

## LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

<b>COMMITTEE OR BOARD:</b>	<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL</b>	
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 16, 2020</b>	
<b>MEETING PLACE:</b>	<b>VIA ZOOM PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW ON HOW TO CONNECT</b>	
<b>TIME OF MEETING:</b>	<b>5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	
1.	Call to Order	
2.	Approval of the August 19, 2020 minutes of the CJMC	
3.	Public Comment - Public is able to participate in this agenda item via zoom link	
4.	Welcome to new Citizen Members & Introductions	
5.	Agency Updates	
	a. Sheriff/Jail	e. DA
	b. Public Defender	f. Judges
	c. Corrections	g. County Board
	d. Human Services	
6.	CJMC Subcommittee Updates as they relate to the charge of each committee:	
	a. School Resource Officers	
	i. Charge: Collect information on how SRO's are currently utilized throughout all county school districts, as well as research around the effectiveness of SRO's in schools in order for CJMC to make recommendations/establish a position on the use of SRO's	
	b. Police Training	
	i. Charge: Review current training requirements of local police departments, determine potential training gaps as it relates to implicit bias, and make recommendations around findings Citizen Advisory Board	
	c. Citizen Advisory Board	
	i. Charge: City and County coordination around establishing of a Citizen Advisory Board for system oversight, with focus on (but not limited to) board scope, structure, and authority	
7.	Retreat Planning	
8.	Informational / Misc. Items	
9.	Future Agenda Items	
10.	Adjourn	
<b>NEWS MEDIA</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>
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	Judge Scott Horne
WIZM	Joseph Sumner	Tom Jacobs
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	Kate Holinka	Monica Kruse

<b>COUNTY DEPARTMENTS</b>	Shawn Kudron	Margaret Larson
County Administrator	Duane Teschler	Araysa Simpson
County Clerk	Becky Spanjers	Rob Abraham
Facilities	Teri Serres	Jayne Rifenberg
Justice Support Services	Maureen Freedland	Joella Strieble
Corp Counsel	Bev Heebsh	Jason Witt
	Jim Verse	Angel Lee
		Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy
		Keonte Turner
		Toya Reynolds
		Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen

***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: September 10, 2020**

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
AUGUST 19, 2020  
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Tim Gruenke, Lisa Kruse, Chuck Ashbeck, Scott Horne, Troy Harcey, Jeff Wolf, Monica Kruse, Araysa Simpson, Rob Abraham, Jayne Rifenberg, Joella Striebel, Jason Witt, Stephanie Young, Suthakaran Veerasamy, Margaret Larson, Jean Young, Jerri Hertel
<b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b>	Kim Cable, Tom Jacobs, Troy Harcey
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Mandy Bisek, Megan DeVore, Kate Holinka, Jim Verse, Becky Spanjers, Bernardo Cueto, Susan McParker, Eric Timmons, Mal Meyer, Tanner Hemker, Kristi Arenz, Jordan Vian, Noelle Weber Strauss, Keonte Turner, Andrew R., Jenna Theler, Terri Pavlic

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. via Zoom.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2020 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**MOTION** by Rifenberg/Horne to approve the July 17, 2020 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council. **Motion carried unanimously;** Cable, Jacobs and Harcey excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Susan McParker spoke regarding the Logan High School students holding a “teach in” to let people know that they felt strongly about discontinuing the SRO program in their school.

**Sheriff** – Jail population is at 81 today; the recent reduction is related to the fact that state prison systems are now accepting inmates and we were holding a number of people, due to COVID, who were sentenced to prison. Still following the judge’s order on who we are accepting.

**Public Defender**– Still in phase 2, so are at half capacity with half of attorneys in office and the other half working from home. Had a meeting with all stakeholders about returning to courtrooms in person, but is still unknown at this point.

**DOC** – Still under a hiring freeze for support staff which is very challenging; have kicked off Electronic Case File Program.

**Human Services** – Update on state news: Last year La Crosse County had passed on accepting State funds to build a regional youth correction site; only 4 counties had expressed an interest in these funds. On Friday, it was announced that two of these counties (Milwaukee and Dane) would not be going forward with building these sites, so it is unclear what this means for the State’s vision going forward. Jason will keep us updated.

**DA** – Doing court by zoom, which is working out quite well but trials are not going forward and probably will not be held for the remainder of calendar year. This will lead to a back-up in trials next year.

**Judges** – Scheduling related issues; thanked Sheriff Dept. for adding 4 rooms with laptops so are able to communicate with inmates in different court rooms. They have been meeting

to discuss reinstatement of court rooms in person and also jury trials after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. They will be installing video conferencing equipment in all court rooms, that will hopefully be paid for through Road to Recovery Grant funds. They are still trying to limit the number of people in the courthouse. Hopefully by the first of the year they will have some in-person court appearances.

