



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

AMENDED AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 am**

Meeting Location: **Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Council Members: Chair Suzanne O’Neill, Vice Chair Kurt Gibbs, Lance Leonhard, Matt Bootz, Michelle Van Krey Chad Billeb, Ben Bliven, Theresa Wetzsteon, Kelly Schremp, Kat Yanke, Cati Denfeld-Quiros, Vicki Tylka, Jane Graham Jennings, Kenneth Grams, Yao Yang, Daniel Tyler, Liberty Heidmann.

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business. (Last updated: 12-20-05)*

Council Mission Statement: *To improve the administration of justice and promote public safety through community collaboration, planning, research, education, and systemwide coordination of criminal justice initiatives.*

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Public Comment** (*not to exceed 15 minutes*)
3. **Approval of the January 19, 2023, CJCC Meeting Minutes**
4. **Operational functions required by bylaws.**
5. **Operations Issues**
6. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Potential Council Action**
 - A. Review of 2022 CJCC work – Drafting of 2023 Work Plans
 - B. **Review of draft Charter regarding work to develop recommendations to the County Board relative to utilization of Opioid Settlement funds**
7. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Report**
 - A. Update on Opioid Funds discussion by County Board Executive Committee- Gibbs
 - B. Update on OWI Court – Yarie
 - C. Update on Justice Programs RFP process-Yarie

8. **Adjournment**

**Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation to participate should call the County Clerk's Office at 261-1500 or e-mail countyclerk@co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting*

SIGNED: /s/, Judge Suzanne O’Neill
Presiding Officer or Designee

EMAILED TO: Wausau Daily Herald, City Pages, and other Media Groups

EMAILED BY: Toshia Ranallo

DATE & TIME: 03/13/2023 at 11:30 am

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE

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MARATHON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

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Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Suzanne O'Neill	X	
Vice Chair Kurt Gibbs	X	
Lance Leonhard	X	
Matt Bootz	X (Craig McEwen)	
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	
Social Services Director	VACANT	
Jane Graham Jennings		X
Daniel Tyler	X	
Yao Yang	X	
Liberty Heidmann	X	

Also present: Ruth Heinzl, Nikki Delatolas, Laura Yarie,

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 November 17, 2022, CJCC meeting

MOTION BY GIBBS, SECOND BY HEIDMANN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2022, CJCC MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Operational functions required by bylaws – None

5. Operations Issues

- A. Defense Attorney Whitepaper-** Judge O'Neill reports that she will be leading the development of a recommendation whitepaper strategizing solutions regarding the lack of defense attorneys locally. The goal would be to have this completed by the end of the year. She is requesting assistance from Yanke and Wetzsteon on this project and will keep the CJCC updated on the progress of this project.
- B. Opioid Funding Work Group-** Yarie reports that she has been assigned to gather information regarding use of settlement funds and assist with structuring a group process to make recommendations to the board regarding the use of funds. Yarie reports that her findings indicate that other counties have created official task forces to accomplish this. She mentions Eau Claire County as one that prepared official recommendations within their county. Yarie states that funds must be used for purposes outlined in the settlement only and detailed tracking of expenditures must be reported on a yearly basis. Heinzl suggests using existing High Utilizer Group for this purpose and stresses frustration with leaving funds unused. Group discussed including Veteran Services and the Health Department in the discussion. Gibbs discusses a statewide focus and WCA meetings, he mentions media campaigns and

school literature and the importance of a statewide perspective. He reports that the funds are spread over 18 years, and we must have a long-term approach. Gibbs states there is another settlement coming with an even more significant amount of dollars. Leonhard states the need to engage the County Board in the discussion as they will ultimately decide how funds are spent. Gibbs recommends that this topic be moved to the Executive Committee of the County Board in order to discuss the development of a task force and next steps.

