



**MARATHON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022, 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 (designee Mike Moran)	
Vice Chair Kurt Gibbs		X
Lance Leonhard	X	
Matt Bootz		X
Michelle Van Krey	X	
Scott Parks		X
Ben Bliven		X
Theresa Wetzsteon	X	
Kelly Schremp	X	
Kat Yanke	X (designee Kate Drury)	
Cati Denfeld-Quiros	X	
Vicki Tylka	X	
Mort McBain		X
Jane Graham Jennings	X	
Daniel Tyler	X	
Yauo Yang		X
Liberty Heidmann	X	

Also present: Jill Geoffroy, Sandra LaDu, Becky Bogen, Christa Jensen, Michelle Gleason, Jon Tomski, Ashley Bores, Laura Yarie and Ruth Heinzl

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge Moran 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 March 17, 2022, CJCC meeting

**Motion to Approve the March 17, 2022, CJCC meeting minutes, by Leonhard, second by Schremp.
Motion Carried.**

4. Operational functions required by bylaws – None

5. Operations Issues

A. Pretrial Compliance and Violation Response

Discussion: Yarie presented that pretrial case managers are once again nearing capacity due to the high number of referrals to pretrial versus the cases reaching disposition. The pretrial program has concerns about cases where defendants are not in compliance with the bond condition to report to ATTIC for pretrial supervision. Defendants that have never reported as directed upon release. Bond violations are being sent and uploaded into the court file and there have been cases where no action is taken, or warrant issued. Those defendants are in court again and continue to fail to report without sanction. Case managers intend to email and upload discharge warnings for these individuals. Too much case management time is being sent tracking these individuals and sending repeat violation notices. Members discussed this proposal and felt it would work if notice were given before discharge.

Action: None

Follow Up:

None necessary.

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

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Truancy Presentation – (Jon Tomsk, Wausau School District)

Discussion: The Marathon County Truancy Committee meets quarterly and is chaired by the Wausau School District. Truancy Court in Marathon County has operated since 1997 and has not run since March 2020. In Jan 2022 meetings involving Judges, school personnel and Social Services staff began meeting to revise the program and address concerns. Concerns with program operations in the past included too many students in court, lack of consistency between schools involving when to refer, lack of the familiarity with students due to numbers and rotating of Judges, and lack of proactive solutions in court. A subcommittee formed with Becky Bogen, Judge O’Neill, United Way staff and school personnel. The goal was to revamp the program to address previous concerns. The group developed a structured level response to truancy within the schools prior to referral. A new screening was implemented, and an Attendance Correction Committee developed. This committee will consist of 3-5 community members that will talk with students prior to citing students to court for truancy. Incentives such as Gatorade may be offered through the United Way. This Committee would interact with all students and if not effective in resolving the issue, then refer the student. This Committee would continue to work with referred students and assist with review hearings, request sanctions when necessary and make recommendations regarding release from Truancy Court. Sanctions and services the court may enforce could include AODA and mental health evaluations, counseling, Intensive Supervision through Mirror Images and after school homework. Only two Judges would rotate in Truancy Court and all schools would be given the model. The Committee model has been shown to reduce truancy in 60% of participants.

B. Update from Sheriff’s Office on Pre-Arrest Diversion Program

Discussion: Billeb stated that the Sheriff’s Office received a Public Health Services Grant to begin a pre-arrest diversion program. The program is designed to keep individuals out of the court system. The plan is to partner with Wausau PD. A recovery coach will be hired for case management. He anticipates this starting within the next month or two and will serve those not already in the system. There was some discussion of the types of cases that would be appropriate. Hager House was announced as a new community resource in Wausau. The program serves single mothers.

C. Update from Sheriff’s Office on CIT Training

Discussion: Billeb reports that Crisis Intervention Team training (CIT) is continuing, and Lincoln County has become involved. He stated 300-400 have already been trained locally. This training was an EBDM goal. He estimates 80% of Wausau Officers and 60-80% Sheriff’s deputies have been trained in the Memphis Model.

D. Update from Sheriff’s Office on Superior Interface

Discussion: Billeb reports that the Superior records management system interface to Protect in the DA’s office is complete. Wetzsteon reports that the ability to push records over electronically could save 40 hours per week of work for the DA’s office. She further stated that it will lessen data entry errors and help with scheduling of officers for trials. Athens, Edgar and Marathon City are not on the system. Billeb points out that the lifecycle of this records management system is only another 4-5 years. Leonhard stated the County needs to be strategic with the selection and implementation of the next system, working with the DA and IT along the way.

E. Non-Citizen Driver Education Program Update – Ruth Heinzl

Discussion: Heinzl has been communicating with the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) Director to discuss what is currently being done with the refugee population and driver’s education. There is hope this agency along with the Wausau PD could assist other non-citizen community members. Study guides in various other languages would be helpful. Drury stated concern regarding the non-citizen being fearful to participate with their legal status and interacting with government services. A suggestion was made to involve H2N of Wausau and Tony Gonzalez to get the message out that it would be safe to participate as well as housing the program at a multicultural center. The local DOC office also mentioned

involving bilingual agents and officers. Heinzl hope participants could receive a certificate of completion showing they completed the training.

F. State Public Defender Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Training Opportunity- Kate Drury

Discussion: Kate Drury from the State Public Defender's office made the council aware of a grant funded training through the Public Defender's Office: Multi-Disciplinary Training on the Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings. It is a free training for individuals working in the Juvenile Justice System, including a handbook for participants. The training will be held in Wausau, the tentative date being October 20th, 2022, from 8:30-11:30am.

8. Adjournment

Motion Leonhard, second Tylka. Motion to Adjourn – carried. 9:30 a.m.

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