



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Community Justice Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, March 26, 2026

12:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County
Building in Room 351; attend virtually via Zoom.

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A. Call To Order

Judge Hyland called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. Quorum met.

Excused: Todd Meurer, Brent Plisch, Jay Laufenberg

Present: Peter Middleton, Richelle Andrae, Heidi Wegleitner, and John Patterson

Present 8 - KALVIN BARRETT, JOHN HYLAND, ISMAEL OZANNE, JEFF OKAZAKI, MELISSA
AGARD, JOHN JAY MILLER, JEROME DILLARD, and PATRICK MILES

Excused 1 - MYRA MCNAIR

B. Consideration of Minutes

Motion for adoption for minutes from last month. Ozanne moved, Miles seconded.

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[MIN-640](#) COUNCIL

Attachments: [MINUTES FOR THE CJC MEETING 2-26-26](#)

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

Attic Correctional Services—Community Services in Dane County Courts

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Presenter: Mia Widhalm

2. [2025 PRES-294](#) COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

Attachments: [Community Service Program Presentation \(updated 3.19.26\)](#)

Colleen Clark-Bernhardt introduced ATTIC presenter Mia Widhalm. A presentation on the ATTIC program. Program adds to diversion options in Dane County Courts and offers nonprofit community service support for defendants serving a 30 day or less jail stay. Focus on outcomes and impact of the program.

Discussion ensued regarding program capacity and availability, court branch referrals, potential program growth, terminations and patterns in program success/failure, extension program eligibility, ability to follow-up post program, long term benefits and ties to recidivism, and potential for tracking and sharing data on participants and hours.

Deployment of the Community Justice Council Strategic Plan

3. [2025 PRES-296](#) CJC STRATEGIC PLAN DEPLOYMENT CCB FINAL 3.26.26

Attachments: [CJC STRATEGIC PLAN DEPLOYMENT CCB FINAL 3.26.26 \(002\)](#)

Measurement and analysis requested around the need for helpful metrics in behavioral health data linking to criminal justice system, and potential for database showing needs of population and nature of the conduct/offenses to be accessible by different agencies. The need for shared vocabulary, metrics and goals in assessing outcomes and success.

Searching for other actionable areas in data, need for more qualitative data, access to diversion and other programming along with usage rates, and risk aversion by anonymizing data while still tracking outcomes.

Gaps, barriers and wait times in reentry/reintegration and request the CJC-Racial Disparities subcommittee review objectives and tactics in the CJC strategic plan under reentry. Potential for national partner, CSG, to assist in framing the work of reentry via REENTRY 2030. Staff will follow up with action and any request for letter of support from CJC members.

4. [2025 PRES-288](#) COMMUNITY JUSTICE COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

Attachments: [COMMUNITY JUSTICE COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2028](#)

E. Reports to Committee

None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Community Justice Council meeting will take place on May 28, 2026 at 12:15 pm in hybrid format.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Introduction of Pajarita Charles, Assistant Professor in School of Social Work.
Addressed need for and availability of local research partners to support for work
of CJC.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

Adjourn meeting adjournment moved by Agard, seconded Miller. Meeting
adjourned at 1:34 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Isabelle Oliver, pending CJC approval.