



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

CJC-Community Court Advisory Subcommittee

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

12:15 PM

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

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by KETCHAM at 12:15 pm.

REECE representing COOPER.

BLACKAMORE arrives at 12:18 pm

PELLEBON arrives at 12:31 pm

- Present** 15 - CATHERINE DORL, DANA PELLEBON, JOHN BAUMAN, RON CHANCE, WESLEY SPARKMAN, ANTHONY COOPER, LINDA KETCHAM, EVELYN CRUZ, AMY BROWN, KIRBIE MACK, ISMAEL OZANNE, SHANNON BLACKAMORE, CARMELLA GLENN, AARON HICKS, and TODD MEUER
- Excused** 2 - MARIO WHITE, and LISA BURRELL
- Absent** 2 - JONATHAN TRIGGS, and CHARNICE ANDERSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

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Minutes of the June 20, 2023 CJC-Community Court Advisory subcommittee.

Attachments: [2023 MIN-184](#)

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by MACK, that the minutes be approved.

C. Action Items

none.

D. Presentations

1. AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PRETRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (FRANK-LORON)

[2023](#)
[PRES-101](#) Pretrial Services Department

Attachments: [2023 PRES-101](#)

Director Rhonda Frank-Loron presented on the Dane County Pretrial Services Department (PTS). The PTS was established in October 2022. Discussion on the mission, vision, role of pretrial services, and resources of the PTS. Presentation on the four principles of Evidence-Based Decision Making. Presentation on the Public Safety Assessment (PSA). New initiatives discussed including peer-support pilot program in June 2023. Discussion on system and data review of PTS programming.

PTS webpage: <https://pretrial-services.countyofdane.com/>

Commonly Requested Resources:

<https://pretrial-services.countyofdane.com/documents/2023-Updated-English-brochure.pdf>

Question regarding how the PTS will interface with a future Community Court. Comment on the importance of synergy between the PTS and Community Court. Question regarding % of people on pretrial served and racial demographics of the clients served by PTS. Comment on importance of a peer-support agency that does reentry work in the community. Question on the language access needs and use in the PTS. Question on staffing needs in PTS and the current waiting list for services. Question regarding certified peer specialists and if their services would end at the plea agreement. Question on PSA and juveniles. Question on which languages used when accessing language line in the PTS. Question on the racial composition of the PTS staff. Question on PSA and Harvard University Access To Justice study.

This presentation was placed on file

2. DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE COURT (MARINO)

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DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE COURT

Attachments: [2023 PRES-096](#)

Presentation on the Community Restorative Court by Supervisor Stephanie Marino. Discussion on overview, mission, and statistics of the program.

Question on CRC's measures related to victim satisfaction.

Comment on the uniqueness of the CRC's holistic approach by including all parties involved.

Question on if "severe violent background" is defined by the CRC program or an outside agency.

Comment on District Attorney's role in supporting the CRC and importance of analyzing data from the program.

Question on if CRC is noticing an increase in victim participation.

Comment on program effectiveness and the over representation of people of color in the program. Comment on expanding program into the neighborhood level.

Question on early process of referrals and potential restrictions on grant for Community Court. Question on if a person with a municipal citation referral who fails a CRC program will continue with a citation or if case refers to DA's office for a potential criminal charge.

Comment on law enforcement ability to directly refer misdemeanors but not felony cases to the CRC. Law enforcement has only referred forfeitures to the CRC. Comment on law enforcement's comfort level and understanding of the CRC model due in part to the confidentiality bubble that the CRC model operates in when referring cases. Additional community conversations about the CRC may increase referrals. DA's office has referred cases that fall out of age range and felony cases, however the office is cognizant of caseload demands on the CRC staff. Question on what happens if a forfeiture case is unsuccessful in CRC. The DA's office does not want to ratchet-up unnecessarily a response to a case to a misdemeanor because of a failure in the CRC model. Comment on gaining confidence on the part of law enforcement to refer cases to the CRC. Comment on law enforcement discretion in determining the severity of the charge. Further investigation around the 22 percent not engaging in CRC is important. CRC staff has the ability to provide and has conducted in-service training to law enforcement to inform them about the CRC.

Question on when victim is contacted on cases referred to the CRC. Question on how many victims choose not to participate in the CRC program. Question on racial demographics of peacemakers and CRC staff. Question on CRC's attempt to work with the chief of police department to increase referrals of cases with greater severity to the CRC. Question on what happens to individuals who fail the program.

Comment on law enforcement discretion in the direct referral process and comfort level in making direct referrals to the CRC. Question on what law enforcement is doing to increase law enforcement comfort level to make referrals to the CRC.

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E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting will be an in-person meeting. Agenda will include a report back from community and system entities on data and visioning of the Community Court. On-line participants will not be able to participate in world cafe.

On August 4, 2023 committee members to travel on-site to Cook County's Restorative Justice Community Court - Avondale. Members surveyed on who will attend.

2. NEXT MEETING: JULY 25, 2023 AT 12:15 PM.

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

none.

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Comment on victim participation in CRC and outreach to victims in the process.

Question on homework and July 25, 2023 meeting.

H. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made by OZANNE, seconded by SPARKMAN.
Meeting adjourned at 1:42 pm.**

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Isabel Anadon, pending CJC-Community Court Advisory subcommittee approval.