

# State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Meeting Minutes

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

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Friday, August 26, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Department of Justice, 17 W. Main St., Madison, WI 53707

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

## Co- Chair’s Overarching Goals

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The Co-Chairs opened the meeting with a discussion of overarching goals for the re-created Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which included the following:

- Continue to use data and research to provide support to local programs
- Increase collaboration for current initiatives and increase inclusion of the legislature
- Continue to assess how efforts support public safety and ensuring fairness
- Identify policy proposals within the outlined scope
- Work to make the criminal justice system more efficient and effective
- Use resources more effectively
- Continue to learn from states that have successfully implemented improvements to their criminal justice systems
- Continue to care for the individuals involved within our system and identify how to better support them

## Overview of State CJCC

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- Scope of the New Executive Order
  - Governor Evers signed [Executive Order #41](#), which identifies the scope of the co-chairs and committee. Section eight of the executive order outlines efforts that should be focused on, which include, but are not limited to:
    - Using interagency collaboration to assess, develop, and implement criminal justice reforms
    - Identifying gaps in data collection and analysis and recommending solutions
    - Identifying factors that are increasing jail and prison populations, including criminal justice costs, and identifying strategies to minimize them
    - Using data and evidence-based practices when proposing policy changes to reduce (and work towards the elimination) of racial disparities
    - Providing strategic planning and guidance for federal grants
    - Communicating effectively with counties or multi-county criminal justice coordinating committees
    - By March 1, 2020 submitting reports regarding recommendations to improve data collection and data sharing by criminal justice partners and to update the administration of Treatment Alternatives and Diversion programs
    - Continually engaging in activities that are the responsibilities of the committee
- Staff provided an overview of the prior CJCC structure and activities

- The prior CJCC structure included the State CJCC and CJCC Executive Committee. Other subcommittees included the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Subcommittee, the Model Polices and Training Subcommittee, the Outreach/Communication Subcommittee, the Behavioral Change Interventions Subcommittee, and the Data Sharing/Outcomes, Trends, and Indicators Subcommittee.
- Advisory Roles
  - The State CJCC will continue in its role advising the use of the grant funds for the following programs:
    - Byrne Memorial justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
    - Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program
    - Discretionary Grants identified to further the goals of the CJCC
- Meeting Logistics
  - Moving forward, the State CJCC discussed potentially moving meetings around the state to hold listening sessions with local jurisdictions.

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### **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS' EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM) INITIATIVE**

- Members of the Council provided an overview of the National Institute of Corrections' (NIC) Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative, which has provided the framework for the work of the CJCC to date. The NIC-supported EBDM initiative's overarching goal is "to create a framework for justice systems that will result in improved system outcomes through true collaborative partnerships, systematic use of research, and a shared vision of desired outcomes."
  - The State CJCC remains key to the support of this initiative and the state EBDM framework that has been developed.
  - The EBDM initiative continues to move forward with implementation of their goals, many of which center on governance, education, scaling up, and data/research.
- Scaling Up/ Sustainability Plan
  - Moving forward, the goals focus on expanding EBDM into to more counties statewide and providing a structure to sustain the work of EBDM when NIC's technical assistance ends.
- Pretrial Pilot Project
  - The pretrial pilot project continues to move forward. This project is focused on seven local EBDM counties throughout Wisconsin and is based on a model policies document developed for these sites.

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### **NEXT STEPS AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

- The Council discussed the subcommittee structure for the CJCC moving forward:
  - The Attorney General proposed combining the Model Policies and Training Subcommittee and the Outreach/Communications Subcommittee. Members supported this change.
  - The Attorney General also discussed more involvement with the legislature and more effectively engaging legislators on the work of the Council.
  - DA Chisholm proposed addressing the structure of our prison systems and determining how to minimize the correctional footprint. He also suggested spending more time looking at the racial disparities and equity.
    - i. DA Chisholm offered to do a presentation at the next meeting on Milwaukee County's involvement with Vera, which has been assisting them with addressing racial disparities in Milwaukee.
- The Council discussed the reports detailed in the Executive Order. By March 1, 2020, reports need to be submitted regarding recommendations to improve data collection and data sharing by criminal justice partners, as well as an update and recommendations on the administration of the TAD program.
- Next Steps
  - The Co-Chairs suggested another meeting of the full Council within the next month or two in Madison. After that, the meetings will be quarterly, and the location may vary to make it more easily accessible to local jurisdictions.

- At the next meeting, there will be a follow-up discussion and decisions regarding the subcommittee structure, as well as the concept of a policy committee and whether to have a stand-alone racial disparity and equity committee.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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There was no public comment.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.