

REPORT TO THE
PUBLIC PROTECTION
AND JUDICIARY
COMMITTEE
MAY 23, 2023

Dane County Community Justice Council

Overview



- The CJC serves as a forum for collaboration and a catalyst for system improvement.
- The initiatives in this quarterly report did not begin in July of this year and will not end on May 30th, but rather have built over time and will continue.

Welcome to our new CJC Members

2022 OA-028 added eight new community members to the CJC + subcommittees:

CJC-Executive: Jerome Dillard, Myra McNair, John Jay Miller

CJC-Behavioral Health Subcommittee: Tamra Oman

CJC-Pretrial Services Subcommittee: Shar-Ron Buie, Deborah Mejchar

CJC-Racial Disparities Subcommittee: Carmella Glenn, Aaron Hicks

2023 CJC Calendar (to date)

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CJC Executive-level Meetings and Topics

January:

- Peer Learning in Bexar County, TX: "One Stop Shop Model" including collocated pretrial, reentry, specialty court, homeless services
- Peer Learning in Douglas County, KS: Crisis Care Continuum in Crisis Triage Center
- 2022-OA028 Process implementation discussion by Chair Esqueda
- Promote Pretrial Community Conversation

February:

- Council of State Governments presentation re: JMHCP grant to support collaborations between criminal justice and mental health
- Evolution of the Dane County CJC
- Invitation for nominees for new community members to join the CJC, per OA-028

March:

- Family-Friendly Visits in Dane County Jail

April:

- Community Service Hours: Collaboration between Courts and ATTIC to promote alternatives to incarceration when possible
- Youth Justice data

May:

- Peer Learning with Lucas County, OH: Opportunity Project to pair a clinical social worker with a public defender for service connection and partnership beginning prior to initial appearance
- Peer Learning in Douglas & Johnson Counties, KS: Opportunities to use data and best practices to support people with severe mental illness

Behavioral Health Subcommittee Initiatives and Meeting Topics

- ▶ Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) – Identifying opportunities for diversion, deflection, and “off-ramps” at each part of the criminal justice system
- ▶ Current focus on Intercept 3: Jails & Courts
 - ▶ Identification of gaps in services & highest needs
 - ▶ Collective review of hypothetical case to determine gaps in communication and knowledge between agencies/stakeholders
- ▶ Approaches to greater increase community voice and experiences in resource/gap identification
- ▶ Crisis Triage Center updates
- ▶ Madison Police Department (MPD) presentation on Mental Health Unit
- ▶ Wisconsin Chief Justice’s Mental Health Task Force Summit
- ▶ Familiar Faces Initiative & Data Sharing
- ▶ Booking Alert

Pretrial Services Subcommittee: Initiatives & Meeting Topics

- ▶ Community Conversation with Advancing Pretrial Policy & Research (APPR)
 - ▶ Featuring Judge Nicholas McNamara, Clerk of Courts Carlo Esqueda, and Dept. of Pretrial Services Director Rhonda Frank-Loron
- ▶ New Department of Pretrial Services & Director Rhonda Frank-Loron
 - ▶ Website, resources, judicial training
- ▶ Upcoming Presentation by MDRC on pretrial supervision and services “dosage”
- ▶ Incorporating peer support in pretrial services

Dane County CJC and
Advancing Pretrial Policy & Research (APPR)
present
**Pretrial Community
Conversation**

Join us in learning about national innovations in pretrial and our local Dane County growth and practices!

What's pretrial? Pretrial is the time after someone is charged with a crime but before they are convicted. People can be released or detained pretrial. Pretrial Services supports and supervises people who are released pretrial.

After the national and local perspectives, there will be time for community questions.

