

## Status of Recommendations from the 2015 RES-556 Public Protection and Judiciary Committee Workgroups

Jail Length of Stay, Alternatives to Incarceration, and Mental Illness, Solitary Confinement and Incarceration  
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Length of Stay		
	Recommendation	Notes
	Implement full-scale pretrial services, including electronic notification of court dates	Dane County first randomized control with Harvard Access to Justice lab regarding outcomes of pretrial assessment; court reminders in place; FTE pretrial assessors budget in 2019
	Implicit Bias, Racial Equity and Inclusion, Diversity and Poverty Training	Partners with MacArthur Safety and Justice Foundation and the Dane County Criminal Justice Council to bring national speakers
	Alternative sentencing via community service work and diversion programs	Community service as a disposition began in 2018; new provider in 2019 utilized by six branches of the Circuit Court
	Initial Appearances/bail hearings on weekends and holidays (if possible)	
	Create a comprehensive reporting system for public oversight and accountability of the District Attorney's office's charging and sentencing recommendation (plea bargaining) policies and practices	
	Require a racial impact statement before implementing policy	Equity questions included on all County agendas for public meetings
	Require the Department of Corrections to report weekly to the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive, as to who is on a probation or parole hold	

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Perform a racial equity analysis on policies related to signature bonds, bail determinations, and eligibility for electronic monitoring		Analysis of front-end justice is ongoing as a result of funding from Urban Institute for the Capstone Innovation grant (electronic monitoring is not a part of this grant)
To further advance the interests of justice and fairness for individuals held in jail on Dept. of Corrections holds, the Dane County Board shall immediately recommend the following:  (a) DOC develop a probation and/or extended supervision hold process wherein individuals who are held in the Dane County Jail and alleged to have only violated rules of supervision be considered for release pending the investigation and the Dept.'s decision whether to seek revocation  (b) that, pursuant to Sec. DOC 331.05 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, DOC provide a Preliminary Hearing and Detention Hearing for all individuals held in the Dane County Jail who are alleged to have only violated rules of supervision so that some individuals will be released while they await the Final Revocation Hearing		
Restructure the Dane County Criminal Justice Council		Added a designee of the City of Madison Mayor's Office
<b>Alternatives to Arrest and Incarceration</b>		

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	Volunteer Programming-Use and strengthen volunteer programs to reduce involvement with the formal criminal (and juvenile) justice system(s)	Over 150 peacemakers participate in the Community Restorative Court(CRC) throughout Dane County. Youth justice DOJ grant award focuses on community and law enforcement collaborations
	Expand Restorative Justice Models throughout Dane County	Expansion of the restorative justice program within schools in addition to 17-25 year olds in CRC
	Expand Diversion Services	CRC, additional budgeting for Deferred Prosecution Unit within the District Attorney's Office
	Create a Racial/Ethnic Equity Data Analyst Position	Hired a CJC research analyst position which utilizes a racial equity lens
	Cultural Competence, Social and Racial Justice Training	Established the Office for Equity and Inclusion; support community social and racial justice events
	Use a Racial Equity Lens to review policies and practices	Dane County departments created equity plans (see OEI website); equity questions included on all County agendas for public meetings
	Review Current Diversion Programs	Ongoing data collection and data integration efforts
	Establish Community Advisory Boards	OEI Advisory Board, CRC Advisory Board
	Require cultural and linguistic diversity	Equity statements added in all position descriptions; bilingual bicultural specific recruitments

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	Implement a Fugitive Safe Surrender Program	
<b>Mental Health, Solitary Confinement, and Incarceration</b>		
	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	Remodel the current jail to reflect a more humane and modern facility	Current proposals to consolidate trifurcated jail, closing the unsafe and inhumane City-County Building facility and building a smaller jail with space for behavioral healthcare and programming
	Develop culturally relevant community-based crisis, assessment and resource center	Department of Human Services (DHS) has retained a consultant to complete analysis of all mental health resources and gaps in Dane County
	Increase the number and reach of mobile crisis response staff/teams	Additional money included in 2019 budget to expand mobile crisis response teams
	Develop more culturally relevant and family centered outreach and engagement	Engage Dane; implicit bias in Dane County criminal justice system community conversation
	Add culturally relevant staff to work in collaboration with current mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability services and community resources	Ongoing process with OEI.
	Create and sustain a culturally diverse workforce	Ongoing effort. OEI working with county departments
	Reduce the length of time in solitary confinement and	New jail planning limits administrative segregation

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	administrative segregation	
	<p>County Executive should convene a leadership team of mental health providers, advocates and others, to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current system of financing mental health services in the public and private sector and identify opportunities or strategies to enhance collaboration and/or the more effective use of public and private resources and to increase funding through securing grants or other resources focused on improving mental health service outcomes; and</li> <li>Development of more cost effective, coordinated, sustainable, and comprehensive services to support individuals with mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse issues in the community, reducing the need for jail and/or hospital diversion and supporting reentry</li> </ul>	CJC has engaged various stakeholders and advocates to review and create recommendations around the intersection behavioral health/mental health and incarceration. National experts include Treatment Alternatives for a Safer Community and PRI
	Support the development of a plan to deliver additional training and resources for judicial officials, attorneys, and others involved in the court process	Implicit bias in Dane County criminal justice system training
	Convene a workgroup under the auspices of the Criminal Justice Council to identify and sustain strategies to improve processes and expedite cases for inmates with significant mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability issues as may be appropriate	CJC directed staff to develop a proposal for a subcommittee of the CJC focused on behavioral health

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