



Minutes

Eau Claire County

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Full Council

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 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, Dave Riewestahl, Dana Brown, Mike Felton, Susan Schaffer, Sharon McIlquham, Elizabeth Giese, Kathryn Schauf, Nancy Coffey, Kelly Mahoney, Connie Russell, Dana Smetana, Mike Sommer, Dr. Amber Wilson

Others present: Brianna Albers, David Hirsch, Christie Knutson,

Members Absent: Ryan Raymond, Peter Rindal, Matt Rokus, Angela Weideman

Others remote: Billie Hufford, Renee Sommer, Sam Fristed

Staff: Tiana Glenna, Crystal Ruzicka, Cathryn Steidl

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judge Schumacher at 7:00.

Call of the Roll

Roll was taken and is listed above.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Full Council meeting minutes from December 20, 2023

Kathryn Schauf moved to approve the minutes from December 20, 2023 and seconded by Mike Felton. No deletions, corrections, or additions. All in favor of approving the minutes from December 20, 2023.

Operational Updates.

None.



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System Updates

Data Dashboard

The public-facing dashboards have been launched. Notable Trends section was created and will be updated quarterly.

The public safety assessment dashboard (merge of Spillman and CCAP data) has been completed. If there is a data point you are questioning, let Tiana know.

CJCC goals

- Reached out to UW Extension about a strategic planning session for 2024.
- Update the systems map
- Mental Health/First Aid Training.

Opioid Task Force

David Hirsch presented about the Opioid Settlement Task Force. It was started in Jan 2022 to develop a framework for distributing funds from the opioid settlement. Estimated to be up to \$137,000 per year. More funding may come to the county based on continued settlements.

The most important areas to address are harm reduction and peer support.

Recommended projects were proposed to the County Board and approved

- Narcan and test strips.
- Peer support training

Crime Prevention Fund

Concerns were discussed for charging this fee. Clerk of Courts stated collection of fee will take time.

Sheriff Riewestahl reported 5 counties have a crime prevention fund. Many others are looking into it.

Dunn County has about \$6000 in their fund and have been operating for more than 3 years.

The statute requires that it is a \$20 fee per conviction on a felony or a misdemeanor.

Concerns:

- Adding another cost to a conviction. Current costs and surcharges: \$443 for misdemeanor and \$518 for felony.
- Underlying Equity: An anonymous reporting system might bring an unconscious bias to what we hear about crimes in the community.



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What are some other options to support Crime Stoppers if the CJCC feels it is of value? Dr. Amber Wilson looked at research about fines/fees and success on probation/parole/future arrests. Research is mixed. Some studies show an increase in fees increases the risk of failure. Other research shows no association.

The data specialist will work to collect data from Crime Stoppers on the anonymous calls to Call Center and Crime Stoppers and outcomes. What is the percentage of outcomes that are closed versus an arrest or citation?

Standing Committee Updates

Committees will report next month.

Program Updates

Law Enforcement Opioid Grant

Hiring a data specialist in CJS (Michael Brooks), a case manager in DHS (Libby Richter), and a RFP for a peer support company.

Eggs and Issues presentation: Importance of prevention before a person gets into the criminal justice system. Same presentation at the County Board meeting in April.

Set Agenda for Future Meetings

Data specialist present on calls to Call Center and Crime Stoppers and the outcomes.

Action on Crime Prevention Fund

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Steidl
Committee Clerk



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