

	Minutes - Unapproved Criminal Justice Collaboration Council Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – 5:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting Link: https://wicourts.zoom.us/j/87643439236?pwd=VWxOdEh6WU9OQlVORDVhY3pHTTVtdz09 Meeting ID: 876 4343 9236 Passcode: 918995 Call-in no: 1-312-626-6799 Iowa County Courthouse – 2nd Floor Loft Room 222 North Iowa Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin
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<i>Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.</i>		
1	Call to order. Meeting called to order by Matt Allen at 5:02pm	
2	Roll call. Members Present: Jim Droste (via Zoom), Zach Leigh (via Zoom), Ian Mickelson (Zoom), Sheriff Mike Peterson, Jennifer King, Kim Allen, Judge Matt Allen Members Missing: Ryan Bohnsack, Curt Johnson, Jeff Lockhart Others Present: Melissa Peterson	
3	Approve agenda for February 28, 2023. – Kim Allen moved to approve. King seconded. Agenda approved unanimously.	
4	Approve minutes from CJCC meeting held November 22, 2022. – Mickelson approved. Leigh seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.	
5	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. No reports.	
6	Report on Iowa County drug and OWI treatment courts. - Program referral, admission, and discharge history - Treatment Alternatives and Diversion 2023 grant award Table included with agenda packet was prepared by Melissa Peterson. There is roughly a 50% graduation rate in both programs. Admission rates have decreased in the OWI program, likely due to sentencing changes in the law requiring mandatory prison time for fifth and sixth offenders. There is an opportunity for them to enter into program after their mandatory 12 month sentence. Fourth offenses are the ideal entry point into the program. Violent offenders are not eligible, some candidates are not sufficiently high-risk or high-need to qualify for participation (based on COMPASS assessment that identifies criminogenic risk and substance use evaluation conducted by Unified Community Services), and some eligible candidates simply decline to participate. A question was raised about the recidivism rate after the program. Qualitatively, the treatment court team is working to improve post-program recidivism by adjusting the after-care programming to make it more tailored to individual participants. Expanding in-program mental health services may also help prevent recidivism. The Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program tracks program data through the CORE reporting system. They also offer a grant that has funded the Drug Treatment Program; we will be in a non-competitive grant cycle for the next four years, with grant applications submitted annually by the county.	

	Mike Peterson and Melissa Peterson pointed out the high contact levels within the program. Participants are developing relationships which help to change their mindset regarding the criminal justice system being there to help them. Unified Community Services has experienced turnover in their staffing which has made mental health services a bit harder to find, but they are currently filling positions. Data shows there is one mental health care provider for every 1,300 individuals in Iowa County.
7	Wisconsin COSSAP Deflection Initiative and Medically Assisted Treatment funding opportunity. This came from the Wisconsin DOJ for grant funding to expand medically assisted treatment programming. It is geared toward lower-level, non-violent offenders. DOJ would apply and then make it available to counties in Wisconsin. It would increase access to medications that would help with treatment with certain substance use disorders (including opioids). They would like to see what our interest is, with the program starting in late 2023/early 2024. Committee was in agreement that this was something that we should pursue; Judge Allen will inform DOJ of our County's interest in the funding opportunity
8	Legal assistance for unrepresented parties in the court system. In general, there are a lot of individuals coming into the court system without representation, and the committee discussed options for expanding access to legal representation, particularly those who cannot afford it. Richland County has a system set-up where someone is available for a few hours to help participants with legal paperwork. Iowa County tries to be helpful in providing forms; folks would benefit from lawyer assistance on how to complete those forms. Family Advocates does a good job of directing people how to move forward with actions for restraining orders. Judge Allen will check with the local bar association to see what might be available, but there may be concerns around insurance/liability. The sooner we can get people lined up with attorneys, the faster things will go. The public defenders are doing a good job with the public defender secretaries serving as the first point of contact with getting the process started. Those who do not qualify for a public defender and cannot afford an attorney may be appointed an attorney at county expense, but they are generally required to repay the cost of that attorney. For Spanish-speaking clients, a third-party language line with an interpreter is available for defendants. Tim Angel is a bilingual attorney and it would be helpful to increase bilingual attorneys available in the future. An extra sheet in their summons paperwork with information about getting connected with an attorney would also be helpful. The state court website does offer many legal forms (family and criminal) in Spanish.
9	Set next meeting date and agenda items. The next meeting will be May 23rd, 2023 at 5:00PM.
10	Adjournment. Mike Peterson moved to adjourn. King seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.
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