



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Community Justice Council - Pre-Trial Services Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

12:15 PM

Hybrid meeting; attend virtually via zoom,
attend in person City County Building Room 354.

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A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 12:15 PM. Okazaki joined the meeting at 12:21 PM.

Present 7 - COLLEEN CLARK-BERNHARDT, NICK MCNAMARA, ISMAEL OZANNE, JEFF OKAZAKI, SHANNON PIERCE, PETER MIDDLETON, and MELISSA AGARD
Excused 2 - JAN TETZLAFF, and SARAH KRAHN

B. Consideration of Minutes

Clark-Bernhardt moved motion to approve. Pierce seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

1. Strategic planning and action plan update

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Dane County CJC Action Plan Working Draft

Attachments: [Dane County CJC Action Plan Working Draft-6-7 \(002\)](#)

Colleen Clark-Bernhardt shared information about the strategic planning process and potential action items. Discussion ensued regarding:

- The feasibility of target completion dates given factors outside the committee's control.
- Balancing efforts to reduce bench warrants for non-appearance with the goal of improving case processing time.
- The idea of a drop-in Initial Appearance Court for individuals who miss their initial appearance.
- The importance of minimizing jargon and acronyms in the Strategic Plan and other public documents.

2. Potential FTA Framework Analysis

Tamarine Cornelius from the Office of Justice Reform shared information about past efforts by the Community Justice Council to improve appearance rates and outlined the potential scope of an analysis on failures to appear for court. Discussion ensued regarding:

- When in a case individuals most often fail to appear (early vs. later stages).
- The time between a missed appearance and the individual's next court appearance.
- How court notifications work, as some individuals may not realize they are required to appear for their Initial Appearance.
- How failures to appear can affect overall case length.
- The long-term consequences of failing to appear, such as being denied bail in subsequent cases.
- The loss of opportunities for defendants to communicate with their attorneys when they miss court appearances.
- Whether the subcommittee should review failure-to-appear rates on a regular basis.

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Potential FTA Framework Analysis

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3. 2026 budget

County Executive Agard acknowledged the challenges of the 2026 budget and highlighted investments in criminal justice and justice reform, including the new 911 Center, the Community Court, and strategic planning for the Community Justice Council.

E. Reports to Committee

None.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

2026 meeting dates set for January 14, April 1, June 10, and October 21.

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 Agard, seconded by Middleton. Meeting adjourned 1:01 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamarine Cornelius, pending subcommittee approval.

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