



## Minutes

Eau Claire County  
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Full Council

Tuesday, April 9, 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 (remote), Connie Russell, Dana Smetana, Mike Sommer, Dr. Amber Wilson, Ryan Raymond, Peter Rindal

**Others present:** Brianna Albers, Christie Knutson, Nick Smiar, Luke Fedie, Libby Richter, Emilie Nichols

**Members Absent:** Angela Weideman, Matt Rokus

**Others remote:** Dan Bresina, Lynn Buske, Dallas Crawford, Renee Sommer, Sam Fristed

**Staff:** Mikey Brooks, Crystal Ruzicka, Cathy 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.

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Judge Schumacher announced his retirement for August 2024.

Sharon McIlquham moved to have Judge Schumacher remain as Chairperson. Kathryn Schauf seconded the motion. All in favor of electing Judge Schumacher as Chairperson.

Sharon McIlquham moved to have Peter Rindal remain as Vice Chairperson. Nick Smiar seconded the motion. All in favor of electing Peter Rindal as Vice Chairperson.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Approval of Full Council Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024**

Nick Smiar moved to approve the minutes from February 13, 2024 and seconded by Susan Schaffer. No deletions, corrections, or additions. All in favor of approving the minutes from February 13, 2024.



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### **System Updates**

#### Data Dashboard

The DAGP dashboard is 95% done. The PSA (Public Safety) dashboard is complete. On the Jail dashboard, there is CCAP link that takes the user to the court case. All dashboards are scheduled to refresh automatically.

#### Jail Booking Remodel

Construction on 12 new jail cells is scheduled to start in October. This may have an impact on the 11:00 Intake Court.

### **Operational Updates**

#### Amending of the Bylaws

The Program Coordinator for Eau Claire County Restorative Justice Program changed to Community advocate provider in the ByLaws.

This gives others the opportunity to be included in providing programs.

Nick Smiar made a motion to approve the change in the ByLaws. All in favor of approving the amending of the Bylaws.

#### Discussion on appointment of public defenders

It remains difficult to find public defenders for some cases. If an attorney is appointed through the county, the county pays the lawyer. The county is not reimbursed. Judges are trying to avoid this by having the Judicial Assistant make a call to the lawyers again. Their calendars may have changed. This way the attorney is paid as a public defender.

### **Standing Committee Updates**

#### Opioid Task Force

The task force was designed to identify models of programming to address opioid issues. The CJCC should focus on what model works best that the task force identifies. Then embed it in the work done by CJCC.

We hope to hear connections between the Opioid Task Force and the Law Enforcement opioid deflection program.

### **Program Updates**

#### Treatment Court

Numbers are slowly increasing: 12 in Wed, 12 in Thur, and 4 in Veterans Court.

Anyone can refer anyone for treatment court. Most are self-referrals or referred by DOC-- need to be high risk and high need.



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#### Treatment Alternative Programming (TAP)

A grant through the state has helped support treatment court. In 2026, this grant will no longer help pay for treatment court. \$38,000 will need to be found to cover treatment courts. Brianna is looking for other grants – Treatment and Diversion (TAD) grant and a veteran specific grant.

#### Law Enforcement opioid deflection program

They are working on getting a strong foundation for the program.

### **Set Agenda for Future Meetings**

Crime Prevention Fund with data

Announcements

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Cathy Steidl*  
*Committee Clerk*