6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Potential Council Action-

A. Root Cause Analysis on Marathon County Arrests- Ruth Heinzl

Discussion:

Heinzl provides the group a handout titled "Arrest Analysis" (attached). She discusses the implementation of the proxy tool that assisted law enforcement with decisions regarding who to detain. She also discusses the COVID restrictions put into place at the jail regarding who would be detained. There was discussion about the inability to track and validate the proxy tool and the system developing a framework for detention decisions. Billeb notes that jail numbers are increasing again after a significant decline due to proxy and COVID protocols. Further evaluation is needed to determine if law violations are more severe, or if law enforcement is shifting back to old practices. While utilizing these practices it was determined that not bringing people to jail does not increase warrants for missed initial appearances. Heinzl reports the number of arrests are up but the severity of those offenses is unknown. Jail booking numbers and jail length of stay have also increased. It is unclear if stays are longer due to severity of offense or other factors. Probation holds have been ruled out as the issue. A deeper dive into the data is needed to understand the correlation between arrests, charges and individuals cited in to court. Are the substantial number of increased bookings the same individuals staying longer? Wetzsteon questions whether bail jumping charges are down and wonders if individuals having other open cases is causing an officer to arrest rather than cite. The group feels further investigation is needed on these data questions.

Action:

Law Enforcement and the District Attorney's Office will continue to research the issue in order to answer these questions.

Follow Up:

A discussion to follow at the local Chiefs meeting once questions are answered. Update to the CJCC in the future.

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Marathon County D.A. Theresa Wetzsteon – 2022 District Attorney of the Year.

Discussion:

Judge O'Neill and the group congratulate D.A. Wetzsteon on this award.

B. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity ACT (WIOA) Presentation – Nicky Lindman

Discussion:

Lindman reports that she recently began employment at Forward Services within the Job Service Center. Her office is in the former Graebel building by Peaceful Solutions counseling. She states that the Job Center has not had individuals coming for services as they had before the move from Grand Avenue office and notes this may also be due to COVID and moving away from in person services. She reports that individuals are not regularly referred from Probation and Parole, and they are missing out on services and funding through WIOA. She requested to present to the CJCC to improve communication on what resources are available in order to improve collaboration within the community. Lindman states her program focuses on getting good paying jobs that support families, not just a job. They can provide funding for schooling; job training and they focus on employment barriers of all kinds. She mentioned recently assisting a single mom with tuition, books, scrubs, mileage and childcare. The program can assist with any barriers including housing and transportation. Lindman reports she works with individuals whose resume may be getting ignored due to lack of experience or criminal history. They offer paid for

work internships for young adults aged 16-24 where Forward Services pays the employee salary for up to 300 hours while a company gives them a trial hiring. There is also an opportunity for individuals over the age of 18 to have 50 % of wages reimbursed to an employer willing to hire them. Forward Services also offers fidelity bonding for the individuals where the employer can be reimbursed up to \$5000 for theft or other issues brought on by the hiring of an individual in the program. Lindman discusses on ongoing issue with individuals losing benefits when going to work, but not making enough to have a reasonable standard of living. She also mentions those that fear garnishments and losing benefits if working. She feels the community needs to better collaborate to improve employment and stabilization in people's lives. Lindman offers to provide presentations to agencies upon request.

C Public Defender Project Position: - Kat Yanke

Discussion:

Yanke reports that a staff member from the Public Defender's office has been working at the courthouse two days per week on Wednesday and Thursday from 2-3:30. This is a project position to assist with screening defendants for eligibility for services. She reports that numbers screened have not been as high as they could be and asks for the branches and clerks office to remind individuals screenings can take place in the conference room by the clerks' window. Wetzsteon questions if security can escort them there after they sign their bond. It is mentioned that groups are brought over together, and this may not work well for the individual screenings. There is discussion about possible solutions including staff reminders, posting signs, and marking arrows to the room.

D. Update from NCHC Managing Director of Community Programs – Vicki Tylka

Discussion:

