



MARATHON COUNTY

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, June, 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 am
Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Suzanne O'Neill	X	
Vice Chair Kurt Gibbs	X	
Lance Leonhard	X	
Matt Bootz	X	
Michelle Van Krey	X	
Chad Billeb	X	
Ben Bliven	X (designee Todd Baeten)	
Theresa Wetzsteon	X	
Kelly Schremp	X	
Kat Yanke	X	
Cati Denfeld-Quiros	X	
Vicki Tylka	X	
Christa Jensen	X	
Jane Graham Jennings	X	
Daniel Tyler		X
Yao Yang	X	
Liberty Heidmann	X	

Also present: Aaron Ruff, Amanda Ostrowski, Hannah Schommer, Laura Scudiere, Nikki Delatolas, Ruth Heinzl, Laura Yarie, Sandra LaDu, Lee Shipway and Jill Seetan.

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order Judge O'Neill at 8:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment (*not to exceed 15 minutes*)

No public comment is received.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 18, 2023, CJCC meeting

MOTION BY LEONHARD, SECOND BY GIBBS TO APPROVE THE MAY 18, 2023, CJCC MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Potential Council Action-

A. Facilitated Discussion Regarding usage of Opioid Settlement Funds- By Marathon County Health Department.

Discussion:

Group participates in process to determine recommendations for use of Opioid Settlement Funds. Reviewed and began work on selecting strategies.

Action:

None taken.

Follow Up:

Continuing Facilitated Discussion July 20, 2023, CJCC Meeting.

B. Transition of OWI/Alcohol Court

Discussion:

The OWI Court Team is in support of continuing an alcohol dependence court. The court would continue to operate under the NADCP model but would expand eligible offenses beyond OWI. Wetzsteon stated concerns regarding this target population. She feels there may not be enough high risk/high need individuals with alcohol dependence facing substantial incarceration time. She states that if the domestic violence population is considered for eligibility the Women's Community should be at the table.

Action:

None taken.

Follow Up:

None

5. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports –

- A.** Update on Defense Attorney Whitepaper: Judge O’Neill reviewed suggestions that came out of her meeting with local attorneys. Non-monetary suggestions included the idea of asking an attorney to take a case before appointing. Several attorneys stated they took themselves off the list due to not wanting to be automatically assigned and not have an option to decline. The group also suggested interim billing as cases can go on for a long time and a self-employed attorney would not get paid for long periods of time. Suggestions that would increase cost included pay for mileage and travel to take cases. Use of contracts with private bar attorneys, with agreed upon fee at the end of the year. Offer workspace with printer and phone, desk, lighting, and heat included. Recruit law school graduates with a bonus or assist with small business startup costs. Mentoring program for young attorneys.
- B.** 2023 CJCC Work Plan- Leonhard announces that the Executive CJCC has approved the 2023 Work Plan included in the meeting packet.

6. Adjournment

MOTION BY GIBBS, SECOND BY BILLEB TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:30 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.