



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, September 19, 2024, 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, Brent Jacobson, Chad Billeb, Matt Barnes, Theresa Wetzsteon, Kelly Schremp, Kat Yanke, Matt Bores, Gary Olsen, Christa Jensen, Jane Graham Jennings, Ron Glaman, Yauo Yang, Liberty Heidmann, Elizabeth Walter.

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 July 18, 2024, CJCC Meeting Minutes**
4. **Operational functions required by bylaws**
5. **Operations Issues**
 - A. **Update on discussions at Public Safety relative to Treatment Courts and opportunity for CJCC to offer a recommendation for consideration.**
6. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Potential Council Action**
7. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Report**
 - A. **Update on Jail MAT Program – Sheriff Billeb**
 - B. **District Attorney’s Office Updates – DA Wetzsteon**
 - C. **State Public Defender’s Office Update – Kat Yanke**
 - D. **Update on the Joint City of Wausau/Marathon County Homelessness Task Force - Administrator Leonhard**

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

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MARATHON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 am
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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	
Christa Jensen	X	
Chad Billeb	X	
Matt Barnes		X
Theresa Wetzsteon	X	
Kelly Schremp	X	
Kat Yanke	X	
Matt Bores	X (C. Owen designee)	
Vicki Tylka	X	
Elizabeth Walter	X	
Jane Graham Jennings	X	
Yauo Yang		X
Ron Glaman	X	
Liberty Heidmann	X	

Also present: Ruth Heinzl, Nikki Delatolas, Michal Schultz, Sandra LaDu

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair at 8:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment (not to exceed 15 minutes)

No public comment received.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2024, CJCC meeting

MOTION BY BILLEB TO APPROVE, SECOND BY LEONHARD TO APPROVE THE MAY 16, 2024, CJCC MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Operational Functions Required by Bylaws – None

5. Operational Issues

A. Action to Approve Continued 2025 TAD Funding – Lance Leonhard

Discussion: Leonhard provides a brief explanation of the reason for the action needed relative to acceptance of the TAD funding, highlighting the non-competitive nature of the funding allocation. District Attorney Wetzsteon clarifies that her office is not currently participating and wants to ensure that such participation is not required for continued receipt of TAD funding.

ACTION: MOTION BY BILLEB TO APPROVE, SECOND BY TYLKA TO APPROVE MARATHON COUNTY'S CONTINUED ACCEPTANCE OF TAD FUNDING FOR PURPOSES OF TREATMENT COURT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE MEET THE REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUED FUNDING. MOTION CARRIED.

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

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Informational Update on Veteran Programs Training

Discussion: Kolton Owen from DOC provides an update on the recent discussions that were held with CJCC members, highlighting the various resources that are available to veterans in need of assistance. DOC is continuing to gather information on veteran population for such a court in Marathon County, but he is also looking at surrounding counties. Initial review of population size indicates a population size of approximately 20 veterans under supervision within Marathon County. More information is being gathered. Additional reports will be provided as necessary.

B. Update on Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Project: Court Statistics – Michal Schultz

Discussion: Michal Schultz provides an update relative to efforts to deliver data regarding Marathon County's Court case processing, particularly through the use of data available via the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Program site. Moreover, Schultz explains the efforts to enhance the county's use of Key Performance Indicators in the annual budget presentation for programs across county departments. Questions were asked and answered. Feedback was received relative to the "Is anyone better off" measure. Specifically, it was noted that care should be taken to explain the particular measure being used and why it is better to have one result versus another. For example, it was noted that we need to explain on the site why a shorter disposition time is better than a longer one. Work to continue on this effort.

C. Update on Opioid Funding – Lance Leonhard

Discussion: Leonhard provides update, indicating that the consultants have begun the information gathering stage, including through conducting stakeholder interviews, and that the final report from the consultants should be completed by the end of October of 2024. Gibbs explains that a recent court decision regarding the ability of the settlement to limit personal liability of individual potential defendants may impact the settlement funds expected to be received in the future; however, that is unresolved at this time.

