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Dane County Accepted into National Network of Coordinating Criminal Justice Councils

In October, Justice Management Institute (JMI) opened applications for the first time in several years for criminal justice coordinating councils (CJCCs) to join the National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils (NNCJCC). Dane County has been selected along with 11 other members to join the network, which totals 40 councils across the United States. CJCCs have served as means for critical justice system collaboration for decades. JMI has helped coordinate this network since its inception in 2010.

"We are thrilled to continue to grow the membership of the NNCJCC by welcoming twelve new members. JMI recognizes the incredible value of CJCCs, and we are honored to help support this network, its members, and the broader field to build and advance the impact of coordinating councils," said Aimee Wickman, Senior Program Associate at JMI.

The National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils provides a platform for advocacy and a national voice for counties and criminal justice practitioners that supports systemic, transformational reform in the justice system and promotes fiscally-responsible decision making. Specifically, the Network's mission is to:

- Build capacity among CJCC coordinators for decision making that is focused on equitable, effective, and fiscally responsible justice policy;
- Create a venue for identifying and unpacking the most pressing public safety challenges facing local justice systems;
- Develop, implement, and assess new strategic approaches for addressing justice system problems; and
- Construct and maintain a data collaborative for on-going assessment and data-driven justice system planning.

"Joining this network of criminal justice councils marks more than ten years of work improving data-driven decisions as well as improving communication and collaboration among Dane County criminal justice stakeholders," said Carlo Esqueda, Dane County Clerk of Courts and Chair of the Criminal Justice Council. "This provides an additional opportunity for continued improvements and innovation as we learn from national leaders. "

In other news, CJC and other County staff are visiting Douglas County, Kansas this week to review their crisis triage center space and transitional housing for a peer learning site visit. Douglas County is poised to open their triage center campus, which includes transitional housing. See link: <https://www.douglascountyks.org/bh/recovery-campus>

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The 13 member Dane County Criminal Justice Council is a collaborative body created in Dane County ordinance to collaborate and improve public safety, racial equity and data-driven decisions. For more information: cjc.countyofdane.com