

**CJCC MEETING
Minutes
October 5, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Gary Ranum, Brittany Guthrie, Robert Keeney, Judge Craig Day, Jennifer King, Travis Klaas

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Chair: Nathan Dreckman, Dr. Hiatt, Ben Wood, Lisa Riniker, Lisa McDougal

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair: Jeff Lockhart (excused), Teresa Burton (excused), Jeff Kindrai, Darla Adams, Clark Thelemann, Aaron Olson, Debra Reukauf

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Schier, Selina Baus, Fred Naatz, Shane Drinkwater, Alexis Eichman, Connor Campbell

The meeting, conducted in person and via Zoom, was called to order by Chair Nate Dreckman. Notice of the meeting was posted in the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse and Grant County website.

Motion by Gary Ranum, seconded by Ben Wood, to approve the Agenda as posted. Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion by Judge Day, seconded by Gary Ranum, to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

CJCC Members

New members of the CJCC committee were asked to introduce themselves to the group. New members included Dr. Hiatt – Grant County Jail physician, and Lance Wetter – pastor at United Methodist Church in Mt. Hope and Wauzeka.

Robert Keeney informed the committee that he will submit the new appointees to the County Board at their meeting today – October 5.

Update on next TAD Grant Cycle

Kristin Schier informed the committee that the TAD Grant has been submitted. She will notify the committee when she receives further information from the Department of Justice.

Pre-trial Bail/Bond Monitoring Program Update

Judge Day informed the committee that the effort towards the Pre-trial Bail/Bond Monitoring Program has been abandoned. He informed the committee that he asked Kristin to run some day-to-day numbers. It was determined there was no way it would be financially feasible at this time due to the economic pressure within the county.

Discussion on ways to solicit input from the public about how they perceive the criminal justice system

Chair Nate Dreckman opened the discussion.

Judge Day referred to a survey that Clark referenced regarding perceptions of the criminal justice system – survey looked good, was a basic survey. Committee discussed.

The committee further discussed whether there should be an exit survey when leaving jail regarding their opinions. The committee talked over creating a survey for victims to complete regarding their feelings about the criminal justice system and how the Clerk of Court could be a point of contact at the end of a case.

The committee considered how survey results could be skewed, as most people who respond to surveys are dissatisfied with the service or operation. The idea of redoing the county's website was brought up to include a survey option.

Chair Dreckman asked the committee what their goals are regarding this survey and what they want to get out of it. He suggested that a group of two or three committee members assemble to determine what the goals are and to assess how they will be worked towards. Judge Day expressed interest in working on this project, along with Gary Ranum.

Travis Klaas provided his insights from within the jail system regarding how people tend to feel about the criminal justice system, from his experience. He suggested that each department create its own survey rather than having one broad survey that touches on all areas of the criminal justice system. The committee discussed. The committee agreed that more specific questions with open-ended questions would provide better results regarding the community's perceptions of the criminal justice system.

Gary Ranum, Travis Klaas, and Judge Day agreed to work together on the survey. Travis addressed his concern of whether the committee asked questions too soon, and if they should have addressed and determined what the goals are in each individual department before asking more specific questions.

Kristin Schier will resend the previous email regarding department specific questions to allow the committee to reevaluate. The questions and goals determined by each department will be reviewed by the subcommittee before the next meeting.

Discussion of meth involved parents, CHIPS, treatment and the legal system

Fred Naatz shared the current happenings with methamphetamine-using parents and his discussions with Unified. Fred explained that methamphetamine-using parents' brains are hi-jacked; their kids are not important; and families are destroyed. 75% of out-of-home placements are due to methamphetamine-using parents. The committee discussed that methamphetamine-using parents are absent from their children's lives with no desire to get their children back. The committee discussed boosting intensive in-home work with these families.

Lance Wetter asked the committee how churches can become more connected and involved with these families. Kristin Schier informed him there is currently nothing offered regarding church involvement. Lance noted that he will look into this further and see where churches can get more involved. Judge Day said that church involvement would open a window to a larger community of support for both kids and parents.

Jennifer King asked if there is any sort of medicated assisted treatment (MAT) that would help this population. The committee discussed treatments for methamphetamine, and how medications do not work for this substance. Dr. Hiatt confirmed that there is currently no MAT for methamphetamine addiction.

Topic was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

Well-Being Boot Camp – Update

Topic was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

Open Discussion

There were no topics brought up during this time for open discussion.

Next meeting: December 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Grant County Board Room,
Administration Building

Motion by Judge Craig Day, seconded by Robert Keeney to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schier, CJCC Coordinator