

State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Meeting Minutes

Co-Chairs: Attorney General Josh Kaul and Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr

Thursday, November 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wisconsin Department of Justice, 17 W. Main St., Madison, WI 53707

Members Present:	Secretary Kevin Carr, Jennifer Wakerhauser (for Secretary Caleb Frostman, DWD), Hon. Randy Koschnick, Hon. James Morrison, Hon. Maxine White, State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, District Attorney John Chisholm, Jorge Fragoso, Tiana Glenna, Vanessa McDowell, Fran Deisinger, Dianne Jenkins (for Secretary Emilie Amundson, DCF), Jane Graham Jennings, Sheriff David Mahoney, Chief Daniel Hardman
Members Not Present:	Attorney General Josh Kaul, Secretary Andrea Palm, Joaquin Altoro, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, District Attorney David O’Leary, Mark Abeles-Allison, Patti Jo Severson
DOJ Staff:	Matt Raymer, Sara Tupper
Other Attendees:	Ashley Viste, Tina Virgil, Megan Jones, Adam Plotkin, Connie Kostelac

APPROVAL OF 8/26/19 MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelli Thompson to approve the 9/25/19 meeting minutes and seconded by Judge Morrison. The motion was approved. Director Randy Koschnick abstained, due his absence at the last council meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES/CHAIR DISCUSSION

- Secretary Carr reviewed the newly appointed co-chairs for the subcommittees. The membership of the subcommittees will be the decision of the subcommittee co-chairs. Current subcommittee members can remain or be removed, and new members can be recruited at the subcommittee co-chairs’ discretion. Subcommittees can start meeting moving forward. The co-chairs of the subcommittees will be as follows:
 - Evidence-Based Decision Making Subcommittee – Co-Chairs Kelli Thompson and DA David O’Leary
 - Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee – Co-Chairs Kelli Thompson and Sheriff David Mahoney
 - Outreach/Education Subcommittee – Co-Chairs Tiana Glenna and Chief Judge Maxine White
 - Data Sharing and OTIs Subcommittee – Co-Chairs Connie Kostelac and Megan Jones
- Secretary Carr asked the group to continue to discuss the idea of establishing a Legislative Subcommittee. After some discussion a motion was made by Sheriff Mahoney to establish the subcommittee. Fran Deisinger seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
- There was continued discussion regarding how to address racial disparities in the council’s work. AG Kaul’s and Secretary Carr’s position is that all subcommittees discuss and address racial disparities in the work of their respective subcommittees.
 - There were concerns raised about losing sight of addressing racial disparities in the subcommittees work. There was continued discussion regarding having an advocate on this issue on each of the subcommittees.
 - This discussion will continue but needs to be a priority for the subcommittee co-chairs moving forward with their subcommittee member selection, goals/objectives, and work.
- Judge White invited the group to attend an event in Milwaukee focusing on addressing racial disparities in their county .

MARCH 2020 REPORT

- Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program Overview
 - Matt Raymer presented on the history of the TAD program, an overview of its current status, the TAD statute, its upcoming five-year evaluation, and its continued expansion. TAD funding is on a five-year cycle, is currently expanded to just over \$7 million, and tracks its data in the CORE reporting system. The

- DOJ administers and evaluates the program. The State CJCC, along with the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee, serves as the advisory body for the program.
- Current concerns for the individuals running these programs include the violent offender restriction in the TAD statute. This restriction limits the number of individuals who can receive programming and treatment through TAD (that are TAD funded) if they have a history of violence. This serves as a large barrier for some communities.
 - A report is due in March 2020 to detail the programs' progress and provide recommendations for improving the administration of the program moving forward.
 - Secretary Carr requested a draft of this report be ready at the January 2020 meeting of the State CJCC.
- Criminal Justice Data Sharing Overview
 - Subcommittee co-chairs Connie Kostelac and Megan Jones reviewed past work of the Data Sharing and OTIs subcommittee, which included sharing data between the DOC, DOJ, and the Director of State Courts Office.
 - Numerous data sharing projects have been supported through federal grant funds since the State CJCC was originally created, work has been done to create consistent definitions, and work has been done at the state level to create ways to display data through online dashboards and other reports.
 - In 2019, the DOJ also received a grant totaling \$1.25 million through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, which will support data sharing through its three-year project period.
 - The second report detailed in Executive Order 41 regarding data sharing is also due in March 2020, and also needs to be drafted by the January 2020 State CJCC meeting.

FY19 BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT REVIEW

- Matt Raymer provided a presentation on the history and current status of the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant, which funds many initiatives throughout the state. The most recent strategic plan for JAG was developed largely through the EBDM planning process. Currently the program funds many projects, such as: The Jail Reentry Projects, the Pretrial Pilot Projects, the JAG Drug Task Forces, etc. The State CJCC remains the advisory body for developing the strategic plan for the JAG program.
- A new multi-year strategic plan will be required beginning in FY 2020, and the planning process will be coordinated through the State CJCC. The State CJCC will review and approve this process moving forward before the next application for funding is submitted.

NEXT STEPS AND FUTURE MEETINGS

- DOJ staff will send current subcommittee member lists to the co-chairs, to move forward with creating their subcommittee member lists.
- The next meeting will be held on January 14, from 10 am to 12 pm.
- Initial drafts of the reports due in March 2020 will be ready for review at the January 14, 2020 meeting.
- Staff will work to identify a date for an additional February 2020 meeting, to ensure the committee has time to review and approve the reports prior to the submission date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kelli Thompson made a motion to adjourn and Sheriff Mahoney seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.