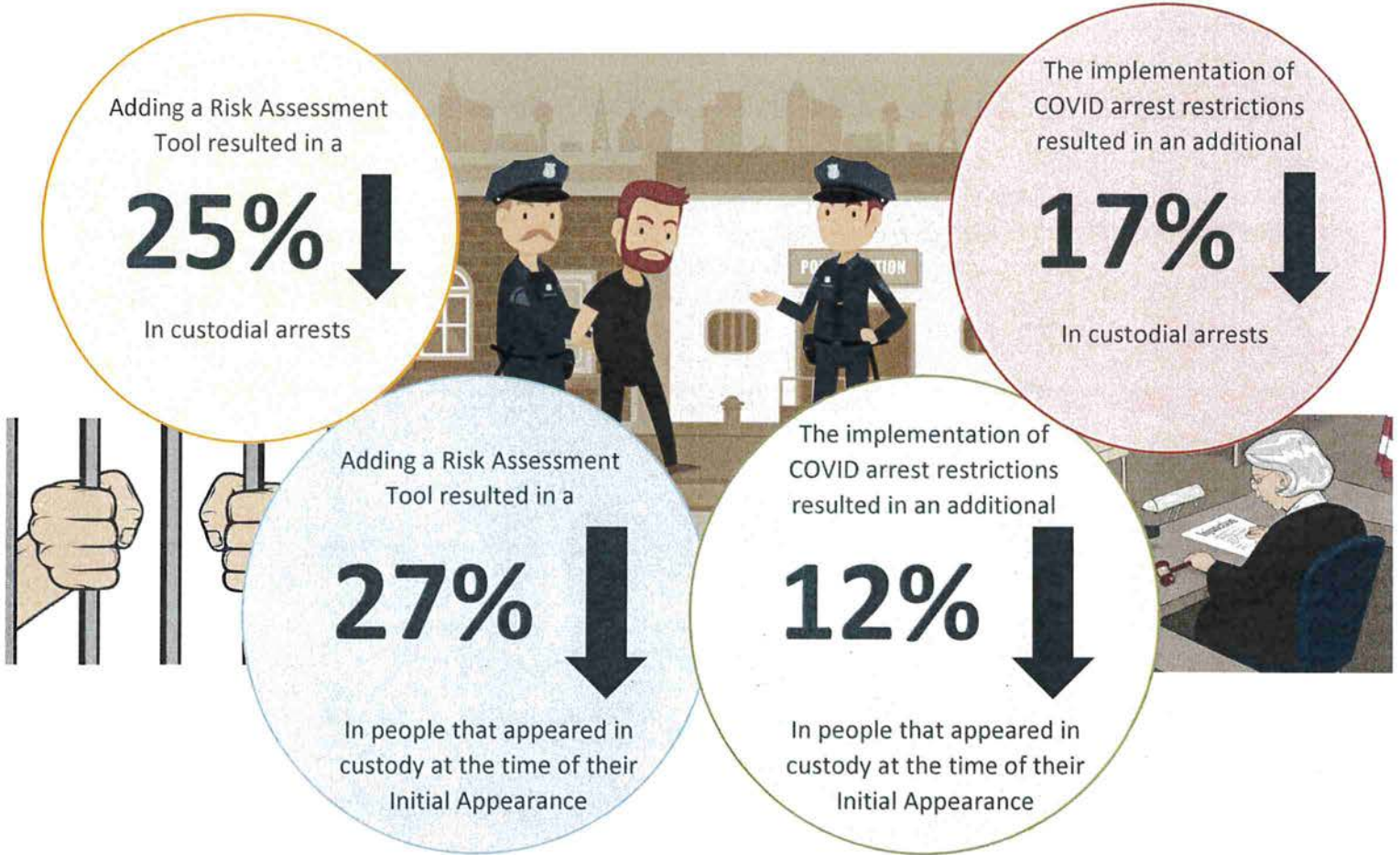
Tylka introduces herself as the new Managing Director of Community Programs at NCHC. She distributes a handout titled "North Central Health Care Desired Future State" (attached). Tylka praises the hard-working staff she has encountered since starting her position and acknowledges the amount of learning she has ahead. Tylka states she is confident the newly aligned leadership team will be successful in reaching their goals. She indicates that she will be meeting with many other departments and organizations to focus on the work ahead.

8. Adjournment

MOTION BY BILLEB, SECOND BY WETZSTEON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:20 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.

