

## LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

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| <b>COMMITTEE OR BOARD:</b>  | <b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL</b>  |                                   |
| <b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>   | <b>4/17/2024</b>  |                                   |
| <b>MEETING PLACE:</b>   | <b>Law Enforcement Center Room 1615</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>  |                                   |
| <b><u>CJMC MISSION:</u></b>   |   |                                   |
| The Criminal Justice Management Council seeks a just, coordinated, and accountable criminal justice system for La Crosse County by promoting collaboration and engagement of criminal justice stakeholders and the community. |   |                                   |
| 1.  | Call to Order   |                                   |
| 2.  | Approval of the March 20, 2024 Minutes  |                                   |
| 3.  | Public Comment  |                                   |
| 4.  | Presentation: System of Care and Youth Justice- Bridget Todd-Robbins/Phil Stegemann |                                   |
| 5.  | Discussion: Civilian Review Board Application Process                               |                                   |
| 6.  | Informational/Misc. Items   |                                   |
| 7.  | Future Agenda Items   |                                   |
| 8.  | Adjourn   |                                   |
| <b>NEWS MEDIA</b>   | <b>OTHER</b>  | <b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>          |
| La Crosse Tribune   | Jim Verse   | Tim Gruenke – Chair               |
| WIZM/WKTY   | Judges Huesmann, Levine, Doyle  | Araysa Simpson – Vice Chair       |
| WKBH & WLFN   | Keith Belzer  | Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen           |
| WKBH – TV 8   | Mark Clements   | Chief Kudron/Captain Avrie Schott |
| WLSU/WHLA   | Mayor Mitch Reynolds  | Chief Scott Alo                   |
| WSM News  | Megan DeVore  | Dr. Heidi Allred                  |
| WXOW-TV 19  | Peter Kitzinger   | Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy          |
| WEAU  | Ryan Westpfahl  | Jason Witt                        |
| WPR   | Shane Collins   | Jayne Rifenberg                   |
| Magnum Broadcasting   | Tonya Van Tol   | Jenna Theler/Jessica Harmel       |
| <b>COUNTY DEPARTMENTS</b>   | Serena Peloza   | Judge Gonzalez/ Judge Horne       |
| County Administrator  |   | Dawn Wacek                        |
| County Clerk  |   | Margaret Larson                   |
| Facilities  |   | Michael Sersch                    |
| Justice Support Services  |   | Monica Kruse                      |
| Corp Counsel  |   | Sheriff John Siegal               |
|   |   | Tina Tryggestad                   |
|   |   | Vincent Loera                     |
|   |   | Jessica Beck                      |
|   |   | Curt Teff                         |
|   |   | Emily Meyer                       |

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

**MEMBERS:** If unable to attend, call Tonya Van Tol 608-785-5815.

**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 Tonya Van Tol at (608) 785-5815 or tvantol@lacrossecounty.org as soon as possible.

**DATE NOTICE FAXED/MAILED/EMAILED AND POSTED: 4-15-2024**

***This meeting may be recorded, and any such recording is subject to disclosure under the Wisconsin Open Records Law.***

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday March 20, 2024**  
**Law Enforcement Center Room 1615**

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| <b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> | Araysa Simpson, Suthakaran Veerasamy, Tim Gruenke, Jason Witt, Andrew Alvaro-Rasmussen, Margert Larson, Curt Teff, Emily Meyer, John Siegal, Michael Sersch, Scott Horne, Dawn Wacek, Tina Tryggestad, Monica Kruse |
| <b>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</b> | Scott Alo, Jess Beck, Jayne Rifenberg, Vincent Loera, Jess Beck, Avrie Schott, Heidi Allred   |
| <b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>  | Tonya Van Tol, Jane Klekamp, Megan DeVore, Sally King   |

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL of Feb 21, 2024 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

MOTION by ((Kruse/Teff)) to approve the February 21, 2024 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council.

