



Minutes

Eau Claire County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Full Council

Wednesday, December 20, 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, Mike Felton, Dr. Justin Patchin, Ryan Raymond, Susan Schaffer, Sharon McIlquham, Elizabeth Giese, Kathryn Schauf, Nancy Coffey, Kelly Mahoney (remote), Connie Russell, Janessa Stromberger (remote), Dana Smetana

Others present: Brianna Albers, Hannah Keller, Christie Knutson, Mike Sommer, Renee Sommer (remote), Dr. Amber Wilson (remote)

Members Absent: Dana Brown, Matt Rokus, Angela Weideman

Staff: Tiana Glenna, Crystal Ruzicka, Cathryn Steidl

Call To Order

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

Call of the Roll

Roll was taken and is listed above.

Public Comment

Barb Teslaw, the President of the Eau Claire County Crime Stoppers, presented. Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit group that works to create a safer community through anonymous tips. The operating budget of Crime Stoppers is \$12,000-\$15,000 per year. Crime stoppers is currently funded through community donations and ongoing fundraising.

Approval of Full Council meeting minutes from October 18, 2023

Kathryn Schauf moved to approve the minutes from October 18, 2023 and seconded by Susan Schaffer. No deletions, corrections, or additions. All in favor of approving the minutes from October 18, 2023.

Operational Updates

Approval of committee members

The by-laws state “Citizen members shall be elected to serve two-year terms”.

Dr. Patchin will no longer be able to be a member because of the change in schedule for CJCC meetings.

There are 3 candidates for membership: Dr. Amber Wilson, Dana Smetana, and Mike Sommer. There was a motion to approve all three members by Kathryn Schauf, and a second by Sheriff Riewestahl. All in favor of approving the three applying members to the CJCC.



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System Updates

Data Dashboard

Presentation on the newly published criminal justice and jail dashboards. The active link is below. If there are additions or questions, please send those to Crystal Ruzicka. CJS is working to include a voice over option for those who are visually impaired along with a key takeaway front page.

[Criminal Justice Data | Eau Claire County](#)

Opioid Task Force

Tabled until next meeting.

Crime Prevention Fund

Initial discussion on the need for a crime prevention funding board in Eau Claire County. This is outlined and guided by state statute [Wisconsin Legislature: 59.54\(28\)](#)

A review and opinion were sent by corporation council. Further data review and discussion will be held during the next CJCC meeting.

Standing Committee Updates

Racial Ethnic Disparity (RED)

The Department of Human Services received a Youth Innovation grant in January of 2022, focusing on racial and ethnic disparity reduction. This grant was extended for a three-year period. The focus of the past three years has been on data analysis, stakeholder feedback, professional development for staff and service providers, and enhanced opportunities for youth of color. Power point presentation was provided to the council.

Evidence Based Decision Making Policy Team

Law Enforcement Opioid grant - job postings are out for the data specialist within the Criminal Justice Services Dept. and the deflection case manager within the Department of Human Services. The team is also creating a RFP proposal for the Peer Specialist work that will take place through the fiscal support of this grant and monitored within the Department of Human Services.

Treatment Court – Tabled



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Program Updates

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Set Agenda for Future Meetings

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EBDM

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Steidl
Committee Clerk