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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

3:00 – 5:00 pm

404 Elm Street, Room 303, Rockford, Illinois

- I. **Members Present:** Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Rick Ciganek, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office (proxy); J Hanley, Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office; Tom Jakeway, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Debbie Jarvis, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; John Lowry, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Dan Magers, Winnebago County IT; Joseph McGraw, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Scott Paccagnini, U.S. Attorney's Office; Carla Redd, Rockford Police Department; Bob Redmond, Winnebago County Jail; Nick Zimmerman, Winnebago County Public Defender's Office.

**Others Present:** Chris Carpenter, Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office; Lorraine Dixon, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Jodi GeRue, Pre-Trial Services; John Gibbons, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Jessica Gingold, Equip for Equality; Taryn Mark, Juvenile Probation; Debra Shafer, 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court; Mike Shea, Equip for Equality; Kali Thomas, U.S. Department of Justice, Northern District of Illinois; Pat Thompson, Winnebago County; Marlana Dokken, Winnebago County.

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

II. **Approval of Minutes**

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

III. **Introductions**

IV. **Program**

- a. Jessica Gingold- Staff Attorney, Education Justice Project Manager Special Education Clinic, and Mike Shea- Staff Attorney, Special Education Clinic – Rockford Office from Equip for Equality presented on their expanded education advocacy in Winnebago



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County. While Equip for Equality addresses multiple issues as an agency, their presentation focused on the education needs of youth involved in the criminal justice system, or at risk to be involved in the criminal justice system.

- b. Chief Judge John Lowry introduced Judge Debra Shafer and Judge John Gibbons who gave updates on the Pretrial Fairness Act collaboration & planning process. Much discussion was had and while a massive undertaking, Winnebago County is ahead of the game due to early planning.

## **I. Reports**

Loyola University – was not in attendance but supplied reports on % of those convicted of a felony sentenced to prison, and sentences to prison from Winnebago County.

Court Services – Debbie Jarvis reported the Department continues to prepare for the impact of the Pretrial Fairness Act while also expanding programming opportunities for our clients Dept. The Resource Intervention Center has expanded its operational hours to include evenings Monday – Thursday, through funding received from the Smart Supervision Grant. These extended hours will expand programming in the areas of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) groups as well as Partner Abuse Intervention Program (PAIP). Juvenile Probation and Detention are also expanding their therapeutic programming. The Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (AOIC) is currently developing new statewide screening tools for Juvenile Detention admission as well as Pretrial Risk.

Public Defender – Nick Zimmerman reports in addition to day-to-day services, members of the Public Defender's Office are focused on the challenges associated with the impending changes resulting from both the Pre-Trial Fairness Act (PFA) and the requirement that law enforcement officers wear body cameras.

Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives – Marlana Dokken reported on the Project Safe Neighborhood Call in Forums, Focused Deterrence Call in meetings, Partnerships and Strategies to Reentry MDT, Justice Involved Behavioral Health MDT, the 2023 Symposium (April 210, and the Ring doorbell program.



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States Attorney's Office – SA Haney was not in attendance but sent a proxy who indicated he was in the process of developing a comprehensive plan to increase the use of FRO's in Illinois. In early Spring, SA Hanley will be asking for the CJCC's help in executing that statewide plan. Additionally, SA Hanley is actively working on matters related to the Pre-Trial Fairness Act.

U.S. Attorney's Office – Federal agents have seen a substantial increase in the Rockford area in the use of ghost guns. Scott Paccagnini shared that in April 2022, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms published a final rule that, among other things, amended its regulations that define a "frame or receiver." The new rule will provide a possible mechanism to charge ghost guns that incorporate the "lower part of the weapon that provides housing for the trigger mechanism and hammer."

City of Rockford – Mayor Tom McNamara and Chief Carla Redd shared information regarding crime statistics and new youth prevention programming. Additionally, the Mayor spoke of upcoming funding for a Youth Peace Center.

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court – Chief Judge John Lowry and Tom Jakeway expounded on PFA planning and implementation.

Winnebago County Jail – Bob Redmond indicated the jail was working on PFA, shared they are working with the Chairman's Office on discharge/reentry planning, provided information about Rockford Reachout Jail Ministry and jail training program success.

## **Other Matters**

2023 Symposium – Marlana Dokken indicated speakers are secured and she is working on securing event space.

## **II. Adjournment**