



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) Meeting Minutes

County Administration Building
404 Elm Street, Room 303
Rockford, IL 61101

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
3:00 – 5:00 pm

- I. **Members Present:** Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Nick Zimmerman, Winnebago County Public Defenders Officer; J. Hanley, Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office; Tom Jakeway, 17th Circuit Court; John Lowry, 17th Circuit Court; Joseph McGraw, 17th Circuit Court; Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Scott Paccagnini, U.S. Attorney's Office; Carla Redd, Rockford Police Department; Dan Magers, IT Department.

Others Present: Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City of Rockford; Jodi GeRue, Pre-Trial Services; Pat Thompson, Winnebago County; Marlana Dokken, Winnebago County; Dave Olson, Loyola University; Jennifer Clifford, 17th Circuit Court; Patrick Griffen, Loyola University; CCRT Members: Tiffany Eisman, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office; Chad Palmer, Loves Park Police; Christi Wilson, Rosecrance.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chief Judge John Lowry with a quorum present.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

Thomas McNamara motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Chairman Chiarelli seconded the motion. Voice vote unanimously approved.

III. **Introductions**

Chief Judge Lowry introduced Dave Olson and Patrick Griffen from Loyola University as well as presenters from the Winnebago County Crisis Co-Response Team (CCRT).

IV. **Program**

a. **CCRT Introduction**

Judge Lowry gave background information on the formation of the CCRT multi-disciplinary team. Judge Lowry introduced Christi Wilson, Rosecrance, Tiffany Eisman, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and Chad Palmer, Loves Park Police.



Tiffany Eisman reported the team began in November 2020 as a pilot program with two mental health clinicians employed from Rosecrance, two Rockford City detectives and Tiffany from the

Sherriff's Office and they are now fully funded through the Mental Health Tax through the Grant. There is now a total of 14 on the team servicing the entire Winnebago County working with other agencies to reduce calls and link people to services to keep them stable. Christi Wilson discussed available resources offered to the client and their families. The team provides 30-60-90-day client follow up and, in some cases, beyond the 90 days. Chad Palmer reported following up on clients struggling with substance abuse. The team utilizes a Smartsheet for cross reference purposes. The CCRT team is available Monday-Friday from 6 am to 11 pm, a morning and afternoon shift. If necessary, a team member can be called in during the weekend.

Judge Lowry called for questions of the Team and discussion followed. The CCRT team was thanked for their presentation.

b. Domestic Violence Update

Judge Jennifer Clifford was introduced to give an update on domestic violence. Judge Clifford was appointed in December 2022 as the Chair of the newly formed Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Domestic Violence.

Judge Clifford reported presiding over a criminal misdemeanor and felony domestic violence courtroom with over 850 defendants and handle the criminal orders of protection that arise out of any criminal partner case that any other judge might have. There are 4 Assistant State's Attorneys and 3 Assistant Public Defenders assigned to the courtroom with the hope to increase this number. In the last 3 ½ years, the court has worked to handle these cases consistently. Judge Clifford gave an overview of the work of the court to follow up on cases, track statistics and provide trainings. A Case Docket Coordinator for orders of protection ensures the cases are handled appropriately in the criminal court rather than remaining in family court. Judge Clifford is the Chair of the 17th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council and reported the creation of an underserved population subcommittee focusing on at risk adults, disabled, abuse later in life and expanded to the immigration community and LGBTQAI+ community. Judge Clifford gave an update on the programs, trainings and committees that have been formed. All details for upcoming trainings will be provided to the Council.

