



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Pre-Trial Services Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

12:15 PM Virtual Meeting: See top of agenda for instructions on
how to join the webinar or call in by phone.

A. Call To Order

Chair McNamara called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

Kostelic joined the meeting at 1:08 pm

Staff members present: Jensen and Anadon

Present 7 - COLLEEN CLARK-BERNHARDT, CATHERINE DORL, TROY ENGER, CARLO
ESQUEDA, JEFF KOSTELIC, NICK MCNAMARA, and KERRY PORTER

Excused 1 - ISMAEL OZANNE

B. Consideration of Minutes

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SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

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A motion was made by CLARK-BERNHARDT, seconded by ESQUEDA, that the
minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

NONE

D. Presentations

1. Peer Support Specialists and Mental Health in Pretrial Services

Discussion of the history of pretrial services in Pima County, dating back to 1972. Pima County's pretrial services includes pre-booking release, initial appearance bail reports, pretrial release supervision unit, and a diversion program (called STEPs), in collaboration with community-based wraparound services. Discussion of how pre-booking pretrial services works. Pretrial Services sees approximately 7,000-10,000 felony cases each year, and 20,000 misdemeanor cases. Each day, there are approximately 1,800 people on supervised release.

Pima County uses the AC-OK screener for substance use and mental health. They partner with behavioral health service provider Hope Inc., which has an office co-located in the Pretrial Services office in the jail. They also partner on the Enhanced Supervision program for people with higher needs related to substance use (specifically opioids).

The STEPs diversion program uses peer support specialists. Peer specialists are often the first appointment that a defendant has in the courthouse. The program also offers housing assistance, connection to community organizations, and has four designated hospital beds. Peer support is a specific role, and specialists are not just there to cover a larger caseload. All pretrial release conditions are voluntary, including mental health treatment. Pretrial Services is unable to hire and pay peer support specialists directly, but they can collaborate with an organization to do so.

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PEER SUPPORT AND NAVIGATION IN PIMA COUNTY ARIZONA

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E. Reports to Committee

1. Pretrial Services Department Updates

The Director of Pretrial Services department job description has been written. It will be posted soon and will be open for 3 weeks. Aim to hire by end of November.

2. Discussion about Weekend Initial Appearance

Weekend initial appearance has been an ongoing, long-standing question in Dane County. In order to pursue this discussion further, data is needed to determine how many people are impacted by weekend jail bookings and would benefit from initial appearance during the weekend. Discussion about focusing on weekends with large events. In order to do this, state agencies would have to be involved due to the structure of judges, public defenders, and district attorneys as state employees. Weekend initial appearance operates in Milwaukee successfully.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: October 12, 2022 at 12:15pm

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

NONE

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by KOSTELIC, seconded by CLARK-BERNHARDT, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen, pending subcommittee approval