

## **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, April 3, 2025 // 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**Meeting location Virtual (Zoom)**

**Co-Chairs Justice Rebecca Dallet and Judge Jon Richards**

<b>Subcommittee Members Present:</b>	Justice Rebecca Dallet, Ashley Billig, Clerk of Courts Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Judge Jon Richards, DA Kimberly Lawton, Jennifer Bias, Judge Elliott Levine, Judge Emily Lonergan, Jane Graham-Jennings, Milwaukee City Attorney Evan Goyke, Kelli Thompson, Neal “Chip” Nielsen, Michael Blauw
<b>Subcommittee Members Not Present:</b>	Sheriff Tammy Sernard, Judge Carl Ashley, Mary Triggiano, Jerome Dillard
<b>DOJ Staff:</b>	Ryan Anderson, Mike Austin, Phil Zell, Katie Snell, Brittney Felton, Mark Rather, Mike Derr, Heather Kierzek
<b>Others:</b>	Tyler Brandt

#### **Welcome and Opening Comments**

Subcommittee Co–Chair Justice Dallet welcomed members to the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Quorum was present.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

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Motion to Approve February 6, 2025, REIA Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Judge Levine and seconded by Kelli Thompson to approve the February 6, 2025, REIA Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

#### **Driver’s License Failure to Pay Forfeiture Suspensions**

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Judge Richards asked Mike Austin to provide an update on the progress of the working group that is reviewing the issue. Mike shared that the group met once and primarily decided that this will likely require a legislative change but there might be some room for education for circuit court judges around the impact of these suspensions. Mike indicated that the group is looking closely at the study done by the UW-Madison LaFollette School of Public Affairs that did a cost benefit analysis that showed \$200 million in annual costs under the current policy versus focusing on the collection of the debt. Their proposed alternative would require the courts to utilize the State Debt Collection program at the Department of Revenue which has the ability to setup payment plans, garnish wages, and seize funds from banks. It was also shared that the ‘Failure to Pay Forfeiture’ suspensions is the number one reason for a suspension in Wisconsin with 125,000 for Failure to Pay, 46,000 for a bad driving record, and operating while intoxicated at 24,000. The working group is meeting again in a week to talk with the Department of

Revenue staff that works in the State Debt Collection System. They will continue meeting and hope to bring back recommendations to the subcommittee.

### **Juror Pay Proposal**

Judge Richards provided an update to the subcommittee. He shared that the proposal has been shared among groups for feedback. Rebecca Matoska-Mentink shared that through her role as the Clerks of Court Association President. She has discussed with colleagues the interest but that the request missed the overall package they requested in the upcoming biennial state budget. Judge Richards shared that he is also working with a group called Common Ground in Milwaukee who is starting to examine issues around strengthening and removing barriers to participation in juries. The group will continue to work on this as a long-term project and continue to build support for the proposal.

### **Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies Conference**

Michael Blauw provided an update to members that the sessions that were organized through the subcommittee were well received. The first session on 'Jury Education and Teaching the Judicial System' by Will Snowden provided a curriculum for teachers and pre-teachers who attended. He thought the session by Will was engaging and thoughtful. The second session included a panel discussion with Will Snowden and Justice Dallet around educating students on the judiciary. Justice Dallet commented that great questions were brought forward, and she enjoyed the engagement of those attending.

### **Jury Bias Video**

Judge Richards shared with members that he spoke with subcommittee member Judge Carl Ashley who has been informally speaking to judges about the Western District of Washington's Unconscious Bias Juror Video.

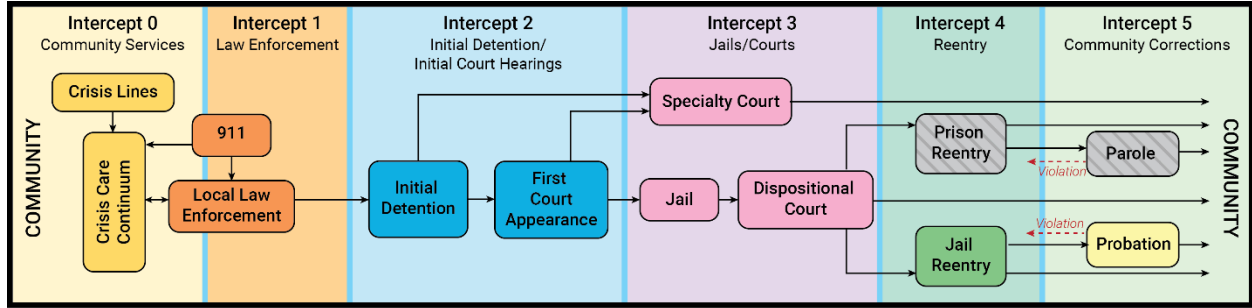
Judge Emily Lonergan shared that she has been teaching on the issue at the Judicial College and has plans to move it to the new judge's curriculum as well. Judge Elliott Levine discussed having the Director of State courts send the video out to Judges and Clerks of Court with some encouragement to utilize the video. Judge Lonergan will work with the Western District of Washington to secure permissions from them to utilize the video and materials statewide.

The committee members discussed the possibility of securing funding to produce a shorter video. They discussed utilizing the Wisconsin Counties Association for assistance to produce and seeking grant funding for the video. Judge Richards asked Mike Austin will work on next steps for bias video.

### **Subcommittee Overview & Sequential Intercept Model Discussion**

Ryan Anderson presented on the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). He provided an overview of the Bureau of Justice Programs (BJP) which serves as the State Administering Agency for criminal and juvenile justice-related initiatives, organized into several sections (Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, Elder Justice, Grants Administration, and Drug Policy Initiatives). The SIM

process identifies six possible “intercepts” where various deflection and intervention initiatives can prevent people from being lost in the criminal justice system, preferably at the earliest possible intercept. The SIM model is as follows:



Subcommittee members discussed the next analysis on treatment courts. Ashley Billig indicated that they are preparing the report in the coming months. Judge Richards asked Ashley to share her analysis on treatment courts with subcommittee at a future meeting.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting Approve

Motion was made by Chip Nielsen and seconded by Judge Levine to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

The next meeting will be August 7, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.