Motion carried unanimously: Alo, Beck, Rifenberg, Loera, Beck, Schott, Allred excused

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Creation of Pilot Civilian Review Board Discussion:** The CJMC members discussed the application process. Members reviewed the application draft. The following changes were made to the draft:

- Update the racial and ethnic diversity choices to ensure they reflect appropriate identifiers.
- Another check box be added stating Other with space to provide more details.
- Adding a check box that states, "Experience with the criminal justice system" in place of a question asking about law enforcement experience.

The discussion then moved on to the selection process. The group determined that no more than 5 people will be part of the subcommittee review process. This group will evaluate the applications and interview applicants. Vincent Lorena and Michael Search volunteered to as CJMC community members, a representative from the Sheriff's Department, and a CJMC member from the Judicial and Law Committee will be a part of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee members will determine the process to screen and interview the candidates. CJCM members can send suggested questions to the subcommittee for consideration.

**AGENCY UPDATES:** None

**INFORMATIONAL / MISC:**

In April, Jayne Rifenberg and Heidi Allred's terms end and we will be seeking new members to replace them.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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

Recorded by Tonya Van Tol



# CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION

Completed forms are due by May 15, 2024 and should be mailed or delivered to the La Crosse County Administrative Center. ATTN: County Board Chair- Suite 2400, 212 6th St. N - La Crosse, WI 54601

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

The Civilian Review Board (CRB) shall strive to have a diverse composition in the following inter-sectional areas of lived experience and identities:

- Homelessness
- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- Members of the LGBTQ+ community
- Racial and ethnic diversity, including: Black, Asian, Latin, ~~CPDD~~ Native American, and/or Multi-racial
- ~~Other~~

In addition, the Criminal Justice Management Council and County Board Chair will consider the following additional lived experiences and identities when making appointments: age, socioeconomic status, gender, geographic residence, and work experience. Individual members may represent more than one of the categories listed above.

The information requested in the following list will help to ensure that the CRB includes the desired diversity. ~~PLEASE~~ Please choose any of the experiences and identities that apply to you:

- Homelessness
- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- Arrest or conviction records
- Racial and ethnic diversity, including:
  - Black
  - Asian
  - Latin ~~CPDD~~
  - Native American, Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Multi-racial
- Members of the LGBTQ+ community
- Experience with the Criminal Justice System
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your knowledge of the criminal justice system.

Please describe your interest and what you feel you can bring to this committee, including things like interest in the committees work, any lived experiences and understanding of law enforcement.

La Crosse County seeks interested volunteers to develop processes to initiate a law enforcement civilian review board. The La Crosse County Civilian Review Board (CRB) will provide compassionate system navigation for individuals who believe they have been harmed by law enforcement. Civilian members will be instrumental in developing and implementing processes in relationship with the Criminal Justice Management Council and the Judiciary & Law Committee to provide assistance and advocacy in navigating law enforcement systems and addressing concerns.

What characteristics makes a great candidate? La Crosse County seeks diverse candidates that reflect the community. Phase 1 of the CRB will be instrumental in developing policies and procedures. A great candidate is someone that can work in collaboration with others, is open-minded, willing to learn, and flexible. Phase 2 will include more hands-on activity with individuals. Experience in system navigation is a plus.

What are the time requirements? The newly formed CRB will determine how often meetings will occur, the length of time for the meetings and the time of the meetings. Because this is a newly formed team, exact logistics are unknown, but it is estimated the time commitment is between 3-6 hours/month.

What is the term of service? The Civilian Review Board has been approved for a two-year pilot project.

What is the application process? Attached is an application developed by the Criminal Justice Management Council which includes a description of the desired characteristics of a member of the Civilian Review Board. To submit an application, please go to [\(website here\)](#). Applicants will be reviewed by the Criminal Justice Management Council (CJMC). The CJMC will recommend members to the County Board Chair, who will make recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors for approval.

How can I find out more? A link to the Study Committee on Policing report can be found here:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:35b5d624-8594-46ba-aa13-f524309a65b9>

A link to the resolution passed by the county board is here: [43-2-24 Resolution Re Creation of Pilot Civilian Review Board.pdf \(lacrossecounty.org\)](#)