



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, November 21, 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 September 19, 2024, CJCC Meeting Minutes**
4. **Operational functions required by bylaws**
5. **Operations Issues**
 - A. Development of an Opioid Settlement Funding Disbursement Work Group – Lance Leonhard
https://www.youtube.com/live/Uxnx_TSY74I?si=EjOWDbo8HTIp6ZN1&t=971 (starts at 16:11)
6. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Potential Council Action**
7. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Report**
 - A. Presentation on Media Campaign and Deflection Program Update – Ruth Heinzl
 - B. NCHC Program Updates Including IOP and Day Treatment – Vicki Tylka
 - C. District Attorney’s Office Updates – DA Wetzsteon
 - D. State Public Defender’s Office Update – Kat Yanke
 - E. Committee for Crisis Urgent Care Observation Facilities – Sheriff Billeb
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

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MARATHON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 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	
Vicki Tylka	X	
Elizabeth Walter		X
Jane Graham Jennings	X	
Yauo Yang		X
Ron Glaman		X
Liberty Heidmann		X

Also present: Stacey Morache, Todd Baeten, Ashley Drexler, Michael Hughes, Hannah Runde, Michal Schultz, Laura Yarie

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair 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 July 18, 2024, CJCC meeting

MOTION BY GIBBS TO APPROVE, SECOND BY BILLEB TO APPROVE THE JULY 18, 2024, CJCC MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Operational Functions Required by Bylaws – None

5. Operational Issues

A. Update on Discussions at Public Safety relative to Treatment Courts and Opportunity for CJCC to Offer a Recommendation for Consideration.

Discussion: Judge O'Neill provides a review of the recent Public Safety meeting discussion regarding OWI Court and law changes. She reviews the efforts to establish a new court population including discussions on Alcohol Court, Family Court, Veteran's Court and DEOJ Court. She states that the stakeholders have been unable to agree on a population. Most recently focus has been on a gender specific court. Sheriff Billeb recommends a motion to continue to support treatment courts and if funding is unused, it can be diverted to address MAT services and treatment within the jail. Gibbs discusses support nationwide for treatment courts and that cutting funding would put us behind the curve on dealing with substance abuse issues. DA Wetzsteon agrees treatment courts have a place in the justice system, but states that programs not run correctly are a liability. She states her position regarding concerns for public safety and asserts that the program must run with public safety in mind, including the specific populations being served and the process relative to identifying a new target population. Questions are asked relative to the ability to retrieve funding if funding is diverted from the courts in 2025. Leonhard provides an overview of the budget process. Chief

Barnes states he supports the concept of Treatment Courts and agrees there should be transparency regarding the costs and outcomes of the program. He states his support for the Marathon County Drug Court and continues to work toward perfection. DA Wetzsteon asks about the process related to unused funds. Leonhard explains that unused funds are returned to the general fund at the end of the year, as opposed to rolling over into the same program the following year. Billeb mentions that MAT must be done with support. Wetzsteon states she supports the treatment concept and wants clarity on reporting program issues. Gibbs discusses getting away from silos and looking at the impacts on programs in other departments. Yarie requests directions on data the committee would like to see ongoing. Billeb offers to set up a meeting to discuss what would be most meaningful. Bootz states that NACO continues to promote treatment courts.

ACTION: MOTION BY BILLEB, SECOND BY BOOTZ, THAT THE CJCC RECOMMEND TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR TREATMENT COURTS WITH ANY UNUSED FUNDS TO REMAIN IN THE BUDGET TO SUPPORT JAIL TREATMENT PROGRAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Update on Jail MAT Program – Sheriff Billeb

Discussion: *Sheriff* Billeb discusses the new requirements of jails to continue MAT for anyone who comes to jail currently on a form of MAT. He states that future grant funds will require all inmates with SUD present must be offered MAT services. These new requirements have led to discussions about adding an additional jail social worker position. He notes that even after grant funding stops, Marathon County will still be responsible for these requirements and increased costs. Billeb further states that he suspects the opioid funding recommendations may present this as an issue for priority. Yarie further states that people leaving the jail on MAT need supportive services to ensure the investment on MAT in the jail is not lost when the individual returns to the community. Billeb agrees that the jail no longer has an obligation when someone leaves.

B. District Attorney Office Updates – DA Wetzsteon

Discussion: Topic tabled until next meeting.

C. State Public Defender’s Office Update – Attorney Manager Yanke

Discussion: Topic tabled until next meeting.

D. Update on the Joint City of Wausau/Marathon County Homelessness Task Force – Administrator Leonhard

Discussion: Leonhard gives a quick update on the task force partnership and the focus of the group.

8. Adjournment

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