



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final

### Criminal 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, February 25, 2021

12:15 PM

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

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#### A. Call To Order

*Advisory members present: Aaron Chapin, Catherine Dori, Maureen McCarville, John Patterson, Reuben Sanon on behalf of Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway*

*Advisory members excused: Todd Meurer*

*Advisory members absent: Troy Enger*

*Dori excused at 2:05 pm and Patterson excused at 2:00 pm*

*Staff present: Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Noemi Reyes, Lauren Kuhl, Sarah Jensen, and Lindsay menard*

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Eicher at 12:15 pm**

**Chief Deputy Nygaard attending on behalf of Sheriff Mahoney**

**County Executive Parisi excused at 2:05 pm**

**Present** 4 - CARLO ESQUEDA, ISMAEL OZANNE, JOE PARISI, and Supervisor ANALIESE EICHER

**Excused** 1 - VALERIE BAILEY-RIHN

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2020 MIN-455](#) MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2021 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING

**Attachments:** [2020 MIN-455](#)  
[1.28.21 CJC Registrations](#)

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

## C. Action Items

None

## D. Presentations

1. [2020 PRES-154](#) COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER: COMMUNITY GROUPS PRE-ENGAGEMENT

**Attachments:** [2020 PRES-154 Community Justice Center Presentation](#)  
[2020 PRES-154 Facilitated Community Conversations Report](#)  
[Families Back To The Table Letter 1](#)  
[Families Back To The Table Letter 2](#)

*Presentations by Community Organizations: Walter Williams, Charles Hamilton Institute; Linda Ketchum, Just Dane; Karen Reece, Nehemiah; Peng Her, Hmong Institute; Alex Booker, Urban Triage; Evelyn Cruz, Centro Hispano.*

*Community organization representatives met with focus groups comprised of community members regarding interest, expectations, and goals of a community justice center. Community organization representatives share feedback from community members. Common themes include hope in the potential of a community justice center, but some hesitation and distrust of the criminal justice system. Community members hope that stakeholders are fully invested and engaged in this model, and see it as an opportunity to reestablish trust and create additional supports within the justice system.*

*Discussion ensued with Criminal Justice Council (CJC) members and community organization representatives regarding establishing trust, investing in community, and cultural competency.*

### 2. COVID-19 in Confined Spaces Update

*Presented by Professor John Eason, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Presentation attached*

*Professor John Eason, Justice Lab, discussed findings in jail population and flattening the curve of COVID-19 spread within the jail facility. Joined by Malia Jones, PhD, discussion ensued around the reduction in exposure to COVID-19 due to jail population reduction.*

- [2020 PRES-178](#) COVID-19 IN CONFINED SPACE-FLATTENING THE CURVE IN DANE COUNTY

**Attachments:** [2020 PRES-178](#)

### 3. PHMDC: Violence Prevention Plan

*Presented by: Aurielle Smith, Public Health Madison Dane County (PHMDC) Director of Policy, Planning and Evaluation*

*Staff presented on the five-part violence prevention plan. The plan focuses on strategies to bolster and increase intervention and continuous healing for those affected by violence.*

*Discussion ensued. Discussion around positive parenting and teaching nonviolent conflict resolution without physical discipline. Additional data will be collected on this subject. Discussion of multiagency collaboration and partnership to share a common goal of violence prevention also occurred.*

[2020](#) VIOLENCE PREVENTION UPDATE  
[PRES-179](#)

**Attachments:** [2020 PRES-179](#)

### E. Reports to Committee

[2020](#) CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL RACIAL DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE 3RD  
[RPT-791](#) and 4TH QUARTER 2020 REPORT

**Attachments:** [2020 RPT-791](#)

*Presented by DA Ozanne*

*DA Ozanne reviewed the quarterly report of the CJC-Racial Disparities subcommittee. The subcommittee's main focus is on the community justice center and community engagement. Community members had the opportunity to voice their recommendations and priorities for the community justice center*

### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next meeting: March 25, 2021 at 12:15pm; data-driven justice will be discussed.*

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

*Barbie Jackson, Spoke in Support of the Community Justice Center*

*Sandi Reinardy; Speaking in neither support nor opposition about other items.*

1. [2020](#) 2.25.21 CJC PUBLIC TESTIMONY  
[RPT-858](#)

**Attachments:** [B. Jackson Public Testimony](#)

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

*None*

**I. Adjourn**

A motion was made by ESQUEDA, seconded by NYGAARD, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen, pending council approval**