



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Thursday, September 23, 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: Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, Lindsay Menard, Isabel Anadon, and Sarah Jensen

Due to two major presentations, public comment has been moved to the end of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eicher at 12:15 p.m.

Judge McNamara attending on behalf of Judge Bailey-Rihn; Judge McNamara left the meeting at 2:00 pm

Advisory Members Present: Maureen McCarville, John Patterson (left at 2:15 pm), and Reuben Sanon (attending on behalf of Mayor Rhodes-Conway, joined at 12:29 pm)

Advisory Members Excused: Aaron Chapin, Catherine Dorl, Troy Enger, and Todd Meurer

Present 5 - KALVIN BARRETT, Supervisor ANALIESE EICHER, CARLO ESQUEDA, ISMAEL OZANNE, and JOE PARISI

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2021 MIN-287](#) MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2021 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [2021 MIN-287](#)

[8.26.21 Registration Forms](#)

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

C. Action Items

1. [2021 ACT-173](#) SUPPORT OF A DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Attachments: [2021 ACT-173](#)

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by BARRETT, that the action item be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

D. Presentations

1. Crisis Restoration and Triage and Restoration Center

Presented by Wayne Lindstrom from RI International

Presentation regarding the needs assessment of the crisis restoration and triage restoration center. Recommendation to use term "crisis triage center" to avoid confusion about competency restoration. Discussion of need for improved service coordination, "no wrong door" approach, with an emphasis on peer support. Need for access to services in rural communities, cultural competency, and recognition that barriers exist.

Recommendation to create a specific organizational entity that oversees crisis care and creates system accountability for oversight, resourcing, and administration of behavioral health crisis response. Crisis facilities can be the "front door" without gate-keeping responsibilities. Discussion of policy and regulatory barriers. Discussion of opportunities for cost offsets and reinvestments. Discussion of peer respite services to help people navigate multiple systems after they exit the crisis center and to maintain stability.

Discussion ensued. Discussion regarding impact on jail population and potential diversion opportunities. There could be as many as 15,000 arrest diversion days per year if used properly.

- 1a. [2021 PRES-152](#) Crisis Restoration and Triage and Restoration Center Presentation

Attachments: [2021 PRES-152](#)

2. JFA Institute Presentation on Dane County Jail Consolidation Project

Presented by James Austin, PhD and Allen Patrick

JFA Institute discussed the current jail population level and forecasting around maintaining a lower jail population. The jail population currently has more people for violent offenses than the population prior to COVID. However, there is still potential for procedure and policy shift to lower the current population. This includes: some residents on Probation and Parole Holds and Federal Interstate statuses.

Recommendations include: implementation of jail population control measures by December 2021; placing Huber-sentenced residents on electronic monitoring (instead of under roof); removing youthful from the jail where possible; terminating or reducing federal contract; funding the crisis triage center; and creating a jail population review panel for detainees in custody for over 120 days.

Discussion of legal barriers to transferring and rehousing juveniles who may be charged as adults. Discussion of Dane County population growth and potential future impact on jail population. JFA opined the population growth is of an aging population, which is a low-risk population with limited effects on the criminal justice system. Discussion of policies that can keep the jail population low, such as keeping citations in lieu of arrest and lower length of stay. Expectation that jail population will increase now that the courts have started to return to normal operation and jury trials have resumed. Discussion of renovation of existing parts of the Public Safety Building. Discussion of the role of Huber program.

2a. [2021 PRES-153](#) Review of Consolidated Jail Plan for Dane County

Attachments: [2021 PRES-153](#)

2b. [2021 COM-017](#) MOSES WRITTEN TESTIMONY - UNIFIED JAIL POSITION

Attachments: [2021 COM-017](#)

E. Reports to Committee

1. [2021 RPT-446](#) CJC-Racial Disparities Subcommittee 2nd Quarter Report

CJC-Racial Disparities quarterly report will be moved to a future meeting. Currently unavailable.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting will be on October 28th at 12:15pm.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Registrants: Dan Fitch, Thomas Gilbert, Ananda Deacon, Barbara Benson

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by ESQUEDA, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen, pending council approval