



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, October 28, 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, Isabel Anadon, Lindsay Menard, and Sarah Jensen

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eicher at 12:17 p.m.

Advisory Members Present: Aaron Chapin, Catherine Dorl, Troy Enger, Maureen McCarville, Todd Meurer, John Patterson, and Satya Rhodes-Conway

Judge Hyland attending on behalf of Judge Bailey-Rihn

Mayor Rhodes-Conway joined at 12:30 pm

Troy Enger joined at 12:30 pm

Judge Meurer left at 1:05 pm

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2021 MIN-391](#) MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [2021 MIN-391](#)
[9.23.21 Registration Forms](#)

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

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

1. Community Service and the Courts

Presented by Judge Genovese

Presentation regarding community service as an alternative to incarceration and/or fines. Community service acts as a pro-social alternative to incarceration, and it enables participants to get additional work experience and potentially recommendations, which can prevent recidivism. There are multiple collaborators on this program, including ATTIC, Clerk of Courts, Judiciary, and DHS. This collaboration began in 2016.

Discussion ensued. Discussion regarding opportunities for additional community service partners, and that a variety of sites allow program to tailor community service opportunities to the participants' interests. Discussion regarding partnerships with municipal court. Discussion of program expansion; a larger staff would be needed to increase the program capacity.

1a. [2021 PRES-181](#) DANE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Attachments: [2021 PRES-181](#)

2. Fines and Fees Subcommittee Report

Presented by Supervisor Bayrd

The Public Protection and Judiciary Fines and Fees Subcommittee conducted an analysis on fines and fees in the criminal justice system. The subcommittee examined what fines/fees exist, how these fines/fees impact people, and racial disparities in who is assessed fines/fees. The subcommittee discussed the different ways of managing fines/fees, such as increasing fee waivers, avoiding collections when possible, and creating a uniform process about fees and alternatives to collections.

2a. [2021 RPT-584](#) PUBLIC PROTECTION AND JUDICIARY, FINES AND FEES
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Attachments: [2021 RPT-584](#)

E. Reports to Committee

1. JFA Institute Final Report Regarding the Dane County Jail Consolidation Project

Presented by Jim Austin and Allen Patrick, JFA Institute

Presentation on the JFA final report on the Dane County Jail Consolidation Project (attached, and available on cjc.countyofdane.com/reports).

Presentation of different options for the Jail Consolidation Project. Two options were presented.

Recommendation is option 2. Under this option: the Public Safety Building would not be renovated, the number of mental health beds would increase, and an infirmary would not be built (instead recommends the jail collaborate with local hospitals). This would cost a total of \$138 million, which would lead to a surplus of \$10 million that could be spent on the crisis triage center.

Discussion regarding the ten stated goals of jail consolidation project. Discussion of medical care and whether a clinic or infirmary is better suited for the new building. Discussion of the scope of the JFA analysis and whether additional research should be done on jail population forecasting. Discussion of sentencing, its impact on the jail population, and statutory limitations. Next steps include: looking into different programs, processes, and other ways to lower the jail population as well as having additional meetings of stakeholders and consultants.

1a. [2021 PRES-180](#) REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED JAIL PLAN FOR DANE COUNTY

Attachments: [2021 PRES-180](#)

1b. [2021 RPT-619](#) REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATED JAIL PLAN FOR DANE COUNTY FINAL REPORT

Attachments: [2021 RPT-619](#)

1c. [2021 COM-023](#) JUDGES RESPONSE TO JFA REPORT

Attachments: [2021 COM-023](#)

2. [2021 RPT-570](#) CJC Pre-Trial Services Subcommittee Quarterly Report

Attachments: [2021 RPT-570](#)

Presented by Judge McNamara

Report detailing quarterly updates is attached.

3. Grant Update

Presented by Clark-Bernhardt

The Dane County collaborative Nehemiah – CJC group did not receive the grant award and were not admitted to the MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Racial Equity Cohort.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

December 9th at 12:15pm.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

- 1) Dan Fitch, Speaking in neither support or opposition*
- 2) Eric Howland, Speaking in support*
- 3) Steve Verburg, Speaking in neither support or opposition*
- 4) Kierstin Huelsemann, Speaking in neither support or opposition*

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen, pending council approval