

Justice-Related Reforms in County Resolutions, 2020 – 2022 and 2014 Res-556 Workgroups

Compiled by Richelle Andrae 09_08_2022 for discussion purposes only. Please note that the “Responsible Government Branch” and “Status” columns have not been verified by justice system stakeholders; some branches are included per recommendation summary in Res-556 Workgroups Report. This list is not exhaustive.

Item	Recommendation	Source	Responsible Government Branch	Status (including funding efforts, evaluations, consulting, etc.)
1	Improve and expand data collection and reporting – multiple data points related to arrest, diversion, housing status, length of stay, bail, adjudication, sentencing, and disaggregating by race, gender, and other identified population groups.	Res-556 Workgroups, Res-320, Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Jail Demographic Reports available as of 7/2020 (updated daily) CJC staff developing updated data dashboards (in progress); new staff hired in 2022 DCSO population manager hired in 2020
2	Implement full-scale pretrial services, including electronic notification of court dates.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk of Courts DA’s Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 budget included restructure for pretrial services staffing
3	Implement regular Implicit Bias, Racial Equity and Inclusion, Diversity and Poverty Training for all justice system stakeholders.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOA Clerk of Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
4	Implement alternative sentencing via community service work and diversion programs.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk of Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
5	Implement Initial Appearances/bail hearings on weekends and holidays.	Res-556 Workgroups, JFA October 2021 Report, Res-135, Res-145, Res-180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DA’s Office Clerk of Courts Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JFA analysis: For the month of August 2021, there an average difference in the weekend rate versus the week days rate of +10.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion at CJC August 2022 to add IA court analysis to work plan • Staffing estimate determined several years ago referenced during August County Board meeting
6	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.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA's Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
7	Require a racial impact statement before implementing policy.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
8	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.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI DOC • DCSO • DOA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
9	Perform a racial equity analysis on policies related to signature bonds, bail determinations, and eligibility for electronic monitoring.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk of Courts • DCSO • Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis completed on signature bonds in 2020, additional analysis in 2021
10	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.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI DOC • DCSO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

11	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.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI DOC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
12	Restructure the Dane County Criminal Justice Council to include individuals with lived experience.	Res-145, Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution proposed in 2022
13	Use and strengthen volunteer programs to reduce involvement with the formal criminal (and juvenile) justice system(s).	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA issued call for volunteers in 2021
14	Expand Restorative Justice Models throughout Dane County.	Res-556 Workgroups, Res-145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
15	Review Current Diversion Programs for program eligibility and completion criteria and Expand Diversion Services.	Res-556 Workgroups, Res-145, JFA Report October 2021, Res-145, Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased utilization of EM 2020-2022 • Huber transition in progress
16	Create a Racial/Ethnic Equity Data Analyst Position	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dane County Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
17	Establish Community Advisory Boards.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
18	Require cultural and linguistic diversity in all governmental and non-governmental agencies providing services throughout the justice continuum at both the juvenile justice and criminal justice system levels.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOA • OEI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
19	Implement a "Fugitive Safe Surrender" program/event as a means of eliminating some of the approximately 8000 warrants	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk of Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	that are outstanding in Dane County and eliminate incarceration for unpaid fines that may result from municipal ordinance violations.			
20	Develop culturally relevant community-based crisis, assessment and resource center.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Justice Center: \$100,000 included in 2020 budget; consulting to identify scope of services Crisis Triage Center: DHS BH Department presentation to CJC BH Subcommittee August 2022; RFA expected for an operator in 2022 JFA Analysis: Expect the impact to not exceed 25 people who are currently in the jail system.
21	Increase the number and reach of mobile crisis response staff/teams.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CARES Pilot in City of Madison
22	Develop more culturally relevant and family centered outreach and engagement.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
23	Add culturally relevant staff to work in collaboration with current mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability services and community resources	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
24	Create and sustain a culturally diverse behavioral health workforce.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

25	Reduce the use (frequency) and length of time (duration) solitary confinement & administrative segregation.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCSO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
26	Explore financing changes related to both public and private sector mental health services and create more cost-effective, coordinated services.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
27	Support the development of a plan to deliver additional training and resources for judicial officials, attorneys, and others involved in the court process related to mental health.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk of Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
28	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.	Res-556 Workgroups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
29	Implement changes in criminal court processing for people in two release categories (sentenced and transferred out to) which would not change the ultimate court disposition but would moderately reduce their LOS.	JFA August 2019 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
30	Reduce sentence lengths for people sentenced to the jail.	JFA August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
31	Expedite case processing of felony cases who are in pretrial status.	JFA August 2019 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts • Clerk of Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

