

Dane County Pretrial Services Department

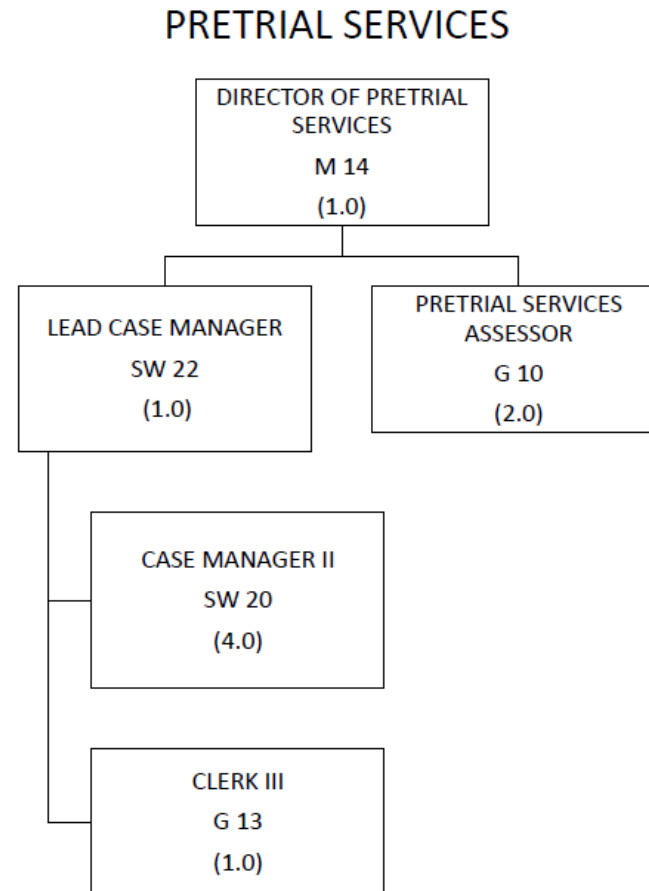
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History of Pretrial Services in Dane County

- ▶ 1989: Alternatives to Incarceration Program (ATIP) created with Jail Diversion Coordinator position under the Clerk of Courts
- ▶ 1991: Bail Monitoring Program (BMP) created for pretrial services
- ▶ 2012: Post-conviction monitoring ended and assumed by DCSO's Custody Alternative Monitoring Program (CAMP)
- ▶ 2015: Dane County partners with Arnold Ventures to implement use of Public Safety Assessment (PSA), a standardized pretrial risk assessment tool
- ▶ 2019: ATIP becomes Pretrial Services and program moves from CCB to Courthouse
- ▶ 2022: Pretrial Services becomes its own department

