

**CJCC MEETING
Minutes
February 4, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Vice-Chair: Gary Ranum (County Board), Robert Keeney (County Board Chairman), Dr. Jacob Hiatt, Brittany Guthrie (Department of Corrections), Craig Reukauf (Sheriff), Judge Day, Mark Hoehne (Pastor), Kessa Klaas (Health Dept. Director), Jeff Erickson (Public Defender), Ryan Kieler (District Attorney), Monica Sella (SWCAP), Mason Nemitz (Jail Sgt.)

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Ben Wood (Corporation Council), Darla Adams (Victim/Witness Coordinator)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debra Reukauf, excused (Lancaster Chief of Police), Holly Knapp, excused (Unified Community Services Director), Teresa Burton, excused (SWWDB), Lainee McLennan (Family Advocates), Clark Thelemann (DSS), Michael Foley (Platteville Asst. Principal)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Schier, Shane Drinkwater, Selina Baus, Nate Dreckman, Trinity Flint (intern)

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Herald Independent, Iowa County Health Dept.

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

Motion by Sheriff Reukauf, seconded by Judge Day, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion by Mark Hoehne, seconded by Brittany Guthrie, to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2024. Motion carried without negative vote.

Election of Officers

Gary Ranum opened nominations for Chair. Sheriff Reukauf nominated Debra Reukauf. Mark Hoehne seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Judge Day made a motion to close nominations. Sheriff Reukauf seconded the motion. All council members were in favor of Debra Reukauf as Chair.

Gary Ranum opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Robert Keeney nominated Gary Ranum. Mark Hoehne seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Sheriff Reukauf made a motion to close nominations. Judge Day seconded the motion. All council members were in favor of Gary Ranum as Vice-chair.

Term of Members

Kristin Schier reviewed citizen membership with the council:

- Local school administrator – Michael Foley served one term
- Healthcare community – Dr. Hiatt served three terms
- Leader in the faith community – Pastor Hoehne served one term
- Local civic organization – Lainee McLennan served one term
- Other citizens – Monica Sella served one term

Council discussed Dr. Hiatt's position and term. Council considered that we may want to make the jail medical director a permanent representative vs a citizen representative. Tabled for further discussion and possible action to April 1.

Robert Keeney made a motion to extend terms of service for all representatives, except Dr. Hiatt, for one year. Judge Day seconded the motion. Motion carried without negative vote.

2025 TAD Grant Application

Kristin Schier informed the council that the 2025 application has been approved. The final reports for 2024 were submitted.

Grant County OWI Court Handbook and Policy and Procedure Manual

Kristin Schier discussed and reviewed the proposed amendments to the OWI Court Handbook and Policy and Procedure Manual, namely the length of phase time. Kristin explained that this slight modification will give the team lee-way in advancing individuals through the program quicker if they have reached their treatment goals and likewise, allow the team to keep individuals in a phase a bit longer if those treatment goals have not been met. This coincides with the drug court phase time.

Sheriff Reukauf made a motion to accept the changes and approve the revised OWI Court Handbook and Policy and Procedure Manual. Dr. Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried without negative vote

2024 Treatment Court Annual Reports

Kristin Schier reviewed the 2024 Treatment Court Annual Reports.

Drug Court Report: Kristin noted the graduation and expulsion rates for 2024 and commented on the higher expulsion numbers than graduation numbers – noting the three expulsions were in December. The council discussed possible factors for the higher numbers and lack of success. Kristin discussed the lack of resources, such as housing, transportation, programming – specifically, Thinking 4 Change (T4C).

Additionally, the council discussed the cost-effectiveness of the drug court program and areas the program could improve on. Mark Hoehne noted how the program is helpful to all participants, even those that do not make it through the entire program. Judge Day commented on the alternatives to the program – jail or prison.

OWI Court Report: Kristin noted it was a good year, with positive numbers. The council discussed the struggle with individuals in the program with 5th and 6th offenses and agreed the program is beneficial to these individuals because it gives them structure after they are released from prison.

Further, the council discussed the two courts. Kristin noted you cannot compare the two programs because they are vastly different. Kristin and Judge Day explained the differences, noting one of the biggest hurdle with drug court participants is housing.

Motion by Brittany Guthrie, second by Mark Hoehne, to approve and accept the 2024 Treatment Court Annual Reports. Motion carried without negative vote.

Opioid Settlement Update

Robert Keeney informed the council that the task force filled some of the open positions within the committee, namely with Sheriff Reukauf and Kessa Klaas. Further, the task force is discussing potential structural changes within the committee. Robert noted there is another application deadline in a few weeks. He also informed the council there is currently \$370,000 in the account, and \$85,000 was allocated in 2024.

Strategic Plan / Storyboarding Presentation

James Schneider reviewed the Strategic Planning Summary Report – Draft.

James discussed the challenges and next steps. For the CJCC, it is about coordination and what we can accomplish. For departments, it is about finding specific tasks the CJCC can accomplish / measure that will benefit the community.

James reviewed and discussed the tasks listed in the summary report and highlighted the need to find measureable tasks.

Monica Sella brought up the idea of creating an alliance network of churches, businesses, etc. This would be a way for program participants to build a supporting network.

Tabled for further discussion and next steps to April 1.

Public Health Vending Machine Program

Kessa Klaas led the discussion, along with nurses from the Iowa County Health Department, on the idea / need for public health vending machines in Grant County. The Iowa County Health Department explained what they have seen as a success in Iowa County. They have had luck with the machines being outside, and how this has been helpful for harm reduction in a variety of ways. Carly Tibbits discussed potential locations for the vending machines. One potential location could be near UW-Platteville. Carly noted the vending machines should be available 24 hours a day, as nights and weekends tend to be the busiest time for usage. She further explained they are partnered with various organizations within the county. The organizations donate supplies. She also mentioned that if kids were to use the vending machines there is nothing in the vending machine that can harm them – the vending machines are safe for the general public.

The council discussed if this is something they can and want to support. Robert Keeney asked about the initial startup cost. Kessa Klaas noted that for two machines it would be about \$28,000. She explained that Iowa County's funding came from a state grant. Mark Hoehne noted that churches may be beneficial to this process and could possibly donate to the vending machines. The council encouraged Kessa to look at the Opioid Settlement Grant for funding.

Tabled for further discussion and possible action to April 1.

Open Discussion

Monica Sella discussed a multicultural outreach program / workshop for those in the Hispanic community. Monica also asked if local law enforcement would be open to a discussion on their relationship with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the next CJCC meeting. Council members agreed to have this on the agenda for April 1, and Kristin will notify Sheriff Reukauf and Chief Reukauf.

Motion by Brittany Guthrie, seconded by Gary Ranum, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Next meeting: April 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Grant County Board Room, Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schier, CJCC Coordinator