



# 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, March 20, 2025

12:15 PM

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

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The public can access the meeting virtually with the Zoom application or by phone

#### A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair Ozanne at 12:23 PM.

Advisory members present: Richelle Andrae, Sarah Krahn, Todd Meurer, Peter Middleton, John Patterson, Brent Plisch, Satya Rhodes-Conway, Heidi Wegleitner.

Present 8 - KALVIN BARRETT, JOHN HYLAND, ISMAEL OZANNE, JEROME DILLARD, MYRA MCNAIR, JEFF OKAZAKI, MELISSA AGARD, and JOHN JAY MILLER

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

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

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[MIN-520](#)

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MEETING

Attachments: [2024 MIN-520](#)

#### C. Action Items

#### D. Presentations

1. Judge Michael Cotter: A Small Town Judge Aims to Make a Big Difference One Kid at a Time

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JUDGE MICHAEL COTTER: A SMALL TOWN JUDGE AIMS TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE ONE KID AT A TIME

**Attachments:** [A Small-Town Judge Aims To Make A Big Difference One Kid At A Time](#)

Presentation on the partnership between the East Troy municipal court and Walworth County Human Services, which provide to offer voluntary services to juveniles and their families appearing before court.

Discussion of the decision-making process to commit resources, accessibility of screening tools used by social workers, and potential Medicaid billing.

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[PRES-005](#)

Presentation: East Troy Juvenile Municipal Court Program

**Attachments:** [Presentation\\_03-20-25 East Troy Municipal Court Program](#)

Dane County Community Justice Council – Strategic Plan components and timeline

2. [2024](#)  
[PRES-209](#) Dane County Community Justice Council - Strategic Plan Components and time

**Attachments:** [OJR CJC Strategic plan 3.20.25](#)

Presentation by Colleen Clark-Bernhardt

Presentation by Colleen Clark-Bernhardt on the strategic planning process for the Community Justice Council

Discussion of uncertainty around federal grants.

3. New Office of Justice Reform Staff -Community Court Coordinator Jael Currie
4. National Awards secured by the Office of Justice Reform

Colleen Clark-Bernhardt presented on two national awards: a technical assistance grant to develop strategies for addressing the needs of justice-involved adults with behavioral health disorders, and an award to participate in the Housing Justice Peer Network

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The Office of Justice Reform Secures Two National Grants

**Attachments:** [The Office of Justice Reform Secures Two National Grants](#)

## E. Reports to Committee

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

The next Community Justice Council meeting will take place on April 24, 2025 at 12:15 in a hybrid format. Agenda items include election of Chair and Vice Chair, Strategic Plan for the Community Justice Council

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

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

**I. Adjourned**

*Adjourned*

A motion was made by HYLAND, seconded by MILES that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:24PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamarine Cornelius, Pending Council Approval.