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TO: Chair, Carlo Esqueda
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SUBJECT: CJC Research Analyst work plan

Given the current status of the Office of Justice Reform, I will continue to supervise the work of the CJC Research and Innovation team. At this point, the team is limited to the CJC Research Analyst. The work of the CJC Research Analyst is critical to moving policy and practice reform forward in the Dane County criminal justice system with accurate and informative data analysis.

The below articulates much of the ongoing work for the next six months:

Improve data accessibility

- Maintain the five CJC dashboards that have already been published.
- Move remaining planned dashboards closer to publication, including ones for the Pretrial Population, the DA's Office, and Courts.
- Explore the possibility of adding a Municipal Court dashboard.

Support Community Court Efforts

- Provide data planning support to the Community Court Subcommittee.
- Initialize research on community court data base and intake instruments for use in 2024.

Conduct special projects

- Finalize bail analysis, incorporate feedback from stakeholders, and communicate findings to internal and external audiences in a variety of formats.
- Assess the need and technical specs for expanding the booking alert to include people who have previously had competency issues.
- Conduct an updated analysis of Familiar Faces in the jail and create draft report for CJC approval.

Build relationships with internal and external partners

- Review and edit the Harvard University, Access to Justice Lab: RCT final report.
- Maintain ongoing learning and contributing relationship with MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge—Data focus.
- Engage peer counties in understanding best practices in terms of “internal” dashboards. (Eau Claire and peer counties nation-wide).
- Act as data consultant for internal stakeholders.