



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, December 3, 2020

12:15 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Advisory members present: Aaron Chapin, Catherine Dori, Troy Enger (joined at 12:45pm), Maureen McCarville, John Patterson, and Mayor Rhodes-Conway

Advisory Members Excused: Todd Meurer

Staff Present: Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Lindsay Menard, Sarah Jensen, Noemi Reyes, Stephanie Marino, Ron Chance

This meeting was called to order by Chair Eicher at 12:15 p.m.

Judge McNamara attending on behalf of Judge Bailey-Rihn.

Present 5 - CARLO ESQUEDA, DAVE MAHONEY, ISMAEL OZANNE, JOE PARISI, and Supervisor ANALIESE EICHER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-319](#)

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2020 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [2020 MIN-319](#)

[10.22.2020 CJC Registrations](#)

A motion was made by MAHONEY, seconded by PARISI, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

1. Community Justice Center-Community Conversation Debrief

Discussion occurred about the community justice center town hall community conversation. CJC members discussed the importance of moving forward together towards procedural justice and restorative justice. Brief discussion about grant opportunities also ensued.

Link to CJC videos - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWYqwG7JNFo&t=1s>

2. Good News: The Dane County Community Restorative Court at year 5

Staff presented on the growth of the Community Restorative Court (CRC) during the past five years, community resilience, location change, restorative justice, data collection and analysis, municipalities on the CRC MOU, and COVID response. CJC members congratulated and thanked Ron Johnson for his many years of service and his retirement.

Discussion about CRC ensued. The CRC emphasizes consistency among team members and ongoing commitment to community through restorative justice allowing for the CRC to strategically build towards increasing capacity and offering restorative justice approach to people with different offenses. Discussion about importance of increased mental health response emphasizing cultural competency occurred. Discussion also took place regarding data and analysis between time of incident to referral. The CRC is collaborating with UW-Madison law students to study recidivism rates. Recidivism rates are hard to study but staff would like to present recidivism rates in the future.

[2020](#) Community Restorative Court Presentation
[PRES-121](#)

Attachments: [2020 PRES-121](#)

[2020](#) Ron Johnson Congratulations Letter
[PRES-120](#)

Attachments: [2020 PRES-120](#)

3. Sustainable Policy and Practice Shifts Post-COVID 19

District Attorney, Public Defender, and Department of Corrections (DOC) staff presented their agencies' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DA presented on policy and practice shifts during the COVID-19 pandemic; potential sustainable shifts to continue after the pandemic include: virtual court appearances and improvements in technology infrastructure and use. Marcy's Law impacts policies and procedures moving forward.

DOC staff presented on policy and practice shifts during the COVID-19 pandemic; potential sustainable shifts to continue after the pandemic include: meeting with clients remotely; conducting revocation hearings remotely; clients receiving treatment and having access to programming through Telehealth; and continuing to utilize technology.

Policy changes are occurring in response to violations; the Department Secretary had a town hall on the changes in November 2020. The department's website has been updated with policy changes and dashboards to track COVID-19 throughout the correctional system. The website can be viewed at the above link.

Link to DOC COVID response:

<https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/COVID19%28Coronavirus%29/COVID19.aspx>

Public Defender presented on policy and practice shifts during the COVID-19 pandemic; potential sustainable shifts to continue after the pandemic include: remote court appearances for non-substantive hearings; out-of-custody DOC revocation hearings; continuing to work with the jail on greater remote access between attorneys and incarcerated clients; continuing telephone application process for SPD applications; and continuing persistence in filing bail motions.

[2020
PRES-122](#)

Public Defender Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Attachments: [2020 PRES-122](#)

4. Additional CJC Research Capacity

The CJC Research and Innovation Team added a full-time project position for one year. The position will expand the capacity of the team to conduct additional, in-depth research. The team is talking with nationals about potential funding to fund the position past the one year; furthermore, the team is working with the UW Justice Lab to identify potential future studies/research and mentioned the potential to study recidivism rates for the Community Restorative Court (CRC). It was also suggested to explore collaborating with the La Follette School of Public Affairs on future research, studies, and projects.

There was a brief discussion on the subscription cost to access CCAP data. The fee in 2021 is ~\$6,500. The cost is a barrier to accessing essential data that is utilized in data-driven, evidence-based decision making. CJC members were encouraged to discuss this with colleagues throughout the state and to advocate for the decrease of the fee in 2022.

E. Reports to Committee

None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Future meeting: January 28, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.

Future agenda items:

- 1) Discussion of 2021 CJC goals*
- 2) Criminal Justice 101 learning series*

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by MAHONEY, seconded by OZANNE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen, pending council approval