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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Virtual

- I. **Present:** Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City of Rockford; Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County; Nick Zimmerman, Winnebago County Public Defenders Officer; Eugene Doherty, 17th Circuit Court; Jodi GeRue, Pre-Trial Services; J. Hanley, Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office; Tom Jakeway, 17th Circuit Court; Debbie Jarvis, 17th Circuit Court; John Lowry, 17th Circuit Court; Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Dan Magers, Winnebago County IT; Scott Paccagnini, U.S. Attorney's Office; Carla Redd, Rockford Police Department; Pat Thompson, Winnebago County; Dave Vella, IL House of Rep.; Marlana Dokken, Winnebago County; Dave Olson, Loyola University

Guests: Hon. Cara LeFevour Smith and Wendy Venvertloh, Office of Statewide Pre-Trial Services; Kathy Saltmarch, Mark Powers, John Specker, Ryan Kennedy, and Mike Elliot, Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chief Judge Eugene Doherty with a quorum present.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

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

III. **Introductions** – Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC)

IV. **Action Items**

- a. Joseph Chiarelli nominated Judge John Lowry for CJCC Chairman for CY 2022 – 2024; J. Hanley seconded the motion and voice vote unanimously approved.

V. **Program**

- a. Chief Judge Doherty introduced Hon. Cara LeFevour Smith, Director and Wendy Venvertloh, Deputy Director, both from the Office of Statewide Pre-Trial Services. Hon. Cara LeFevour Smith spoke about the plans that are underway for developing an



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operational statewide structure of Pre-Trial service delivery in Illinois. The first phase being to establish a Pre-Trial service apparatus in the jurisdictions around the State that do not have Pre-Trial. The goal is to have Pre-Trial supportive service apparatuses established by January 1, 2023.

VI. Reports

- a. Loyola University - Research Update - Dave Olson of Loyola University provided an update on bond court research. Shortly after the last CJCC meeting, Loyola was notified by the Department of Justice that they were given a grant from the National Institute of Justice to evaluate the Pre-Trial Fairness Act over the next four years. Loyola met with Tom Jakeway and County IT Department to develop the protocol. They hope to have results of that research by the next CJCC meeting.
- b. Representative Dave Vella - SAFE-T Act Update - Dave Vella reported on the Veto Session that happened near the end of October. There was a second Trailer Bill to the Safety Act, HB3512. It did not pass. As to Pre-Trial Services, he talked to Judge Smith beforehand and has spent a good portion of his time looking into Pre-Trial Services in other Counties. In relation to the bail portion and how it affects Winnebago County and smaller Counties, the group that was pushing it, the Safety Act, was mostly out of the Cook County area and did not have a very good perspective on Winnebago County.
- c. Chairman's Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives - Administrative Reports - Marlana Dokken provided an Administrative Report and a visual of the framework of the CJCC including updates on Partnerships and Strategies to Reentry, Focused Deterrence and Justice Involved Behavioral Health MDT. The CJCC works with multi-disciplinary teams that are meeting regarding subjects related to criminal justice matters. There is a liaison with each group. The CJCC doesn't have to create multiple Ad Hoc Committees and it helps keep groups together. Jennifer Cacciapaglia provided a report in the meeting packet for the Mayor's Task Force for Domestic and Community Violence. Housing continues to be a substantial barrier to the recovery in exiting of a domestic violence relationship which also affects the children and feeds into the overall violent crime rate. There is a more direct targeted approach towards engaging our schools.



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VII. **Other Matters**

- a. Priority Review – Discussion regarding Pre-Trial (long-term study), dashboard expansion and adopt/amend HB 3653.
- b. 2022 Priorities – Gun Court MDT, Annual Symposium working group (possible virtual speaker), Sub-Committee for Pre-Trial Fairness Act (focus on Operations).
- c. 2022 Schedule and Meeting Format – Stay as is.
- d. Deb Jarvis reported that the Juvenile Detention Center and the Resource Intervention Center each received a grant.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Joseph Chiarelli motioned to adjourn and Judge Lowry Seconded the Motion. Chief Judge Doherty adjourned the meeting.