**County Board** – At the July County Board meeting, they passed resolutions in support of universal health care; reauthorizing emergency declaration, that ran out in July that allows for virtual meetings through the end of year; and also in support of working with League of Women Voters on Get Out the Vote and Mail in Voting. In August, they will be voting on resolutions regarding accepting a large DOJ JAG grant for EBDM pretrial pilot project, as well as a resolution to equip all 5 court rooms with video conferencing equipment.

#### **UPDATES ON CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP**

Stephanie Young will no longer be serving on the CJMC so we now have 4 citizen member openings. Recruitment letters were sent out and we received nearly 25 applications, and have narrowed these down to 8 candidates. The interview team consisting of Sutha Veerasamy, Jayne Rifenburg, Lisa Kruse, Joella Striebel, Monica Kruse, Mandy Bisek, Tim Gruenke will be holding the interviews this week. They have made an effort to recruit a diverse population of community members and will have recommendations to the CJMC by next week.

#### **TIME CHANGE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mandy Bisek did an online survey today with three possible dates/times for new times for the CJMC beginning in September. **Future meetings will now be held on the third Wednesday of each month from 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

#### **UPDATES FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:**

- School Resource Officer – the initial core group consisting of Troy Harcey, Cordero Guillian Lisa Kruse, and Jason Witt, have met once. Next meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup>. They have identified what their three main goals are:
  1. Identify history of School Resource Officers in general, as well as in the La Crosse Area.
  2. Identify what current practices are: MOU's with La Crosse PD and La Crosse School District and other schools in the county; what roles and statuses are of SRO's – similarities and differences.
  3. Examine research on SRO's and also voices of community to come up with suggestions for change to bring back to the CJMC; they are being mindful that the La Crosse School Board is also conducting this work and do not want to reproduce this work.
  
- Police Training – this group met last week and are continuing to hone down what their mission is. Tim has volunteered to gather information from area law enforcement agencies to see what kind of training they currently have or have had in the past; surveying officers on what types of training they've had and what they have liked about it, specifically with implicit bias training. They will also talk to other groups (i.e. South Side Moms) in the area to get a sense of what their experience has been with the police to determine the scope of the problem from both sides. UWL has a virtual pilot program called Human Rights Policing that covers racial bias, and is more in-depth than many of their previous trainings. About 24 officers in the area are participating and hope to rotate throughout the departments for future sessions. Araysa Simpson has also joined their group.

- Citizen Advisory Council – have met twice now; they welcomed 2 new members to this group, Dr. Nese Nasif and Mai Lee. Also, Jazzma Holland will be joining the group on Friday. They have discussed the current process for citizens to bring up potential misconduct or concerns/complaints with the police; this is a very formal process and difficult to navigate. They are looking to simplify the process to make it more accessible. They have assignments from their last meeting to look at studies/articles regarding community oversight boards, what the process looks like and outcomes from that; the Mayor is looking at other communities similar to La Crosse; potentially having involvement from university students, and to look at ways for more community involvement; will meet again Friday and review their findings.

### **PROCESSING OF THC CASES**

The City Council recently changed the amount of the fine for THC ordinance violations to \$1. There were questions on what the County does. Tim Gruenke indicated that basically the State and the County are the same; the DA's office represents the Sheriff's Department or the County. Currently in La Crosse County we are not using the County Ordinance, mainly because unlike municipal tickets, a county ticket would go on CCAP. We have been using Unity House since approximately 2005. When the DA's office gets a referral for possession of THC, we send it to the Unity House for an educational seminar, at a cost of \$150, plus 5 hours of community service work and the case gets declined. It never goes on CCAP and there is no arrest. So far this year, there have been 28 cases, so not a lot of time or resources are spent on this.

### **RETREAT PREPARATION AND PLANNING**

There was discussion on the CJMC retreat planning and what the CJMC wants to discuss for the upcoming year. The half or full day retreat allows for more in-depth conversations on some of these difficult topics. Mandy will send out a doodle poll to find a day that most members can attend. Some possible retreat topics brought up were:

- Gun violence and violent crimes in City of La Crosse
- Defunding police
- Racial justice/systemic racism
- Sex Trafficking
- Alternatives to incarceration for juveniles

The retreat will give the council an opportunity for more time to discuss ways to make changes on another level; understand our local systems and educate ourselves.

**MISC/INFORMATIONAL:** None noted.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Violent crimes in City of La Crosse

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

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

Recorded by Terri Pavlic