



**MARATHON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 am
Assembly Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Members	Present	Absent
Judge Suzanne O'Neill (Chair)	X	
Board Chair Kurt Gibbs (Vice Chair)		X
County Administrator Lance Leonhard	X	
Chief Deputy Billeb	X	

Also present: Theresa Wetzsteon, Ruth Heinzl, and 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) - None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 20, 2022, CJCC Executive meeting- MOTION BY BILLEB, SECOND BY LEONHARD TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 20, 2022, EXECUTIVE CJCC MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

- A.** Administrator Leonhard announces that Marathon County D.A. Theresa Wetzsteon was selected as 2022 District Attorney of the Year. This will be recognized again at the full CJCC meeting in January.
- B.** Ruth Heinzl presents her findings regarding the Root Causes of Arrests Analysis within Marathon County (paper attached). The group discussed various data presented within the report. The discussion focused on the increase in arrest warrants and how to identify which populations are accounting for this increase. Is FTA for sure the cause of this increase or could it be affected by child support, DNA, Probation or other types of warrants not related to FTA. The group discussed utilizing PSA data to further evaluate this question. It was further discussed that out of custody defendants that do not get the PSA may also be receiving increased warrants due to a variety of factors including slower case processing. DA Wetzsteon requested assistance with onboarding new Attorney's within her office. Yarie offered a video created during implementation.

5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action - None

6. Operational functions required by bylaws, Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution

- A. Discussion of potential items for the January 19th, 2022, Marathon County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda, and potential recommendations for consideration.**

Discussion:

The group agrees to have Heinzl present on her findings to the full CJCC. The focus will be findings and next steps. The CJCC will be provided the full paper as well as a short summary of findings. Suggestion by Leonhard to have Attorney Manager Yanke speak about the availability of Public Defender Project Position twice a week at the courthouse as well as Billeb updating regarding IPADS for use in facilitating attorney visits. The group discussed the importance of implementing measures that can show the outcome of providing this staff time as well as added virtual access in the jail. The need to be more mindful of system changes and outcomes was discussed. Yarie reports a request to present on the WIOA Program by Forward Services. This program serves individuals with barriers to employment and can help with training and schooling. Leonhard asks Yarie to oversee Opioid Funding workgroup and draw from ideas other counties have decided on is relevant. The group discusses the defense attorney whitepaper and who would be best to lead this group. Yarie suggests a survey to be sent to the private defense bar. O'Neill questioned the feasibility of using the vacant law office for treatment court alumni meetings.

Action taken: None

Follow up:

Forward Service Corporation to be invited to the January CJCC to talk about the WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Program. Heinzl to prepare and present findings to the CJCC in January from her paper as well as possible next steps on where to focus continued data collection and evaluation. Judge O'Neill to appoint Judge Corbett to work on the Defense Attorney Shortage Whitepaper. Yarie to gather ideas from other counties for spending of Opioid dollars and assemble a group to begin looking at this. Yanke and Billeb to give an update on PD access.

7. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:

A. Next meeting February 16th, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., Courthouse Assembly Room. Members asked to bring possible agenda ideas for future discussion.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. by Judge O'Neill.