Judge Lowry called for questions. Discussion followed. Judge Clifford was thanked for her work and presentation.

c. End of Year Crime Report

Chief Carla Redd reviewed information from the End of Year Press Conference given in January 2023 and directed the council to the handout. Chief Redd reviewed the 2022 numbers and shared statistics for 2022 and to date in 2023. Violent crime was down 8% in 2022 and to date in 2023 there is a 13% decrease. Violent crime is partially driven by domestic violence which was at 38.2% in 2022 and 39.6% in 2021. With the opening of the Family Peace Center and additional education



materials it is expected the numbers will climb as the community becomes aware services are available. Homicides were down 37.5%, but a 500% increase to date in 2023, but there was a 100% clearance rate with all arrests for the homicides. Aggravated Assaults had a 7% decrease, to date in 2023 there is a 10% decrease. Chief Redd noted gun recovery in 2021 was a phenomenal year with 433 recovered, usually averaging 360 but because of 2021 it appears 2022 was down but it is at average. Property Crimes saw a slight decrease and robberies were down 4% and to date down 19%. There was a 64% increase in auto theft due to the auto manufacturer defects with Hyundai's and Kia's. Year to date compared to 2022, auto theft is at a 29% decrease. Additional programs are being reviewed in keeping the numbers down. Chief Redd called for questions. Discussion followed.

Mayor McNamara shared handouts and gave an update on the processes put in place in reducing crime, investing in the police department, funding for license plate readers, cameras, gunshot detection software, social analytic software and investing in the CCRT Team. This past year the focus was on the six most violent crime neighborhoods, asking residents what resources were needed, demolishing homes, repairs, neighborhood cleanups, and resource fairs to deliver items needed to the neighborhoods. Working to provide opportunities such as early childhood education, running the largest federally funded early childhood education programs, Early Head Start and Head Start, doubling the number of families eligible for Early Head Start and more than doubling Head Start. This also provides full family case management. The Rockford Promise Initiative was instituted to provide college education for Rockford Public students achieving a 3.0% grade average. The city is making an investment in Women in Minority Entrepreneurship and is also providing prevention and intervention efforts for the cycle of violence. With the Family Peace Center there are now 29 partner organizations providing services and served more than 1400 impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and child abuse and trafficking. From 2016 through 2021, 60-75% children grew up in a household experiencing trauma and due to this a program was implemented called Handle with Care. Mayor McNamara advised a concrete repair program partnered with a minority construction company and hired at risk young adults to learn the trade and all the adults were hired by a union contractor. Plans are to expand the program and are looking to work with the Public Works Department for maintenance. A new program, the Community Healing Center began through a grant for more than \$800,000 and have partnered with a host of organizations but the host is the Boys and Girls Club focusing on youth and families impacted by violence providing full family services. Discussion followed.

V. Reports

a. Legislative Updates

Chairman Chiarelli advised reviewing and tracking bills at the state level. There is legislation and proposed bills that will affect the county in a negative way. The Legislative and Lobbying Standing



Committee has proposals out for lobbyists at the state and federal level. Tom Jakeway shared a number of bills of concern. The list of bills will be provided to council members.

b. Department Updates / Reports

Chairman Chiarelli spoke on Criminal Justice needs, prioritizing and allocating resources. County property is being sold to Rock Valley College for a college educational campus on the west side. The Police Training Facility is being moved from the county property to the Public Safety Building partnering with Rock Valley College to make a world class facility.

Scott Paccagnini reported he submitted his report and gave a summary to the council.

Joe McGraw reported being down 5 adult PO's, impairing the court's ability to effectuate the orders in the appropriate timeframe. Candidates are being sought to fill the open positions. Discussion followed.

Chief Redd advised settling their contract in December 2022 and are currently receiving applications for law enforcement officers. Due to an officer retiring, there will be a number of promotions.

Dan Magers reported the IT department is working on replacing software systems in several departments as well as the jail and continues to provide normal support to all departments. The department is adding one additional position and is extending an offer to the candidate.

Dave Olson reported working with the Parole office to improve access to substance abuse treatment services for people released from prison. Also, working on Focused Deterrence Evaluation and presenting at the County Board Public Safety Committee next week, working on evaluating a Prosecution program through a state grant.

J. Hanley provided statistics on delinquencies.

Jodi GeRue gave an update on behalf of Debbie Jarvis. Adult has 28 officers currently but should have 34 and they are working to fill the 6 openings. Pretrial is actively holding trainings inhouse with the majority of trainings being virtual.

Marlana Dokken reported she submitted his report and gave a summary to the council.

VI. **Other Matters** – The next CJCC meeting will be June 8, 2023.

VII. **Adjournment**