Pretrial Services Staff

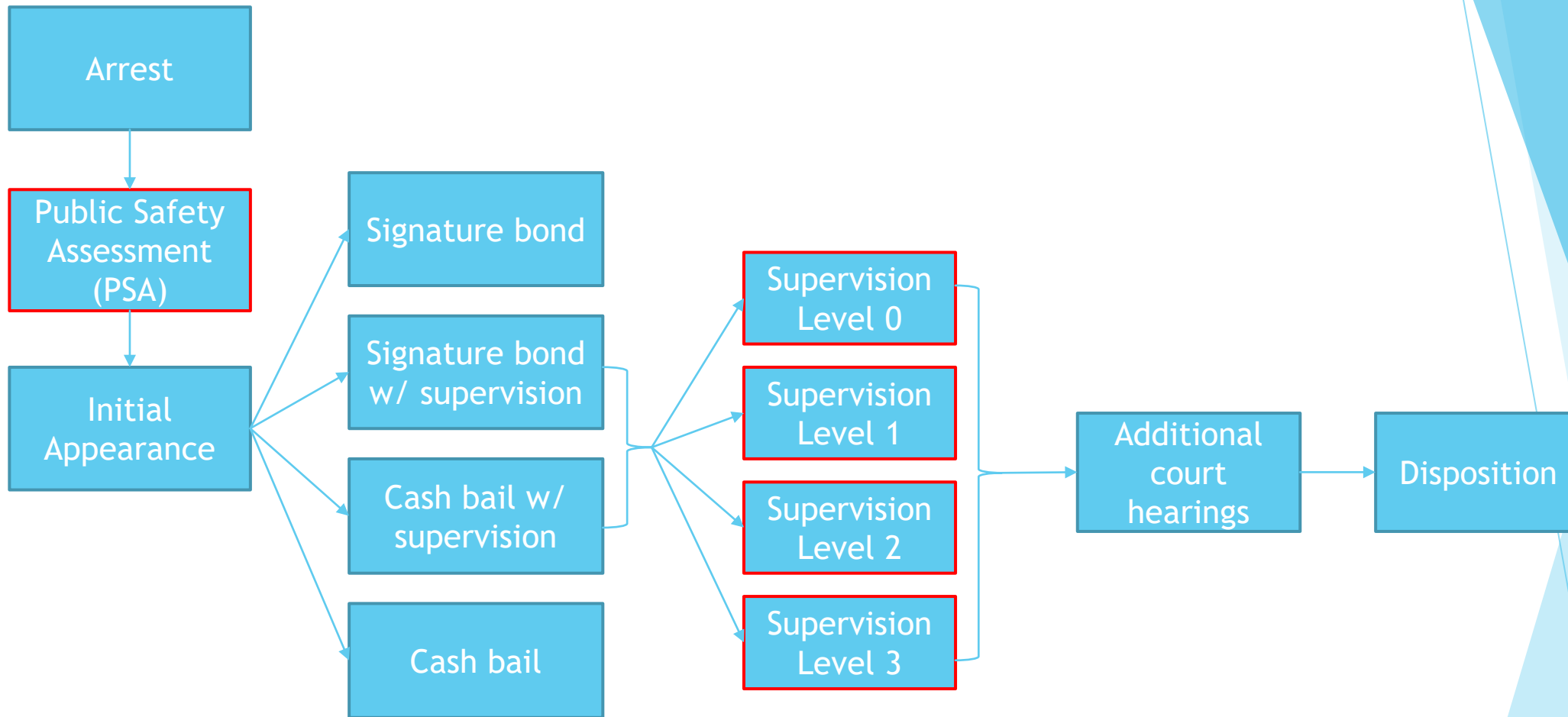


Budget

- ▶ 2025 Total Number of Employees: 9
- ▶ Total 2026 Budget: \$1,395,218
 - ▶ Electronic Monitoring: \$179,900
 - ▶ Drug Testing: \$3,000
 - ▶ Peer Support: \$500
- ▶ Total 2027 Reduction: \$32,382

The Role of Pretrial Services

- ▶ **Mission:** To help people successfully complete pretrial supervision and improve community safety by increasing court appearance and reducing new arrests
- ▶ Most individuals with pretrial status are not on pretrial supervision, but a large percentage of the jail population is in pretrial status.
 - ▶ Approximately 91% of people are released and 9% are in custody
 - ▶ Approximately 4,400 people with pretrial status and historically about 4-5% on supervision
 - ▶ About 48% of jail population is in Pretrial status and 57% of those have no other holds



Pretrial Supervision

- ▶ Supervision level determined by PSA and/or professional judgement
- ▶ Conditions determined by judges/commissioners
 - ▶ Monitoring provided with GPS, alcohol monitoring, and drug testing
- ▶ Case workers make referrals to community resources
- ▶ Consistent violation responses determined by structured response grid
 - ▶ Judicial responses include: No change but monitor, Schedule bail hearing, Increase Supervision, Issue warrant

Statistics

- ▶ Across all defendants in pretrial status, 69% make all court appearances and 77% have no new offenses.
- ▶ For Pretrial Services defendants in 2025, 92% made all their court appearances and 92% had no new offenses.
- ▶ Current supervision clients: 108 total
 - ▶ Alcohol Testing 58, GPS 34, Drug Testing 15
- ▶ Median days on supervision is about 144.

Challenges

Public Safety Assessments

- ▶ Two Pretrial Assessors completed 2253 PSAs in 2025, but 1636 eligible defendants were not assessed due to workload constraints.
- ▶ Use of PSA will be discussed at CJC/CJC-PT joint meeting in July 2026.

Electronic Monitoring

- ▶ Electronic monitoring usage needs to be decreased approximately 40% in 2026. Even with the implementation of a wait list and other programmatic changes, funds will not be available starting in September 2026.
- ▶ Pretrial monitoring of GPS violations is not 24/7 so there are concerns about victims rights.
- ▶ Lost equipment is large portion of budget, costing \$40-60k annually.

Want to learn more?

- ▶ Visit us on the 5th floor of the courthouse to see our space
- ▶ Schedule a time to shadow a social worker
- ▶ Check out our website for more resource: pretrial-services.danecounty.gov

Any Questions?

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