



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, January 23, 2020

12:15 PM

City-County Building, Room 351

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A. Call To Order

Advisory Members Present: Aaron Chapin, Catherine Dorl, Troy Enger, Maureen McCarville, Cameron McLay, Todd Meurer, and John Patterson

Staff Present: Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Noemi Reyes, Isabel Anadon, Lisa MacKinnon, and Sarah Jensen

The meeting was called to order by DA Ozanne at 12:16 pm

Kerry Widish attending for Esqueda

Present 5 - VALERIE BAILEY-RIHN, Supervisor SHARON CORRIGAN, DAVE MAHONEY, ISMAEL OZANNE, and JOE PARISI

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)
[MIN-414](#)

Minutes of the December 12, 2019 Criminal Justice Council Meeting

Attachments: [2019 MIN-414](#)

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

C. Action Items

CJC-Racial Disparities Subcommittee Quarterly Summary and Possible Action on
Community Justice Center Needs Assessment

DA Ozanne presented on the progress of the CJC-Racial Disparities Subcommittee. Discussion ensued regarding next steps for a needs assessment of a community justice center; there is potential to be a statewide model.

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by CORRIGAN, to direct the CJC-Racial Disparities Subcommittee to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a needs assessment of a Community Justice Center. The motion carried by a voice vote.

D. Presentations**E. Reports to Committee**

[2019
RPT-586](#)

January Advisors: Identifying New Opportunities for Deflection and Diversion Programs Targeted at Non-Violent, Misdemeanor-level Offenses: Data Analysis and Recommendations

Attachments: [2019 RPT-586](#)

Jeff Reichman of January Advisors presented the results of their report, "Identifying New Opportunities for Deflection and Diversion Programs Targeted at Non-Violent, Misdemeanor-Level Offenses: Data Analysis and Recommendations."

Reichman focused on diversion and deflection opportunities among nonviolent misdemeanants with charges of disorderly conduct, probation violations, bail jumping, possession of drug paraphernalia, and retail theft. Reichman also discussed the potential expansion of the Community Restorative Court (CRC) to include older individuals.

Discussion regarding the decrease in exclusively probation-related holds in the Dane County Jail in the past two years ensued. Council members discussed the unique structure of probation and parole in Wisconsin compared to other states, since Wisconsin Department of Corrections supervises high-level offenders in addition to misdemeanants, whereas typically in states other than Wisconsin misdemeanants are supervised by local counties.

The council members noted that diversion programs are tailored to very specific populations. Discussion ensued as to whether eligibility changes for CRC would be more effective if it incorporated older offenders or additional charges within the preexisting age group. Additionally, council members noted the drug court model is tailored to high-risk offenders, and studies have shown that this model can be detrimental to low-level, low-risk offenders.

Council members also discussed whether diversion and deflection should be focused on first-time offenders, or if it should be open more broadly.

2016: A First Look at Police Enforcement Data

Clark-Berhardt welcomed comments on the final version of this report. This report will be replicated for 2017 and 2018.

Discussion of the Dane County Drug Court Evaluation Recommended by PP&J

The Public Protection & Judiciary committee recommended an evaluation of the Dane County Drug Court. Resources for specialized court evaluations are already available through Wisconsin State Courts; inquiries will be made to them to determine resources. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

February 27th at 12:15

March 26th at 12:15 – tentative

Jim Austin from the JFA Institute is planning to come in March; additionally, a Seattle-based researcher examining use of force in Dane County law enforcement agencies is also planning to present in March.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Barbie Jackson – speaking in support on behalf of self

Barbara Benson – speaking in support on behalf of MOSES

Paul Saemon – speaking in support on behalf of MOSES

[2019](#)

[RPT-587](#)

Registration before the CJC on 1/23/2020

Attachments: [2019 RPT-587](#)

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen, pending committee approval