

LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL	
DATE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, February 19, 2020	
MEETING PLACE:	Law Enforcement Center – Room 1615 333 Vine St., La Crosse, WI 54601	
TIME OF MEETING:	7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	
PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Monthly Meeting	
1.	Call to Order	
2.	Approval of the January 15, 2020 minutes of the CJMC Retreat	
3.	Public Comment*	
4.	Status Reports:	
	a. Sheriff/Jail b. Public Defender c. Corrections d. Human Services (J.S., Juv. Justice, Clinical)	e. District Attorney f. Judges g. County Board h. Pretrial Workgroup
5.	Inmate access to benefits when incarcerated – Lorie Graff, Economic Support Manager	
6.	Neighborhood Resource Officers – Update on Community Policing	
7.	Informational / Misc. Items	
8.	Future Agenda Items a. Viterbo Criminal Justice Program updates on change to Community Policing focus – April	
9.	Adjourn	
NEWS MEDIA	OTHER	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
La Crosse Tribune	Kim Vogt	Tim Gruenke – chair
Coulee News	Mayor Timothy Kabat	Dr. Lisa Kruse – vice chair
WKBH / WLFN	Peter Kinziger	Chuck Ashbeck
WLSU	Patrick Brummond	Kim Cable
WKBT-TV	Jim Speropulos	Ramona Gonzalez
WIZM	Joseph Sumner	Sharon Hampson
WXOW-TV	Mark Clements	Dr. Troy Harcey
Onalaska Community Life	Judges Bjerke, Levine, Horne, Doyle	Jeff Wolf
Holmen Courier	Patrick Barlow	Jerri Hertel/Jean Young
FoxNews	Tommy Gubbin	Monica Kruse
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	Shawn Kudron	Margaret Larson
County Administrator	Dave Holtze	Araysa Simpson
County Clerk	Duane Teschler	John Medinger
Facilities	Becky Spanjers	Rob Abraham
Justice Support Services	Teri Serres	Jayne Rifenberg
Corp Counsel	Maureen Freedland	Joella Strieble
	Bev Heebsh	Jason Witt
		Stephanie Young
		Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy
		Mai Chao Duddeck
		Carrie Rein

A quorum of the Judiciary and Law Committee may also be present at this meeting

MEMBERS: If unable to attend, call Terri Pavlic at (608) 785-9700.

***PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

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DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/EMAILED AND POSTED: February 11, 2020

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
 JANUARY 15, 2020
 LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER – ROOM 1615**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tim Gruenke, Kim Cable, Ramona Gonzalez, Troy Harcey, Jeff Wolf, Jerri Hertel, Monica Kruse, Margaret Larson, Araysa Simpson, John Medinger, Jayne Rifenberg, Joella Strieble, Jason Witt, Stephanie Young, Suthakaran Veerasamy, Mai Chao Duddeck
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Lisa Kruse, Chuck Ashbeck, Sharon Hampson, Rob Abraham, Carrie Rein
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Horne, Jim Verse, Jane Klekamp, Kristi Arenz, Becky Spanjers, Mandy Bisek, Jordan Vian, Mike Kiefer, Al Bliss, Sam Seefeld

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2019 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL RETREAT

MOTION by M. Kruse/Wolf to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council Retreat. **Motion carried unanimously**; L. Kruse, Ashbeck, Hampson, Abraham and Rein excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

STATUS REPORTS:

Sheriff/Jail – current jail population is at 141; we’ve been holding extended supervision inmates (we are under 20).

Public Defender - Private bar rates went into effect January 1st, so they are seeing a little bit of the backlog begin to get under control. If you know of any attorneys who are willing to take these cases, please encourage them to get certified and take some of these cases.

Department of Corrections – busy end of year; their division went through a reorganization.

Human Services – last Wednesday, the Human Services Department had an all-agency kick-off for Trauma Informed Care. They’ve had many sections that have done a lot with trauma informed care, but this was an effort to bring up the whole agency.

Sam Seefeld was hired to replace Donna Christianson as the Crisis Intervention Supervisor.

District Attorney – hired 2 new people, both of whom will be going on maternity leave soon; they still have one position to fill.

Judges – happy that more individuals are having attorneys appointed to them, but the backlog will take awhile to get it under control. Judge Gonzalez is appointing Judge Horne to take her place on the CJMC, as her position as President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is taking up more of her time than anticipated.

