



**MARATHON COUNTY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 am  
Human Resources Conference Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Members	Present	Absent
Judge Suzanne O’Neill (Chair)	X	
Board Chair Kurt Gibbs (Vice Chair)	X	
County Administrator Lance Leonhard	X	
Chief Deputy Billeb		X

**Staff Present:** Laura Yarie, Ruth Heinzl

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair O’Neill called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**2. Public Comment (not to exceed 15 minutes) - None.**

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 17, 2023, CJCC Executive meeting**

**MOTION BY LEONHARD; SECOND BY GIBBS TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 17, 2003, EXECUTIVE CJCC MEETING MINUTES.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion - None**

**5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action -**

**A.** Discussion and Drafting of the 2024 CJCC Work Plan.

**Discussion:**

Review of unfinished work from the 2023 plan. Judge O’Neill to present Defense Whitepaper to Public Safety yet this year. 2024 plan to include Phase II of Opioid funding and completion of a Justice Programs Dashboard for regular program reporting to the CJCC. Other work-plan ideas include restitution moving to the Clerk of Courts, review of discovery fees and continued improvement of case processing within the County.

**Action:**

Yarie and Leonhard to draft 2024 work plan for CJCC review.

**6. Operational functions required by bylaws, Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution -**

**A.** CJCC Membership

**Discussion:**

Leonhard mentions Daniel Tyler’s resignation and the need for a new community member. Yarie recommends a program graduate as a possible option. Also discussed Chief Grams lack of attendance, Judge O’Neill has reached out to him. Other suggestions for outlying law enforcement were discussed. Heinzl suggested someone from closer to the Marshfield Area. Laura to reach out to Kala Blasi to contact Tia regarding possible participation on the CJCC. Judge O’Neill to reach out to Chief Grams and additional participants who may be interested.

**B.** Evolution of the Deflection Program

**Discussion:**

Heinzl discusses current concerns with Deflection participants accessing treatment and the need for payment through the grant to happen after insurance has paid any portion covered. Leonhard to address this concern with North Central Health Care at his meeting on October 20, 2023.

**C.** Veteran’s Diversion

**Discussion:**

Heinzl mentions an opportunity to have individuals participate in the La Crosse County Veterans Court. The group questions the logistics of this and Heinzl states they are willing to come and present to the CJCC about their program. Heinzl to invite La Crosse Veteran’s Court to present at the November 16, 2023, CJCC meeting.

**D.** Discussion of potential items for the November 16, 2023, Marathon County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda, and potential recommendations for consideration.

**Discussion:**

Heinzl mentions a request by La Crosse County Veteran’s Court to present their program to the Marathon County CJCC in November. She will reach out to schedule. Heinzl would like to present regarding the Deflection Program and introduce the new Case Manager. Leonhard to finalize costing options for opioid mapping proposal in order to do a final review of the CJCC prior to forwarding it to Public Safety. Group discussion/feedback regarding 2024 workplan and next phase of Opioid Funding.

**7. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:**

**A.** Next meeting December 21, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., Employee Resources Conference Room. Members asked to bring agenda ideas for future discussion.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. by Judge O’Neill.