates for 2024

CJCC and CJCC Executive Board meetings in 2024 will be held the second Tuesday of alternating months.

Membership Review

Reappointments of community members will take place in 2024.

Dr. Justin Patchin won't be able to continue as part of CJCC.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Law Enforcement Grant (BJA)

\$350,000 grant awarded to help fight opioid epidemic.

1. Enhanced community drug disposal program
Adding a permanent medication pill drop box
2. Medication Assisted treatment (MAT)
Training for law enforcement staff first. Then MAT program for those incarcerated in jail.
3. Prearrest or Pre-Arrest Deflection Program
This pairs a Peer Support/Mentor with someone law enforcement encounters.

System Updates

Public defenders' rates

Even though the public defenders' rates increased to \$100/hour, it is still a struggle to get public defenders.

There is also a group of attorneys that could retire at any point.

Data Analyst is starting to collect data on how long people are waiting to get a public defender.

Crime Prevention Funding Board

This option is still in review. The Sheriff has met with Chippewa and Dunn Counties, who have this board. It is a tool to help fund programs like Crime Stoppers, who are currently funded through fund raising.

The next step is to review the need and impact, if decided to move forward there will be a need for a resolution from CJCC then Judiciary and Law and then the County Board.



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Legislative breakfast at 7:00 on 10/23

Opportunity to ask questions of elected officials.

Example: What is the state planning on doing to assist public defenders to provide service?

Email Kathryn with any questions you feel are appropriate.

Data Review

The CJS and DHS data analysts are working on a project to determine if the 40 people who were most frequently arrested in ECC in the last five years utilized programs in DHS, and if so, how the enrollment dates correlate to dates of arrest. The purpose is to identify DHS programs that may lead to a reduction in arrests for those enrolled.

Working on data surrounding the Competency process

51.2% are deemed competent.

34% are deemed noncompetent but will be competent with treatment.

14.6% are deemed noncompetent.

Eau Claire County's numbers are not unusual.

Standing Committee Updates

Juvenile Justice Collaborating Committee - no updates at this time.

Evidence Based Decision Making Policy Team

Eau Claire County has so many initiatives. EBDM will begin to meet more regularly, bringing all active initiatives into this bi-monthly meeting.

Opioid Task Force

Resolution to fund Medication Assisted treatment (MAT) program for those incarcerated in Eau Claire County Jail.

Program Updates

Public Health

The Health Department lost a grant to help fund opioid education, so they are looking for ways to continue the program.

School Connectedness grant is closing. It would be interesting for CJCC to look at this data.

Homelessness Committee is a community based group that the CJS director has been attending

This group is looking at the impact on charges/ordinances issued as a result of being homeless.



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The Sheriff's department continues to recruit for current vacancies.

Huber is not open, but the goal is to bring it back.

Electronic Monitoring – This service is currently being contracted with a vendor.

Set Agenda for Future Meetings

Send any items to Tiana.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Steidl
Committee Clerk