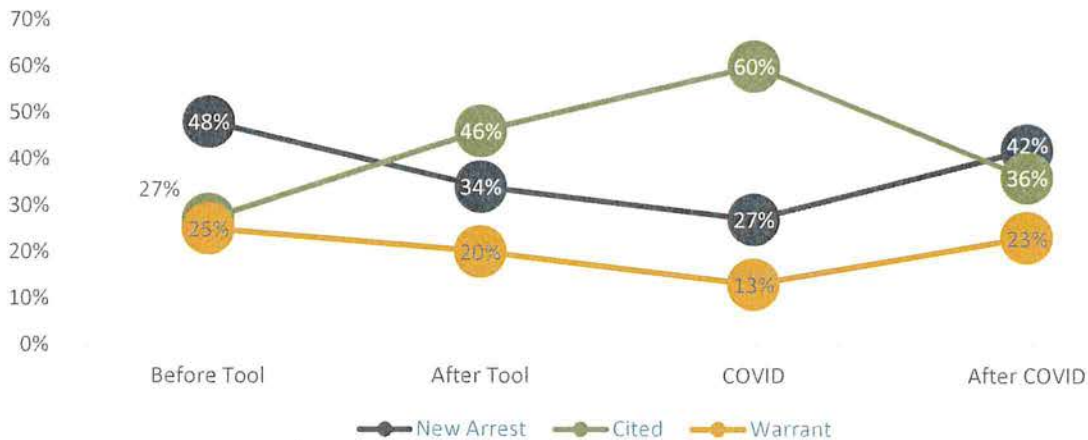
Arrest Analysis

This study was conducted through John Hopkins University where it reviewed Marathon County data from January 2018 through September 2022 in order to assess how arrest rates were influenced by the use of a risk tool in determining arrest as well as how COVID policy changes subsequently influenced arrest.



The current daily average of custodial arrests is the same as it was after the implementation of the Risk Assessment Tool (p. 12). However, the average total number of people in custody at the time of their Initial Appearance is back to the same level as before the implementation of the Risk Assessment Tool (p. 13).

Arrest Type Over Time





North Central Health Care

DESIRED FUTURE STATE

Community Programs

North Central Health Care and Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade County Departments of Social Services work seamlessly together in delivering human services to vulnerable individuals in our communities. Inpatient services deliver treatment and stabilization to support individuals with an organizational priority focus on providing care and services in our communities.

- Target population: Behavioral health and AODA, child welfare, youth justice, adult protection and the criminal justice system.
- This positively impacts the work of our partners: Law enforcement, the courts, schools, and medical.
- Community focused services are the optimal models for successful outcomes for those we serve, are cost-effective, and are also in the best interest of all residents of our counties.



Title:	Opioid Taskforce
Description:	Determining the use of Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds
Date	3/2/23

A. Project Objective:

Explain the specific objectives of the project.

The purpose of this group is to determine a recommendation for how funding made available to Marathon County through the National Prescription Opioid Litigation should be used. The group will focus on identifying areas of need and allocating these resources to programs and initiatives that will have the greatest or most positive impact in addressing the opioid crisis in our local community. This recommendation will be presented to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors by members of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, including Council Chair Judge Suzanne O'Neill.

B. Project Scope

Describe the scope of the project. The project scope establishes the boundaries of the project. It identifies the limits of the project and defines the deliverables.

Marathon County Health Department will provide a group process facilitation experience for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. This Council has representatives from law enforcement, human services, public health, the justice system, and the community. The CJCC will participate in a decision-making model that will assist with authoring a proposal on how the funding can be used. MCHD will be using the Results Based Accountability framework to structure conversations, as well as the document titled 'Exhibit E.'

List any requirements that are specifically excluded from the scope.

The group will meet for three sessions at the normal CJCC meeting times, which is every other month, for 1.5 hours. Taskforce discussions will be facilitated by Marathon County Health Department staff, who will use an evidenced-based decision-making process.

C. Timeline

Date	Deliverable(s)
March 16, 2023	Director of Community Health Improvement for Marathon County Health Department will share the project charter, timeline, and RBA framework with members of the CJCC.
April 20, 2023	Health Educators facilitate the crafting of the Result and selecting the Indicator(s).
May 18, 2023	Health Educators facilitate the evaluation of Strategies from 'Exhibit E' document by completing the Driving Factor Matrix.

August 20, 2023	Health Educators facilitate the refining of Strategies, determining timeline and organization responsible for implementing the Strategy(ies).
September 2023	Chair of CJCC presents recommended Strategy(ies) to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors.
October 2023	Health Educators works with County Administrator to identify Performance Measures for Strategies.

D. Success Measurements

Identify metric and target you are trying to achieve as a result of this project.

<p>Success would be demonstrated with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group has a result and indicator identified. • Strategy for use of funds has been determined using evidenced-based decision making • A recommendation to the Marathon County Board of Supervisors for approval on use of the funds is presented by September 2023.

OPTION 2 – for timeline