

LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL	
DATE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, January 15, 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 November 20, 2019 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.	Jail Mental Health & Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) offered in the Jail – Sheriff’s Department	
6.	NACo Action Alert – Support Legislation Protecting Federal Benefits for Pre-Trial Detainees	
7.	Informational / Misc. Items	
8.	Future Agenda Items	
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	Ron Tischer	Jerri Hertel/Jean Young
FoxNews	Patrick Barlow	Monica Kruse
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	Tommy Gubbin	Margaret Larson
County Administrator	Shawn Kudron	Araysa Simpson
County Clerk	Dave Holtze	John Medinger
Facilities	Duane Teschler	Rob Abraham
Justice Support Services	Becky Spanjers	Jayne Rifenberg
Corp Counsel	Amer Basma	Joella Strieble
OTHER	Teri Serres	Jason Witt
Maureen Freedland		Stephanie Young
Bev Heebsh		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.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY: If you need accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Terri Pavlic at (608) 785-9700 as soon as possible.

DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/EMAILED AND POSTED: January 8, 2020

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL RETREAT
NOVEMBER 20, 2019
ADMIN CENTER AUDITORIUM – ROOM 0430**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tim Gruenke, Lisa Kruse, Rob Abraham, Charles Ashbeck, Jeff Wolf, Monica Kruse, Sharon Hampson, Jerri Hertel, Jean Young, John Medinger, Scott Horne, Jayne Rifenberg, Margaret Larson, Sutha Veerasamy, Kim Cable, Mai Chao Duddeck, Joella Strieble, Jason Witt, Troy Harcey, Araysa Simpson, Carrie Rein
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Stephanie Young
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jane Klekamp, Mandy Bisek, Bev Heebsh

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

FACILITATOR: TIM	FACILITATOR: LISA	FACILITATOR: MANDY
Sharon Hampson	Kim Cable	Monica Kruse
Jason Witt	Margaret Larson	Troy Harcey
Rob Abraham	Araysa Simpson	Jerri Hertel
Ramona Gonzalez Judge Horne	Jean Young	Jeff Wolf
Sutha Veerasamy	Charles Ashbeck	Joella Striebel
John Medinger	Mai Chao Duddeck	Stephanie Young
	Carrie Rein	Jayne Rifenberg

Members Present

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2019 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MOTION by Larson/Rifenberg to approve the October 6, 2019 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **Motion carried unanimously;** Young excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

HISTORY OF CJMC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mandy Bisek reviewed a history of CJMC accomplishments

- 2000 – CJMC Created out of Sentencing Strategies Committee
- 2001 – Expand electronic monitoring
- 2002 – Implement Drug Treatment Court
- 2005 – Closing the work release facility
- 2006 – Implement an OWI (Intoxicated Drivers) Treatment Court
- 2007 – Complete a systems assessment – The Carey Group
- 2008 – Develop a program designed for women – Ophelia’s House
- 2008 – Incorporate mental health screenings and increase mental health services in the Jail
- 2009 – Participate in the Transition from Jail to Community initiative
- 2011 – Town Hall Meeting
- 2013 – Held a heroin summit and initiated the Heroin Task Force

- 2013 – Juvenile Justice Arrest and Disproportionate Minority Contact task force
- 2014 – A Second Chance employment program
- 2014 – Ophelia’s House evaluation
- 2014 – Reorganize pretrial program services
- 2015 – Participate in EBDM process
- 2017 – Justice Involved Women training
- 2017 – Stepping Up resolution
- 2018 – Support for increased public defender access & compensation resolution
- 2019 – Legislative tour on Pretrial
- 2019 – Proxy validation

SYSTEM CONCERN FOLLOW UP

Concern raised by member regarding the issue between Western Technical College and La Crosse Police Department. This request was tabled while Western completed their investigation. Results of that investigation have been reviewed within the media. No further information available at this time.

Lisa Kruse presented on initial bond data available for review.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

CJMC discussed preliminary data and requested future review to include:

- Common factors among those who recidivate – specifically disorderly conduct and felon in possession of firearm
- Look at what other jurisdictions are doing
- Important to look at data over the full period of bond release, release to disposition of case
- Look at failure to appear and new criminal activity for all pretrial levels, not just level 4
- Has the Public Defender rate increase had impact on time to disposition?
- Responses to bond violations for those on monitoring with JSS
- What are the outcomes of the recommendations of the Legislative Study Committee on Pretrial
- Consistency among branches
- Race and gender breakdown

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

CJMC discussed the question: “What are the critical areas that the CJMC should focus on in the upcoming year?”

Council would like to see presentations on the following:

- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and MAT within the Jail
- Jail Ministry
- Alliance to HEAL

Areas of Focus for 2020

- Diversity with specific interest in:
 - o Intentionality in hiring
 - o Racial lens in all CJMC discussions
 - o Data compared to population as a whole
 - o Courthouse-wide racial justice training
- Compassion and Accountability, with specific interest in:

- Conducting a Town Hall Meeting
- Allocating resources toward services
- Pretrial services for those out of custody
- Housing
- Employment
- Discharge planning
- Equity
- "Bias informed" decision making
- Harm reduction
- Mental Health, with specific interest in:
 - Resources
 - Services
 - Providers

ADJOURN: There being no further business, Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon

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

Recorded by Mandy Bisek/Typed by Terri Pavlic

ACTION ALERT

Support Legislation Protecting Federal Benefits for Pre-Trial Detainees

URGE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT STRENGTHENS COUNTIES' ABILITY TO ADDRESS HEALTH CARE IN JAILS

The Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (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. Further, it strains our local judicial, law enforcement, public safety and human services systems and results in higher rates of recidivism and poorer health outcomes.

The MIEP contributes to the overincarceration of individuals suffering from mental and behavioral health crises, making jails the largest behavioral health providers in the nation.

There are currently two bills in the U.S. Senate that would aid pre-trial individuals who have not yet been convicted of a crime:

- [S. 2626](#), 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.
- [S. 2628](#), the *Equity in Pretrial Medicaid Coverage Act*, which supports continued access to Medicaid benefits while an individual is awaiting trial.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges you to contact your U.S.

Senators and ask them to co-sponsor S. 2628 and S. 2626. Additionally, please ask your U.S. House members to introduce legislation that would restore pretrial detainee access to federal health benefits.

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COUNTY JAIL POPULATIONS



10.6 million people were admitted to county and other local jails in 2017



In 2016, **67 percent** of the jail population was unconvicted



An estimated **2 million people** with serious mental illnesses – almost three-quarters of whom also have substance use disorders – are booked into local jails each year



Additional Resources



NACo and National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) Joint Task Force on Pretrial Detainee Health Care and Recidivism

Convened in March 2019, the NACo and NSA joint task force is exploring and raising awareness about the impacts of the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy.

U.S. Senate Sample Letter of Support

U.S. House Sample Letter of Support

NACo, Sheriffs' Association talk fix for health care in jails (NACo County News article)

Reinstate Federal Health Care Benefits for Non-Convicted Justice-Involved Individuals (Joint Task Force one-pager)

Federal Policy Impacts on County Jail Inmate Health Care & Recidivism (NACo legislative brief)

For questions, please contact:

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