



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Pretrial Committee Minutes Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Members Present

Hon. Jennifer Dorow (Co-Chair)	Kevin Costello (Co-Chair)	Monica Paz
Neil Dussault	Jeremy Perri	

Members Absent

JoAnn Eiring	Craig Kuhary	Sue Opper
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Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Abbey Nickolie (proxy for Opper)
Mary Sweeney (Proxy for Eiring)	Melissa Santiago	

Dorow called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

Approve Minutes from February 9, 2022 Meeting

Motion: Perri moved, second by Paz, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting of the CJCC Pretrial Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Nickolie arrived at 12:20 p.m.

Continue to Discuss Pretrial Detention Data Project

Luczaj stated that the project scope has been narrowed to the following parameters:

- Time frame of data collection: January – March 2019 and January – March 2022 (6 months of data to compare)
- Research question to be answered: How has the backlog of cases caused by the pandemic impacted the jail's population and capacity?
- Data to be tracked, to include, but not limited to:
 - Reason someone is in custody
 - Pretrial, serving a sentence, whether there are holds and type of hold
 - Average length of stay of custody
 - Cash bail (and amount) vs. signature bonds issued

The group agreed that for defendants with more than 1 appearance, they should remain as separate entries, even if the case number is the same.

Continue to Discuss Bond Language Revisions

Sweeney reiterated that WCS would not put non-OWI cases on CAM without a specific order to do so by the court.

There was no new update regarding the bond language revisions. This topic can be removed from future agendas.

Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Application for Pretrial Supervision Program

Luczaj provided an overview of the ARPA application she submitted on 2/28/22 to HHS and the Department of Administration (DOA) for review.

Luczaj provided the following statistics:

- Total cases referred to the District Attorney's Office
 - 2019: 8,801
 - 2020: 9,768
 - 2021: 10,115
- PSAs completed June 15, 2020 – December 31, 2021
 - Level 1: 1,662 defendants (49%)

- Level 2: 676 defendants (20%)
- Level 3: 283 defendants (8%)
- Level 4: 781 defendants (23%)
- Total: 3,402 defendants

The proposal includes a request for an additional FTE case manager for the Pretrial Supervision program due to the backlog of criminal cases and increase in arrests since the pandemic. The proposal was for \$319,945 over 4 ½ years (July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026).

HHS has approved the proposal and it has been forwarded to DOA for the next level of approval.

Update on Status of Pretrial Supervision Caseloads

Sweeney stated that Pretrial Supervision caseloads are as follows:

- Non-OWI cases
 - 138 participants
 - 130 capacity
- OWI cases
 - 178 participants
 - 180 capacity

Even though the number of participants is at or above capacity, WCS has been able to lessen how often defendants are required to report in, so this, combined with being fully staffed, has helped make the caseloads manageable.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Marquette Practicum Final Project Presentation
- ARPA Funds Request Update
- Pretrial Supervision Caseload Update

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Paz moved, second by Costello, to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.