

State Criminal Justice Coordinating Council: Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Members Present:	Attorney General Josh Kaul, Secretary Kevin Carr, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, State Public Defender Kelli Thompson, Tiana Glenna, Mark Abeles-Allison, Patti Jo Severson, Holly Audley (DHS), Jane Graham Jennings, Chief Judge Greg Huber, Hon. Elliott Levine, Hon. Randy Koschnick, Hon. Jo Deen Lowe, Chief Daniel Hardman, Pamela McGillivray, Fran Deisinger
Members Not Present:	Joaquin Altoro, District Attorney John Chisholm, Vanessa McDowell
DOJ Staff:	Ashley Viste, Tina Virgil, Chris McKinny, Matt Raymer, Lara Kenny, Dennis Powers, Donna Hahn, Brad Kelly, Alesha Hawkins, Ashley Billig, Chris Henning, Shannon Ladwig, Derek Veitenheimer
Other Attendees:	Adam Plotkin, Megan Jones, Melissa Roberts, Rhonda Frank-Loron, Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Dallet, Diane Fremgen, Constance Kostelac, Laura Ninneman,

The meeting was called to order by Attorney General Kaul at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF 6/9/2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Chief Daniel Hardman and seconded by Mark Abeles-Allison to approve the 6/9/2021 meeting minutes. The motion was approved.

LEGISLATIVE/STATE BUDGET UPDATES

Chris McKinny-DOJ updated the CJCC on the state budget. The budget has been signed. TAD received \$2.5 million in additional funds, no new positions, and the statutory changes that were requested did not become part of the budget. There is continuing work on the OWI 5th and 6th legislation and increase in penalties. Unfortunately for DOJ and the TAD program Renee Lushaj has left for a new position.

Melissa Roberts-DOC updated the CJCC on the state budget. DOC created an Equity and Inclusion position within the agency. Nothing else was new within the DOC budget.

DOJ GRANTS UPDATE

Matt Raymer provided an update on the grants within DOJ. The TAD announcement has been opened and staff is expecting at least one grant from each county. \$8 million has been awarded in Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds out of \$9 million.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee**
 - FY22 Competitive Grant Process
State Public Defender Kelli Thompson updated the CJCC on the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Subcommittee competitive grant process. DOJ staff has started the next competitive grant funding cycle. The grant announcement is open in eGrants.
 - TAD statutory request changes are ongoing in the budget cycle.
- **Data Sharing/OTIs Subcommittee**
 - Data Sharing Presentation-Connie Kostelac, Megan Jones, and Derek Veitenheimer presented to the full council.

Derek Veitenheimer presented on the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). He provided the CJCC council with a PowerPoint on data to the Criminal Justice systems/use. He also updated the council that a new data analyst within BJIA was hired and will be working on JRI.

Megan Jones with DOC presented on recidivism-3 measures (re-arrest, re-incarceration, and re-conviction). Megan provided a report from DOC along with links and dashboards that are available on the web.

Connie Kostelac with Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission presented on violent crime increases 2020-2021 across 108 agencies with populations over 50,000. She also presented on Firearm violent crime increase, and the significant murder increase in 2020 since 2000.

▪ **Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee**

- Justice Dallet updated the council on the creation of the Race Equity, Inclusion, and Access Subcommittee. The subcommittee has had two meetings before the full CJCC meeting today. The subcommittee will meet the 4th Thursday every month @ 7:30 a.m.
- Justice Dallet reported the subcommittee has been working on creating a mission statement.
- Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis has hired someone for the JRI Grant, and the staff person will be attending the subcommittee meetings.

▪ **Evidence-Based Decision Making Subcommittee**

Chair Thompson provided an update on the work of the Evidence-Based Decision-Making Subcommittee.

- Pretrial Pilots Update
Thompson updated the council on the 7 pretrial pilot sites. Their funding will be ending in November of 2021, but DOJ is looking for funding to extend another year.
- *Consideration of motion(s) to approve the Pretrial Operational Guide and Outcome and Performance Measures documents* Motion was made by Mark Abeles Allison and seconded by Judge Greg Huber to approve the Pretrial Operational Guide and Outcome and Performance Measures documents. The motion was approved.
- *Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Strategic Planning* Motion was made by State Public Defender Kelli Thompson and seconded by Judge Elliott Levine to approve the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Strategic Planning. The motion was approved.
- *Consideration of a motion to approve the FY2021-2025 JAG Priorities and Strategic Plan* Motion was made by State Public Defender Kelli Thompson and seconded by Judge Elliott Levine to approve the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Strategic Planning. The motion was approved.

COVID-19 IMPACTS: COURTS SYSTEM UPDATES/DISCUSSION

There was discussion about the impact of the pandemic on the court system. Generally, even though courts remained open throughout the pandemic, cases proceeded more slowly which has resulted in a number of cases that remain pending resolution.

Raymer and Plotkin discussed the State Public Defender application for coronavirus funding through Wisconsin DOJ to provide resources for identifying eligible treatment court participants in cases that may be backlogged and awaiting attorney appointment.

NEXT STEPS/FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on December 8th, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ashley Viste read public comment.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Patti Jo Severson and seconded by State Public Defender Kelli Thompson to adjourn. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.