County Board – the County Board passed the 2020 budget; at their last meeting they received a report on the Holmen Community Center; also Administrator Steve O'Malley provided the County Board with an overview of the effects of reassessment in the County

Pretrial Workgroup: met yesterday and have a good handle on the level of data that they would like to collect on an ongoing basis; they did review of 2019 pretrial data; they have decided to meet on a quarterly basis now.

JAIL MENTAL HEALTH & MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) OFFERED IN THE JAIL – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

This topic came out of the CJMC retreat. We will start off with this topic, which will then lead us into topics outside of the jail, i.e. lack of housing, homelessness, mental illness, lack of services, etc.

Sheriff Jeff Wolf discussed MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment) for those suffering from addictions, and what they are doing for the jail population. These individuals need to be on some type of program, such as Methadone, Suboxone, Vivitrol, etc. Inmates coming in to the jail that are dope sick, recovering, or currently using, are highly intensive on jail staff. A couple of things happened in 2018, one of which was the jail went to a new Medical Provider, ACH. At approximately the same time, the Alliance to Heal was rebranded from the Heroin Task Force, and a number of subgroups were set up within the Alliance to Heal. One of these subgroups was identified to target MAT and what we could do for these inmates in the jail.

The previous Medical Provider did provide Vivitrol, however, we had not established a Vivitrol program with ACH when they took over the jail medical. This program is now up and running and are now focusing on other programs that individuals were on prior to coming into the jail. Members of the MAT subgroup, Dr. Jackie Jaeger, Carrie Sulter, R.N., Al Bliss, Health Education Coordinator, Mike Kiefer, Program Coordinator, and Sam Seefeld were present to discuss.

Al Bliss distributed a couple of handouts from the Alliance to HEAL: Alliance to HEAL Summary of Work Group Activity September 27, 2018 – December 31, 2019, and the Alliance to HEAL Driver Diagram.

The main outcome of the Alliance to Heal is "Reversing the Opioid Crisis in our Community" with the four primary drivers being:

1. Limit supply of opioids.
2. Prevent opioid use disorder – raise awareness of the risk of opioid use disorder
3. Identify/assess individuals at high risk for opioid use disorder
4. Treat individuals opioid use disorder

10 different work groups were formed, as well as subgroups.

Dr. Jaeger and Carrie Sulter, R.N. discussed the collaboration on getting successful coordination of all of the issues involved with individuals of MAT. There are several different types of programs, and various things to consider when inmates arrive in jail, including starting them on Vivitrol, the withdrawal process, treating symptoms, needing frequent vital sign checks, etc. There are 2-4 inmates withdrawing from Heroin every day in the jail.

In 2018, out of 6,000 coming through the jail, approximately 2,700 were on some type of detox protocol. There are several complications that can arise, and MAT is a very complex

topic. Suboxone, Vivitrol, and Methadone are the 3 drugs used when a person enters the jail suffering from addiction, and helps them to move forward in their addiction. In addition to these medications, these individuals need ongoing therapy, counseling, engaging in services, assess motivation for change readiness, etc.

NACO ACTION ALERT – SUPPORT LEGISLATION PROTECTING FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR PRE-TRIAL DETAINEES

Included in the packets was information regarding pending federal legislation regarding Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP). MIEP strips federal health benefits from individuals admitted to jail before they are convicted of a crime. This policy violates constitutional rights and individuals' fundamental presumption of innocence and strains our local judicial, law enforcement, public safety and human services systems and results in higher rates of recidivism and poorer health outcomes. There are currently two bills in the US Senate that would aid pre-trial individuals who have not yet been convicted of a crime:

- The Restoring Health Benefits for Justice-Involved Individuals Act, which would allow for continued access to Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and veterans' health benefits while an individual is awaiting trial.
- The Equity in Pretrial Medicaid Coverage Act, which supports continued access to Medicaid benefits while an individual is awaiting trial.

We need more research and information on this topic, and will be put on next month's CJMC agenda.

INFORMATIONAL/MISC ITEMS:

Article about republican "Tough on Crime" bills. Chair Gruenke will get a summary and send out to the CJMC.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Viterbo's Criminal/Community Justice System Program

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

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