



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Community Justice Council

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, April 27, 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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See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

#### A. Call To Order

*Advisory members present: Richelle Andrae, Catherine Dorl, Troy Enger, Todd Meurer, John Patterson, Brent Plisch, Satya Rhodes-Conway, Heidi Wegleitner*

*Meeting called to order at 12:17pm by Esqueda.*

**Present** 5 - CARLO ESQUEDA, JOHN HYLAND, PATRICK MILES, ISMAEL OZANNE, and  
JOE PARISI

**Excused** 1 - KALVIN BARRETT

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by HYLAND, that the be approved.  
The motion carried unanimously.

1. [2023 MIN-046](#) MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2023 COMMUNITY JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-046](#)  
[3.23.23 CJC Registration Forms](#)

#### C. Action Items

1. [2023 ACT-033](#) MOTION TO ADD A MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CJC-COMMUNITY COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Attachments:** [2023 ACT-033](#)

*Discussion regarding the benefits of having a municipal judge on CJC-CCAC. Unanimous approval. Esqueda nominates Meurer; Meurer said he is very interested, but it would be beneficial to talk with other municipal judges and determine who is best. Appointee to be finalized shortly.*

A motion was made by MILES, seconded by HYLAND, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

## D. Presentations

1. [2023 PRES-025](#) DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

**Attachments:** [2023 PRES-025](#)

*The presenters discussed the history of a community service program aimed at reducing the jail population. They discussed eligibility criteria, which includes 1-30 day custodial sentences, and participants are required to perform up to 240 hours of community service. The program is voluntary, and once admitted, participants are matched with personalized community service through intake at ATTIC. Participants have up to 1 year to complete their community service through prosocial activities.*

*The presenters reviewed the demographics of the program and reported that from 2021-2022, the program saved 1,044 jail days and 7,961 community service hours were performed, saving over \$300,000 since 2019. They also discussed restorative justice and victim choice, fines, and the need to expand the coordinator role due to program expansion and court utilization. Additional resources would be beneficial.*

## 2. YOUTH DATA PRESENTATION

*Presentation on the demographics of youth in Dane County and their involvement in the justice system. The youth justice flow chart was reviewed, which showed a decrease in juvenile arrest data over time but with increasing racial disparities.*

*Discussion of the involvement of Child Protective Services (CPS) and out-of-home placements. Discussion of the impact of COVID on referrals and the unique needs, as well as the use of formal petitions, recidivism rates, and the decrease in law enforcement contact for diversion and deflection purposes. Discussion of data to measure recidivism and challenges with connecting datasets. Discussion regarding domestic referrals and mental health needs.*

[2023 PRES-048](#) YOUTH DATA PRESENTATION

**Attachments:** [YOUTH DATA PRESENTATION](#)

## 3. UPDATE ON KANSAS PEER LEARNING VISIT

*Agenda item moved to May meeting.*

## E. Reports to Committee

*None.*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Thursday, May 25th at 12:15pm*

*Upcoming agenda items:*

- Update on Kansas Peer Learning*
- Community member introductions*

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

*None*

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

*None*

**I. Adjourn**

*Motion to adjourn by Miles, seconded by Ozanne. Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.*

**A motion was made by MILES, seconded by OZANNE, that the be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen.**