



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?

Thursday, September 28, 2023

12:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County
Building in Room 351; attend virtually via Zoom.

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

A. Call To Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm

Advisory members present: Andrae, Dorl, Enger, Patterson, Plisch, Wegleitner

Advisory members excused: Meurer and Rhodes-Conway

Miles arrived at 1:11 pm

Patterson left at 1:55 pm

Present 7 - KALVIN BARRETT, CARLO ESQUEDA, JOHN HYLAND, PATRICK MILES,
ISMAEL OZANNE, JEROME DILLARD, and JOHN JAY MILLER

Excused 2 - JOE PARISI, and MYRA MCNAIR

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023
MIN-267](#)

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2023 COMMUNITY JUSTICE COUNCIL
MEETING

Attachments: [2023 MIN-267](#)

[8.24.23 CJC Registration Forms](#)

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

C. Presentations

1. Bail Analysis - A Continued Effort in Dane County

Presented by: McNamara, Esqueda, Clark Bernhardt, and Cornelius

Reviewed past bail analysis reports. Highlighted details of the new analysis. The new analysis reviews signature bonds and cash bail events at or subsequent to initial appearance (IA) in 34,000 felony, misdemeanor, and criminal traffic cases. Key takeaways of the new analysis include:

- Defendants in most criminal cases are released on Signature Bonds.*
- The share of felony cases that receive Signature Bonds has declined.*
- There is a significant disparity between Black defendants and white defendants with regards to who gets a Signature Bond.*
- In cases with Cash Bail, defendants paid the bail 57% of the time.*

Discussion ensued on person level versus case level data and analyses. Many variables impact the analysis and what data is and is not available, and how it can be analyzed. In the future, would like Council to discuss ways the data can help inform policy and practice.

[2023
PRES-148](#)

ANALYSIS OF SIGNATURE BONDS AND CASH BAIL

Attachments: [2023 PRES-148](#)

2. Initial Community Court Recommendations

Scharrer presented recommendations. See attached presentation.

Highlighted Supreme Court Rule 68 and its impact on where the community court can be located. There is currently a space in the courthouse that could be remodeled and used as the community court location.

Reviewed other recommendations relating to what pilot offenses should be reviewed by the community court, referral points, design and operations, staffing, intake and assessment process, services provided, and program and evaluation data.

Presentation also provided recommendations for the full implementation phase and how to move forward now.

Discussion ensued regarding the limitations for the location for the community court, what pilot offenses to include, and the process to petition the Supreme Court regarding SCR 68.

[2023
PRES-149](#)

INITIAL COMMUNITY COURT RECOMMENDATIONS

Attachments: [2023 PRES-149](#)

D. Action Items

1. Potential action on motion to request a year extension to BJA Grant 15PBJA-22-GG-03874-DGCT, Community Court Initiative

A motion was made by HYLAND and seconded by MILES to request a no cost one year extension for the community court initiative BJA grant (15PBJA-22-GG-03874-DGCT). Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

E. Reports to Committee

1. [2023 RPT-304](#) CJC RESEARCH ANALYST WORK PLAN OCT 2023-FEB 2024

Attachments: [2023 RPT-304](#)

Discussed and reviewed work plan.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Chair Esqueda will not call meetings until new staff are hired as there is currently minimal staff support for the CJC and CJC subcommittees. CJC will be on hiatus until further notice.

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 BARRETT, seconded by HYLAND, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lindsay Menard, pending council approval