

**CJCC MEETING
Minutes
February 1, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Chair: Nathan Dreckman, Gary Ranum, Robert Keeney, Judge Craig Day, Lance Wetter, Debra Reukauf, Craig Reukauf

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Vice Chair: Jeff Lockhart, Aaron Olson, Ben Wood, Teresa Burton, Ashley Dickman, Clark Thelemann, Darla Adams, Jeff Kindrai

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brittany Guthrie (excused), Dr. Hiatt, Lisa Riniker, Lisa McDougal

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Schier, Shane Drinkwater, Intern Justin Story

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Fred Naatz, Tina McDonald

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

Motion by Robert Keeney, seconded by Judge Day, to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021. Motion carried without negative vote.

Sheriff Dreckman introduced Craig Reukauf as the new Jail Administrator. He will be taking over for Travis Klaas.

Election of Officers

Sheriff Dreckman opened nominations.

Robert Keeney made a motion to leave the nominations / officers the same for another year. Judge Day seconded the motion and moved to close nominations. There were no other nominations. Sheriff Dreckman asked for a vote on the nominations. All council members were in favor of leaving the officers the same for another year.

Review of Citizen Representatives

Kristin explained that School Administrator Aaron Olson was appointed June 16, 2020, and the Council did not address reappointment in June 2021. According to the by-laws, his appointment was for one year. Robert Keeney made a motion to reappoint Aaron Olson for one year. Jeff Kindrai seconded the motion. Sheriff Dreckman asked for a

vote on the reappointment. All council members were in favor of appointing Aaron Olson for another year.

Kristin explained that Healthcare Representative Dr. Jacob Hiatt was appointed October 15, 2021, and his appointment is good for one year.

Update on Treatment Court Budget

Kristin informed the Council that the County Board approved amending the budget and supplementing the shortfall of \$20,700. In the interim, the Board approved out of budget spending of \$5,175. Kristin stated that she will continue to work with the Finance Director in finalizing the carryover request of \$8,733 and the budget paperwork.

Criminal Justice Survey

Judge Day and Kristin reviewed the Criminal Justice Survey and the distribution proposal with the Council. The process will take place over a 90-day period (March, April and May). Judge Day explained that the survey is asking the participants their opinions of fairness/effectiveness of the criminal justice system and its components.

Kristin informed the Council that the county departments are willing to assist with the survey process/distribution and will absorb the costs into their budgets. Kristin stated the CJCC's cost will be \$348 for postage.

Robert Keeney made a motion to move forward with the survey this spring. Gary Ranum seconded the motion.

Sheriff Dreckman and Craig Reukauf shared with the Council their proposed distribution process of the survey. Council discussed.

Jeff Lockhart asked the Council if there should be a place on the survey for suggestions or comments. Council discussed. It was decided that Kristin will make the addition to the survey for suggestions or comments.

Sheriff Dreckman noted that there is a motion and second on the floor to move forward with the survey. All Council members were in favor of moving forward with the survey, with the addition.

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

Fred Naatz opened up the discussion and explained that this item is back on the agenda for Jeff Lockhart's input. Fred reminded the Council that the biggest issue for social workers is dealing with parents addicted to methamphetamine. The question is: What can we do to help these folks?

Fred Naatz noted that the SW Meth Group meeting was held and Jeff Lockhart attended. Jeff recapped the meeting for the Council. Jeff further explained that the SW

Meth Group will be doing a restart – keeping the focus on sharing ideas of what is working.

Jeff Lockhart discussed the interaction of the two departments – Unified and Department of Social Services. Jeff explained that we know we have treatments that work, especially when MAT is combined with counseling and court oversight. However, when parents disappear, it is difficult to apply these treatments – that is the real difficulty.

Clark Thelemann stated that when parents are on meth their children and housing are not a priority. Those only become a priority when the individuals are no longer on meth. Fred Naatz mentioned low income housing and the possible benefits of such. He asked if this could be an option for us. Judge Day mentioned that perhaps the focus should be on healing the children and not the parents – has anyone turned their focus on this approach, and if so, has it made any difference? Fred stated that most children are placed with relatives when that option is available. So, there is a strong focus on the kids and family members they do have.

Clark Thelemann mentioned that when parents are not using they have the capability to be decent parents. This makes it hard for workers to then sever those ties. Parents have potential to be good parents – they just need to quit using. Fred Naatz noted how the Methamphetamine temporarily “hi-jacks” the brain for these parents.

Fred Naatz commented that he and Jeff brought this problem to the Council for ideas but did not bring a solution. Sheriff Dreckman noted that there has been discussion in the community about the Sinsinawa property and potentially using some of that for this very purpose. The challenge will be financing. Jeff Kindrai noted that his department may potentially have some funds for this purpose, but he is not sure what he will have available after COVID – that is the variable. Jeff Lockhart mentioned that the sober housing in Dodgeville has been successful and helpful, especially to those in drug court.

Jeff Lockhart shared that 75% of addicts recover. One out of ten citizens in the United States are in successful recovery. Their focus is on the 25% of people who are not doing well. Jeff noted the most effective treatment in terms of recovery is AA which is not supported by any government program and is a citizen run program. Gary Ranum asked if we are seeing success in these types of programs for methamphetamine users. Jeff explained that these meetings are private; we just see the big picture.

Judge Day asked Jeff Lockhart if there are any statistics on duration of recovery. Jeff responded: 1/3 recover within one year, 2/3 recover within two years, and 86% recover by three years – that is the max. MAT can be an integral part of that success. Gary Ranum asked if there is any medication for methamphetamine use. Jeff explained the science behind MAT, and that there are no medications approved nor designed specifically for methamphetamine use as there are for opioid use.

Well-Being Boot Camp – Update

Jeff Lockhart gave the Council a recap on the Well-Being Boot Camp – a six session course based on Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs. Jeff explained that he currently has a

second and third course going – one internally with one of his teams, and a third one with the Iowa County Health Department. Jeff further explained that he is targeting toward already established teams of people, as it covers how to take care of yourself and how to take care of each other to avoid burnout while they are out serving the communities.

Update on Congregation Involvement in the Criminal Justice System

Lance Wetter stated that he has reached out to over 50 contacts and has received four responses. The progress has been slow, but there may be two churches in Platteville that may be able to offer some assistance/programming. Lance asked to continue this discussion to the next meeting as he is hopeful he will be able to provide more information.

Agenda item tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion of Opioid Settlement

Jeff Lockhart informed the Council that the county did sign on with the opioid settlement, and we are slated to receive \$1.4 million over 10 years, or so. Jeff explained they are hoping to establish an advisory committee from interested parties on how to best utilize the funds. There is potentially a lot of direction that could be taken, and funds could arrive as early as March. Gary Ranum discussed that one of the great unknowns is how the distribution will be spread out. If spread out over a lot of years, the receipt of those funds could be relatively small during any given period. Gary explained that until we know more, we don't know how we can divide the funds until we know how the funds will be disbursed. Sheriff Dreckman asked then if we need to make a motion based on what Jeff said. Robert Keeney explained that the County Board plans to have a discussion, if there is any further information about the settlement, at its February 15 meeting, and there is a WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) conference next week which he is hoping will provide further information.

Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

Next meeting: April 5, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Grant County Board Room, Administration Building.

Motion by Judge Day, seconded by Craig Reukauf, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schier, CJCC Coordinator