January 31, 2023
5:30-7:00pm
Zoom (link below)



DR. KELVIN BANKS,
APPR

ORLENY ROJAS,
APPR

CARLO ESQUEDA,
CLERK OF COURTS

JUDGE NICHOLAS
MCNAMARA,
CIRCUIT COURT

Introducina Rhonda Frank-Loron, Director of Dane County Pretrial Services

Racial Disparities Subcommittee: Initiatives and Meeting Topics

- ▶ Bureau of Justice Administration Community Court Grant
 - ▶ \$600,000 to design, implement, and pilot a community court
- ▶ Community Court Advisory Subcommittee
- ▶ Seven meetings as of 5/23/23
- ▶ Identification of greatest needs
- ▶ Community Court workplan and timeline available as attachment
- ▶ <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15pbja-22-gg-03874-dgct>

CJC-Community Court Advisory Committee

- ▶ Co-Chairs Sup. Dana Pellebon, Director of Just Dane, Linda Ketchum
- ▶ Meeting twice a month with stakeholders, community members, and others to discuss who, what and how to develop a community justice center/community court for Dane County.
- ▶ Facilitated by City of Madison Community Development Community Resources Manager in an unique intergovernmental agreement between the City of Madison and Dane County.
- ▶ Subcommittee work closes at end of September 2023 with a planning and implementation report.
- ▶ Prof. Jonathan Scharer, UW Law School Restorative Justice Project Director – Technical Assistance
- ▶ Center for Justice Innovation– National Technical Advisor

Ongoing

- ▶ Data dashboards-Phase I and II
- ▶ Opportunities for community engagement and partnership
- ▶ Participation in MacArthur Foundation Safety & Justice Challenge (SJC)
- ▶ National partnerships with technical assistance providers & researchers
- ▶ Website redesign (in process)
 - ▶ Increased access to materials and resources

MACARTHUR SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE: CONVENING

May 2023

<https://safetyandjusticechallenge.org/>

- ▶ **Fifty-seven participating cities, counties, and states across the country are doing the on-the-ground work of reimagining and rebuilding local justice systems.**
- ▶ With grants from The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, the Network is implementing a wide variety of strategies all aimed at reducing jail populations and eliminating racial and ethnic disparities. These tactics and successes can be used as models for similar reforms across the country.
- ▶ Some of the cities and counties within the Safety and Justice Challenge received a grant through the Challenge Innovation Fund. These jurisdictions receive funding, technical assistance, and ongoing access to resources and peer learning opportunities.

Tap In Center in St. Louis County

A community-based space for justice-involved individuals to "tap in" to legal assistance and community supports without fear of arrest.

MISSED COURT?
COME TO THE LIBRARY!

The Problem

- A missed court date typically results in a bench warrant, regardless of the reason.
- COVID-19 exacerbated existing barriers to attending court dates.
- Defendants have little recourse to resolve this issue in a way that does not result in arrest.

A Community-Focused Solution

The location, time of day, and program structure was informed by our community partners. Specific branch locations were chosen based on a data-driven assessment of community needs.

✓ COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH

- Evening hours
- Plenty of free parking
- Near public transit stops
- No police presence or security checkpoints
- Welcoming & family-friendly environment

✗ JUSTICE CENTER & COURTS

- Non-flexible hours
- Limited paid parking
- Difficult to access via public transportation
- Staffed by security or other law enforcement
- Intimidating environment with increased risk of arrest

Program Model

When & Where?

The Tap In Center operates from 6-8 pm every Tuesday at a library branch.

What?

The hallmark service is facilitating a **warrant recall** for warrants **issued due to missing a court appearance** on a felony or misdemeanor case.

How?

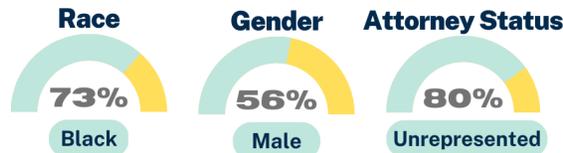
- A defense attorney speaks with a prosecutor to advocate for the participant's warrant to be recalled.
- New court date is set if the prosecutor agrees.
- Case manager provides court reminders, transportation to court, and other supports.

700+ Warrants Recalled

- **86%** of requested warrant recalls on felony cases were granted.
- **96%** of requested warrant recalls on misdemeanor cases were granted.
- **86%** of participants who had a warrant recalled **have not returned to jail.**

"...It's honestly unheard of. Usually your whole family has to put money down to get you a paid lawyer to resolve something like this. **I was at the point of trying to turn myself in** when I got the information about this program." -TIC Participant
The St. Louis American (Nov.9, 2020)

Who We Serve



Tap In Center Partners

The Bail Project
Missouri State Public Defender
St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney
St. Louis County Library
21st Judicial Circuit
St. Louis County Justice Services
SJC Team
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Questions?

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