

**CJCC MEETING  
Minutes  
April 5, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON:** Chair: Nathan Dreckman, Gary Ranum, Robert Keeney, Judge Craig Day, Brittany Guthrie, Clark Thelemann, Jeff Kindrai

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Aaron Olson, Ben Wood, Darla Adams, Lisa Riniker, Lisa McDougal

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice-Chair Jeff Lockhart (excused), Craig Reukauf (excused), Teresa Burton (excused), Lance Wetter (excused), Dr. Hiatt (excused), Debra Reukauf, Ashley Dickman

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

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** None

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The meeting, conducted in person and via Zoom, was called to order by CJCC Coordinator Kristin Schier. 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 Gary Ranum, seconded by Robert Keeney to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2022. Motion carried without negative vote.

**2021 Treatment Court Reports**

Kristin Schier discussed the 2021 Treatment Court Reports for Drug Court and OWI Court. Kristin highlighted the number of graduates in 2021 for both programs and pointed out the decrease in expulsions in Drug Court and OWI Court in 2021. She pointed out the prison days averted of 4,999 in Drug Court. She also pointed out the jail days saved of 118 and prison days averted of 500 in OWI Court.

Council questioned how jail days saved and prison days averted are calculated, and Kristin explained how she calculates them. Judge Day discussed how difficult it is to put a dollar figure to the county's cost savings as the folks that graduate were facing lengthy jail/prison stays, but instead completed drug court and are now out in the community, sober, working, and helping others in recovery, and this benefits the community as a whole. Judge Day stated that he estimates that it costs \$30,000 a year to keep someone in prison. Gary Ranum pointed out the amount of time that is spent on individuals in the program; it is a big investment for the county. Gary questioned: Is there a more cost-effective way as to the manpower? Kristin explained the supervision contacts, and Judge Day pointed out that it is a tremendous investment of energy, but

there is very little question that that level of commitment is necessary to get any kind of results. It can be debated whether or not it is worth it given the numbers, but as we have talked before, it seems like doing anything less just doesn't change behavior – and none of it is easy.

Sheriff Dreckman pointed out that Grant County charges Scott County \$52 a day, and those inmates pay their own medical. Robert Keeney asked if we have ever calculated the cost of operation of the jail and divided it by inmate days to see what the per day cost is? Sheriff Dreckman remarked no we haven't, but we have good data now with the new facility and agreed that it might be a good idea. Bob noted that it would give us a good base so we can determine if we are making money by housing the inmates and put a real number to what Kristin is telling us.

Gary Ranum further asked: Do we know what the basic cost of business is for running the jail – what is the impact of adding an inmate? Sheriff Dreckman explained there is some fluctuation, and there are static costs, such as heat, electricity, etc.

Sheriff Dreckman agreed to look into this further, and it will be on the agenda for December 6.

### **2021 Treatment Court Procedural Fairness Survey**

Kristin Schier discussed the 2021 Treatment Court Procedural Fairness Surveys in both courts. She commented on how well the programs are perceived by the participants – above average in all dimensions. She also pointed out that Grant County is above average in the Statewide Procedural Fairness Report.

### **Criminal Justice Survey – Update**

Kristin Schier asked for an update from the departments. Kristin notified the council that she should have the 300 surveys mailed out this upcoming week. She thanked Karla, the County Clerk, and intern Justin for their help in accessing the addresses. Kristin also reported on behalf of the Grant County Jail as Captain Reukauf was unable to attend today. Judge Day stated that he has seen some survey responses completed in the clerk's box. Brittany Guthrie reported that probation is asking all offenders to complete a survey when they come in, and they have been receptive. Lisa Riniker commented that her office has received one thus far. Kristin reminded the departments that the survey process will go through May 31.

### **Congregation Involvement in the Criminal Justice System – Update**

Tabled to next session June 7, 2022.

## **Opioid Settlement Utilization – Update**

Gary Ranum updated the Council as to the opioid settlement / payout. Gary noted that two settlements have been finalized, and there should be another two coming down the road, but he has no information as to when those will be finalized. Gary explained that the agreement for the State of Wisconsin is \$402 million over the course of 9 and 18 years. Three distributors are going to spread out their payments over 18 years, and one manufacture – Johnson & Johnson is going to spread out that payment over 9 years. Gary explained that we don't know how it will be distributed, but the State gets 30% and counties/municipalities get 70%. The State will probably be getting about \$10 million/year the first nine years, and we will receive about one-third of that which is about \$1.2 million or \$1.4 million – which calculates to about \$100,000 a year for nine years and a third of that income for the remaining nine years.

Gary pointed out and reviewed the handout which was an overview of information DHS collected at a listening session in January. Gary noted that it is important for us to know what the State is going to do with their funds, so we can dovetail with what their plans are – we don't want to duplicate efforts.

Gary noted that Jeff Lockhart is already working with Iowa County on their plans, and Jeff came up with a list of potential participants in a planning group. The list of people that he was looking at are: first responders, EMT's, schools for education and prevention (really important to have education and prevention – should have dedicated programs in the schools), healthcare providers, ER staff, law enforcement/jail staff, AODA treatment providers, and case managers. Iowa County is also looking into recovery housing and working with the health department. Gary noted that Jeff suggested that half of the funds should be directed towards education and prevention. Gary also notified the Council that Jeff volunteered to lead the committee when the time comes.

Jeff Kindrai commented that his office is willing to come to the table and help out, as his department already has the structure in place and experience. His office is eager to get back to public health.

Sheriff Dreckman pointed out that as we move forward putting a strong focus on transitional housing may be something we want to consider. Clark Thelemann noted how difficult it is for anyone with a criminal conviction to find housing in Grant County.

Judge Day commented that in the grand scheme of things this is not a lot of money, and we will want to be very purposeful on how we get the most bang for our buck, and however long the wish list is, the end list is probably short if we want to not underfund a lot of ineffective things. Judge Day hopes the County can find a focus and go all in on it. Gary agreed and stated that is why it is important to know what the State is going to do and what we are getting.

The Council will continue to address the Opioid Settlement Utilization at the next meeting, June 7, 2022.

Next meeting: June 7, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. Grant County Board Room, Administration Building.

Motion by Jeff Kindrai, seconded by Judge Day, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin Schier, CJCC Coordinator