



**MARATHON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 18, 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	X
Matt Barnes	X (Todd Baeten)	
Theresa Wetzsteon	X (Kyle Mayo)	
Kelly Schremp	X	
Kat Yanke	X (Paige)	
Cati Denfeld-Quiros	X	
Vicki Tylka	X	
Christa Jensen	X	
Jane Graham Jennings	X	
Yao Yang		X
Kenneth Grams		X
Liberty Heidmann	X	

Also present: Jenna Flynn, Ruth Heinzl, Nikki Delatolas, Dana Buettner, Michal Schultz, Laura Yarie, Jeff Stefonek, Ann La Chapelle, Michael Huges, Stacey Morache, and Gayle Marshall.

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 received.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2023, CJCC meeting

MOTION BY GIBBS TO APPROVE, SECOND BY LEONHARD TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 16, 2023, CJCC MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Operational Functions Required by Bylaws – None

5. Operations Issues and Potential Council Action

A. Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding Cuts – Jane Graham Jennings / Anne La Chapelle

Discussion:

Presentation: Child Advocacy Center of North Central Wisconsin- Federal, State & Local Funding January 2024 (included in minutes). \$30 Million dollars in funding cuts to have devastating effects on the local Child Advocacy Center as well as Victim Witness in the District Attorney’s Office, Wausau P.D. Victim Resource Unit, Judicare, Women’s Community and DV Intervention Programs such as SAFE through Peaceful Solutions. Discussion regarding implications to local victim services including victim testimony. Discussion on letters of support for maintaining funding.

Action:

MOTION BY LEONHARD TO RECOMMEND THE COUNTY BOARD SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 877, SECOND BY GIBBS, MOTION CARRIED.

Follow Up:

Recommendation to be added to County Board agenda.

6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Potential Council Action - None

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Update on CJCC Opioid Funding Recommendations – Lance Leonhard

Discussion:

Leonhard reports the Health and Human Services Committee and Public Safety Committee met jointly to review the CJCC Opioid Funding Recommendations. They voted to approve and recommend \$50,000 be made available for a gap analysis to be completed. This will be voted on by the County Board next week and if approved the Health Department will seek out these services through RFP.

B. La Crosse County Veteran's Court Program Presentation – Kelsey Thompson

Discussion:

Due to a scheduling conflict this presentation was rescheduled to the March 21, 2023, meeting.

C. Diversion Program Presentation – Ruth Heinzl

Discussion:

Diversion Presentation attached. Explanation and defining of Deflection Program, Pre-Charge Diversion (Deferred Prosecution Agreements), Post-Charge Diversion (Deferred Entry of Judgement) and Diversion from Prison/Incarceration. Group discussion on the difficulty of tracking post program recidivism. Questions regarding individuals being offered more than one type of diversion including moving from pre to post options for the same offense. Questions regarding violent/victim crimes being diverted, but only with victim input.

D. Court Clearance Rates Data Visualization and Discussion – Michal Schultz

Discussion:

Data presentation attached. Presentation update on her work with ATTIC database upgrades, access to State Courts data and a desire to use data to develop meaningful local measures. Looking for feedback from the group as to what information is most helpful. Discussion regarding the availability of revocation information from the Department of Corrections relative to jail numbers and hot sheet information. Attorney Mayo discusses issues with case closing statistics being impacted by active warrants and diversion cases. Further investigation is needed to determine court actions that “stop the clock”. Concerns with those sentenced after revocation sitting longer than they would have been sentenced. Discussion on DOC data systems, bringing Michal up to speed on available data and questioning her ability to have access.

8. Adjournment

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