



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### CJC-Community Court Advisory Subcommittee

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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

12:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County  
Building in Room 351; attend virtually via Zoom

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#### A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by PELLEBON at 12:15 pm.

REECE representing COOPER. BUIE representing KETCHAM.

- Present** 15 - DANA PELLEBON, JONATHAN TRIGGS, RON CHANCE, WESLEY SPARKMAN, ANTHONY COOPER, LINDA KETCHAM, EVELYN CRUZ, AMY BROWN, KIRBIE MACK, LISA BURRELL, ISMAEL OZANNE, SHANNON BLACKAMORE, CARMELLA GLENN, AARON HICKS, and TODD MEUER
- Excused** 4 - CATHERINE DORL, JOHN BAUMAN, MARIO WHITE, and CHARNICE ANDERSON

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023  
MIN-161](#)

Minutes of the June 6, 2023 CJC-Community Court Advisory subcommittee meeting.

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-161](#)

REECE spelled incorrectly in minutes.

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by MEUER, that the minutes be approved pending corrections.

#### C. Action Items

#### D. Presentations

## 1. VIDEO OF DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE COURT

<https://youtu.be/doOZESfyI4M>

*Question on details of how the Community Restorative Court (CRC) actually works, ie case processing, negotiation, and what happens on completion. Law enforcement agencies (half in the county have signed into agreement) and District Attorney's office can refer most misdemeanor charges with some exceptions. Question on if the forfeiture is the end result or part of the original charge. Question on which jurisdictions ordinance used to determine forfeiture charge.*

*Further detail regarding Community Restorative Court available at prior CJRI meeting. Discussion on repair harm agreement*

*Question on the role of discretion when referring cases to the CRC. Question regarding potential time limit on allowing victim to be involved in a case.*

*Discussion on outreach and participation of victims by District Attorney and CRC office staff. Victims have the option of participating in the CRC.*

*Question on capacity to refer and review cases to the CRC. Information requested on the number and demographics referred to and participating in the CRC.*

*Comment on City of Madison law enforcement agency's two tracks for diversion. Any 12-16 year olds that receive tickets are automatically placed into restorative justice process. Written information requested on two tracks provided in City of Madison program.*

*Bill currently progressing in Dane County Board of Supervisors to support two additional staff for the CRC.*

*Question on if the CRC conducts sessions in Spanish and other languages.*

## 2. EQUITABLE SYSTEMS DESIGN IN DIVERSION (SCHARRER)

[2023  
PRES-090](#)

## EQUITABLE SYSTEMS DESIGN IN DIVERSION

**Attachments:** [2023 PRES-090](#)

*Presentation on equitable systems design in diversion by Jonathan Scharer. Presentation topics include discretionary decision-makers, evidence of bias in diversion, how do we prevent bias in future restorative justice and diversion programs through intentional design.*

*Recommendation to create an oversight board for the Community Court in Dane County.*

*Comment on utility of risk assessment tools.*

*Request for completion and success rate for the Community Restorative Court by race and ethnicity. Question on staff make-up of the Community Restorative Court as it relates to cultural and linguistic needs.*

*Question on any groups and areas that work on restorative justice issues in and among early childhood and youth age groups.*

**This presentation was placed on file.**

### 3. DATA REVIEW (CORNELIUS)

[2023  
PRES-091](#)

## DANE COUNTY DATA FROM A SYSTEM LENS FOLLOW-UP

**Attachments:** [2023 PRES-091](#)

*Presentation on data from system lens follow-up by Tamarine Cornelius. Topics include a review of cases with only non-violent charges with findings being nearly identical in terms of greatest disparity; data on resisting or obstructing an officer offense presented; findings on the likelihood of associated charges with most disparate offenses; data on black/white disparity rate ratio of ten most common offenses; data on the share of defendants (17-35) with previous criminal case filed in prior three years across race.*

*Comment on understanding if previous charge on cases for defendants potentially eligible for the Community Court is violent and the racial disparity measures for these cases. Comment on five out of eight charges have associated bail jumping charges and the importance of understanding if the original charge is violent.*

*Question on why the possession of a firearm charge is so disparate. Recommendation to discuss the underlying reason for these disparities further.*

**This presentation was placed on file.**

### 4. AT-A-GLANCE REVIEW OF CJC-CCA WORK PLAN (CLARK-BERNHARDT)

[2023  
PRES-092](#)

COMMUNITY JUSTICE COUNCIL-COMMUNITY COURT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AT A GLANCE

**Attachments:** [2023 PRES-092](#)

*Discussion of at-a-glance work plan for present subcommittee by Colleen Clark-Bernhardt.*

**This presentation was placed on file.**

**E. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Community and agency homework and world cafe visioning exercise to be determined.  
Cook County RJCC-Avondale site visit in August, 2023.*

2. NEXT MEETING: JULY 11, 2023 AT 12:15 PM

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*None.*

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*The July 6th virtual event is hosted by the Center for Justice Innovation, technical service provider contracted through the Bureau of Justice Assistance Community Court grant, and will discuss topics on data for a community court initiative.*

**I. Adjourn**

**Meeting was adjourned by PELLEBON.**

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Isabel Anadon, pending CJC-Community Court Advisory subcommittee approval.*