



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, February 24, 2021

12:15 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Noemi Reyes, Lindsay Menard, Sarah Jensen, and Isabel Anadon,

The meeting was called to order by Chair McNamara at 12:17 pm

Present 5 - COLLEEN CLARK, CATHERINE DORL, CARLO ESQUEDA, NICK MCNAMARA,
and ISMAEL OZANNE

Absent 4 - TROY ENGER, JEFF KOSTELIC, DAVE MAHONEY, and KERRY PORTER

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2020
MIN-449](#) MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2020 CJC PRE-TRIAL SERVICES
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Attachments: [2020 MIN-449](#)

[12.2.2020 CJC Pretrial Services Subcommittee Registrations](#)

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

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

1. MDRC Research in Dane County

Presented by: Melanie Skemer of MDRC

MDRC is a non-partisan, mission-driven research organization committed to finding solutions to some of the most difficult issues facing the nation, with the goal of improving the lives of individuals, families, children, and communities.

MDRC, supported by Arnold Ventures, has partnered with Dane County to conduct research and reform the County's pretrial justice system. There are two goals of the project:

- 1) Help partner jurisdictions assess the performance of their pretrial release interventions, with a focus on court appearance outcomes;*
- 2) Identify the least burdensome pretrial supervision interventions necessary to maintain court appearance*

There are two phases of the project. Phase 1 is a process and descriptive analysis and phase 2 are impact studies. To date, there has been a lot of progress made in phase 1 of the project; phase 2 has not started yet as it was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Skemer reviewed phase 1 research activities and highlighted a list of data that has been provided by the CJC/Dane County. MDRC is currently analyzing court appearance trends. Phase 1 results are expected to be published in the Summer of 2021.

See attached presentation for additional information.

[2020
PRES-152](#)

An Overview of the Pretrial Justice Collaborative

Attachments: [2020 PRES-152](#)

E. Discussion Items

1. PSA Update

Presented by Anadon.

Anadon reviewed the 2nd & 3rd quarter Public Safety Assessment (PSA) report (see attached).

Subcommittee members discussed the data and findings.

Between now and the next subcommittee meeting, members of the subcommittee were asked to review the report and email staff key data and feedback re: the report format to incorporate into future reports.

[2020
RPT-836](#)

2nd & 3rd Quarter 2020 Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Report

Attachments: [2020 RPT-836](#)

2. Follow-up about data-sharing regarding pretrial GPS data

Discussion ensued regarding the Clerk of Courts Office sharing GPS data with various entities (law enforcement officers, attorneys, etc.). Corporation Counsel advised the Clerk of Courts Office that the GPS data may be considered an open record. Pretrial services is trying to limit data requests to active and ongoing investigations and direct requests. Some requests are very broad. There was discussion about whether or not to create a process to notify the Public Defender/DA/Judge/attorney when a request is made and whether or not a policy should be in place to make a formal request to access the data.

Clerk of Court Esqueda will provide data regarding the number of requests his office receives at the next subcommittee meeting.

3. National best practices about pretrial supervision step-down process

Agenda item was postponed to a future meeting.

F. Reports to Committee

None

G.. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 7th at 12:15 pm

Future agenda items:

-Results of Front-End Justice Study and 2020 RES-177

-Number of GPS data sharing requests Clerk of Courts Office receives

-Organizational structure of the Pre-Trial Services program

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Judge McNamara stated that trials will be starting back up in May.

J. Adjourn

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lindsay Menard, pending subcommittee approval