8. Adjournment

ACTING CHAIR GIBBS DECLARES THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47 A.M.

Charter for the Joint City of Wausau/Marathon County Homelessness Task Force

Mission Statement:

The Joint City of Wausau and Marathon County Government Homelessness Task Force is dedicated to developing a shared strategy relative to the role of the City of Wausau and Marathon County governments in addressing the impacts of homelessness in Wausau and more broadly in Marathon County. Its mission is to consider the holistic support needed by homeless individuals, particularly those with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs, and determine the specific, direct role for local governments, beyond our work in fostering collaboration among various stakeholders (e.g., the business community, local non-profits, and faith-based and community organizations).

Information Gathering Objectives:

Unhoused Population Demographic Assessment and Data Collection: receive a presentation from City of Wausau Outreach Specialist Tracy Reiger, and other identified individuals, relative to the demographics and needs of the homeless population in Marathon County, with a particular focus on understanding employment status/history, age, gender, justice-involved status, community of residence/origin, and other pertinent demographic data.

Shelter and Housing Availability Assessment: receive information relative to the shelter and housing (*i.e.*, emergency, transitional, and permanent) support resources available to the homeless community.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services: review the results of the continuum of care gaps analysis being conducted by Marathon County.

Other Community Experiences (Positive and Negative): solicit presentations related to the experiences of other communities, including the City of La Crosse and La Crosse County, particularly relative to pitfalls to avoid and lessons learned.

Other information as need: the taskforce is empowered to gather other information as needed.

Policy Recommendation Goals: The taskforce shall provide the following deliverables within the timeframes provided. Reports shall be provided in written form.

Short-Term (within 30 days)

- Provide a recommendation to the City of Wausau and Marathon County governments as to whether acquisition of the Annabelle apartments housing complex should be pursued to ensure its preservation as a transitional housing asset.

Intermediate Term (within 45 days)

- Provide a recommendation to the City of Wausau and Marathon County governments as to whether the demographic data gathered necessitates the development of a formal mechanism to engage surrounding municipalities relative to resource sharing.

Long-term (within 90 days)

- Provide recommendations relative to the specific roles of other local municipalities, particularly those surrounding municipalities and those that have transported unhoused

individuals to the City of Wausau to access services, in developing and implementing a sustainable system of services.

- Identify gaps in existing mental health and substance abuse treatment resources and make recommendations as appropriate relative to the needs of the homeless population in light of services available via non-governmental providers and the mandates and fiscal limitations of local governments.
- Engagement of the Business Community: Explore opportunities for businesses to contribute resources, expertise, and support to homelessness initiatives and report on findings.
- Support from Non-profits and Faith-Based Organizations: Report on the services provided by local non-profits and faith-based organizations relative to transitional housing, transportation, and other supportive services for homeless individuals. Identify opportunities to maximize the effectiveness of these initiatives and enhance comprehensive support for those in need.

Composition:

The task force shall consist of representatives from the following stakeholder groups:

- Elected Officials (two members of the Wausau City Council and two members of the Marathon County Board of Supervisors)
- Business community leader representative
- Local non-profit organizations serving the homeless population
- Faith-based organizations involved in homelessness initiatives
- Mental health and substance abuse treatment providers
- Government agencies responsible for behavioral health services, law enforcement, and housing
- Homeless population advocate

Leadership:

The task force shall be Co-Chaired by one member of the City Council and one County Board, identified by the respective appointing official for each body. The Co-Chairs are responsible for facilitating meetings, coordinating activities, and representing the task force to external stakeholders.

Reporting and Accountability:

Progress reports shall be submitted to relevant government agencies no less than as provided above. The task force shall operate transparently, with decisions made through consensus-building and collaboration among members.

Duration:

The Marathon County Homelessness Task Force shall operate for an initial term of one hundred (100) days, with the option for renewal based on ongoing needs and objectives.