32	Removing all Youthful Residents under age 17 and House them in the Empty Juvenile Detention unit.	JFA October 2021 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCSO • Juvenile Detention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation Counsel opinion issued in 2021 indicated this is not possible in WI under state law.
33	Terminating/reducing Federal Contract for Housing Federal Transit Residents.	JFA October 2021 Report, Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCSO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
34	Creating a Jail Population Review Panel to reduce length of stay.	JFA October 2021 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population Review Committee developed in 2022 based on JFA consulting
35	Enforce time standards on in-custody cases.	Res 145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCSO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
36	Prioritize the writing of tickets instead of jail for minor offenses by local law enforcement.	Res-145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local law enforcement agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest and ticket practices changed during COVID; permanent practices discussed at multiple CJC meetings 2021 - 2022
37	Create inventory of local law enforcement use of force policies throughout the County.	Res-145, Res-180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local law enforcement agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
38	Increase the use of restorative courts and implement a mental health court to divert mental health cases.	Res-145, Res-180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA's Office • Courts • Clerk of Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Feasibility Study re: MH Court
39	Expand use of the Community Restorative Court (CRC), in terms of the age of individuals referred, the scope of charges, and the communities participating.	Res-180	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA's Office • Human Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
40	Hold weekly meetings to review the status of those held on Department of Corrections technical violations without a new charge.	Res-320	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCSO • Clerk of Courts • DOC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

41	Develop a Justice Support Services division to provide improved outcomes for those whose primary criminal justice involvement was with behavioral health and/or substance use issues.	Res-320	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
42	Expand the use of tablets for visitation and programming for those who are incarcerated, and expand the use of electronic monitoring.	Res-320	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
43	End use of cash bail.	Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
44	Eliminate contracts with government agencies whose law enforcement agencies arrest and bring to jail for booking persons alleged to have engaged in non-violent offenses or those who report crimes if those individuals themselves have a non-violent arrest warrant.	Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
45	Work with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to book and release for probation and parole holds unless extraordinary circumstances exist, and under those circumstances to limit the number of days a resident can be held on a probation and parole hold to 7 days.	Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCSO • DOC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
46	Identify potential approaches for all youthful offenders to find alternative diversion programs and services for youthful offenders in lieu of incarceration.	Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
47	Provide funding in the 2023 capital and operating budgets for permanent supportive housing, recovery housing,	Res-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

	expanded treatment options, and supportive services for people who have experienced frequent incarceration, hospitalization, and homelessness			
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Discussion Prompts:

- Is a PP&J work group needed to guide implementation of any items referenced? If so, who needs to be at the table?
- What prioritized items does PP&J need status updates on?
- Which of the items referenced should be included via quarterly CJC status reports?

See also:

- 2022 Res [136](#)
- 2014 Res [566](#) and subsequent workgroup recommendations:
<https://equity.countyofdane.com/documents/PDFs/InvestigatingSolutions.pdf>
- 2020 Res [145](#)
- 2020 Res [180](#)
- 2021 Res [320](#)
- JFA Reports:
 - August 2019 JFA Report <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/Analysis-of-the-Dane-County-Jail-Population-JFA-Institute.pdf>
 - April 2021 JFA Report <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/Dane-County-County-Jail-JFA-RED-analysis.pdf>
 - October 2021 JFA Report <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/JFA-Final-Report-10-29-2021-.pdf>
- January 2020 Identifying New Opportunities for Deflection and Diversion Programs Targeted at Non-Violent, Misdemeanor-level Offenses: Data Analysis & Recommendations <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/DaneCountyDiversion-DeflectionAnalysisandRecommendations.pdf>
- CJC reports and presentations: <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/Reports>

Significant new programs in development or recently implemented:

- CARES Pilot

- <https://www.cityofmadison.com/fire/emergency-medical-services/community-alternative-response-emergency-services-caresCrisis>
- Triage and Restoration Center
 - \$10 M in funding provided for capital project in 2022 budget
 - <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/RI-Dane-County-CTC-Consultation-FINAL-Report-10252021.pdf>
- Community Justice Center
 - <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/CCI-Final-Report-DaneCounty-9.10.21-.pdf>
- Mental Health Court
 - <https://www.dcdhs.com/documents/pdf/Reports/Dane-County-Mental-Health-Court-Feasibility-Study-Nov2021.pdf>