



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)

### MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

3:00 – 5:00 pm

404 Elm Street, Room 303, Rockford, Illinois

- I. Members Present:** Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County; J Hanley, Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office; Tom Jakeway, 17th Circuit Court; Debbie Jarvis, 17th Circuit Court; John Lowry, 17th Circuit Court; Dan Magers, Winnebago County IT; Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Scott Paccagnini, U.S. Attorney’s Office; Carla Redd, Rockford Police Department; Robert Lukowski, Winnebago County Jail; Nick Zimmerman, Winnebago County Public Defender’s Office.

**Others Present:** Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Mayor’s Office; Lorraine Dixon, 17th Circuit Court; Marlana Dokken, Chairman’s Office; Jodi GeRue, Pre-Trial Services; David Olsen, Loyola University; Dave Vella, House of Representatives 68<sup>th</sup> District.

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

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

### **III. PROGRAM**

- a. Pre-Trial Fairness Act- Winnebago County Update with Chief Judge John Lowry

Chief Judge John Lowry directed committee members to the “Top 10 PFA Changes” (Attachment) and discussed the significant changes and their impact to court operations. Honorable mention items included on the list were also reviewed with committee members. Judge Lowry called for questions. Discussion followed. Judge Lowry reported the workgroup continues to meet on forms and procedures and thanked committee members for their help.

- b. The General Context of Criminal Justice Reform in Illinois and Winnebago County with Dave Olson, PhD, Loyola University\_Chicago

Judge Lowry introduced Mr. Dave Olson to the committee. Mr. Olson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled “The General Context of Criminal Justice Reform in Illinois and Winnebago County” with committee members. Mr. Olson gave a brief background on the context for the presentation on crimes and crime trends during the period of time when the debate over the pretrial fairness act and the election were taking place and the environment for the reforms that were taking place. The general public only hears about



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the worst crimes and not the other offenses. Mr. Olson wanted to provide data to put into context. The data is collected every year by the US Census Bureau showing trends over the last three decades. There is less crime now than within the last 10-20 years and violent crime is also trending down through 2021. As of last year, the number of crimes occurring is relatively low. Only about a third of crimes are reported to police, only half of violent crimes are reported to police. Non-fatal firearm victimization is trending down as well. Mr. Olson discussed statistics of gun violence. For every 100 violent crimes committed with a firearm there are 3-4 that result in a fatality and only about two-thirds are reported to the police. This is fairly consistent across the nation. Discussion followed.

Mr. Olson shared information on firearm homicide crimes. Firearm homicide crimes have now reached the highest rate in the last 40 years. Illinois' firearm homicide rate is higher than the national average but follows the trend, a high increase in 2020-2021, as seen nationally, but lower in 2022. Firearm suicide rate levels are higher nationally than in Illinois, but there has been a recent increase. When combining suicides and homicides, there has been an increase in Illinois, but the national rate and Illinois rate are similar. The degree to which firearms have been acquired in the last 5 years has gone up dramatically, as the demand has increased and production increased accordingly. Mr. Olson reviewed the graphs, statistics and trends with committee members. Mr. Olson reported currently working on a project in Rockford and five other cities in Illinois, a collaboration between Texas Christian University and University of New Mexico to improve access to substance abuse treatment for people being released from prison. The goal is to find out why people are not accessing these services. Marlana Dokken organized and facilitated a meeting last week providing parole, treatment providers in the community, the head of the County Public Health Department and went through a needs assessment dialogue. Mr. Olson noted in preparation, of the people sent to prison, how many needed drug treatment and how many received treatment. Mr. Olson indicated out of all the people on mandatory supervised release or parole, approximately 60% of the people were identified as needing treatment. In Winnebago County, two-thirds entering prison were identified as needing treatment. Two prisons in Illinois, Sheridan Correctional Center and the Southwestern Correctional Center are fully dedicated substance abuse treatment facilities. They deliver state of the art treatment intervention for substance abusers and provide after care services. Of those on parole in Winnebago County, only 20% access a robust treatment program. The Opiate Overdoses ER Admissions & Fatalities graph was reviewed with the committee. Discussion followed.

## IV. REPORTS

### Legislative Updates

- a. Representative Dave Vella advised the lame duck session is January 4, 2023 and an anti-gun violence bill just came out involving an assault weapon ban that may have an impact on the court system. A few of the highlights are outlawing assault weapons, create new FOID card violations, upping registration age from 18 to 21 years. The sale of assault weapons may increase in Illinois.



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## Department Updates

- b. Sheriff's Report – Robert Lukowski reported continued work on PFA's, working with Marlana on discharge planning, getting placements jobs, housing and other resources.
- c. Winnebago County IT Report – Dan Magers reported working on PFA's and different stakeholders and their needs.
- d. Chairman of the County Board Office – Chairman Chiarelli reported the Winnebago County Board through his office created a Standing Legislative and Lobbying Committee with seven members of the County Board, including the Chairman and Staff Liaison to work with legislators. The first order of business is to bring forward a request for proposals for hiring a lobbyist and a lobbyist firm for state and federal government and to work through the issues in conjunction with the legislators.
- e. Chairman's Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives – Marlana Dokken provided updates on Focused Deterrence, PSN Forums, and CJCC Symposium; expanded written report was provided.
- f. U.S. Attorney's Office - Scott Paccagnini advised nothing new to report; expanded written report was provided.
- g. 17th Circuit Court - Tom Jakeway reported on the fire in the Courthouse. Through the Chairman's leadership, they are working daily to restore the building that is occupying a great deal of time.
- h. Mayor Tom McNamara – Since the last meeting, the Mayor's office has done the budget, capital improvement plan, approved the legislative and lobby and a number of items regarding public safety that will go to full council on Monday.
- i. Mayor's Office of Domestic and Community Violence - Jennifer Cacciapaglia reported the mayor's office is monitoring and addressing the needs of the Rockford Public School youth with the goal of keeping youth in school; expanded written report was provided.
- j. Rockford Police Department – Chief Carla Redd reported a press conference is scheduled today regarding a drug raid last Thursday where 6 kilos of cocaine, fentanyl pills and over \$100,000 of cash was recovered. The Chief thanked the relationships with the public that led to the investigation. Also, reported some 2022 data, seeing a 6% reduction in violent crime, domestic violence crime is up 39% but it has to do with a reduction in violent crime overall. There is a 37 ½ % decrease in homicides, last year 24 and this year 15. Gun recoveries last year were roughly 418 and this year 363, a 13 ½ % decline. Property crime was a marginal increase at .4%, robberies down 3%, auto thefts are up 73%. Debbie Jarvis reported the new juvenile point system from the Supreme Court is still in the research forum. The group contracted by the State is asking for more data that hasn't been provided by some counties. It will possibly be early 2023 before this is available.
- k. Adult Probation – Debbie Jarvis reported not having anything outside of her report to the committee. There is a lot going on in Juvenile, looking at expanding programming, bringing in a therapist, the Detention Center has the Mental Health people coming in. Detention numbers are high and getting close to capacity. The RIC program has expanded and therapy has expanded into the evening and are bringing in more services; expanded written report was provided.



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- l. Winnebago County Public Defender's Office – Nick Zimmerman reported on pretrial fairness and the fire is a challenge with being displaced. Discussion followed; expanded written report was provided.
- m. 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – John Lowry reported applying and the Supreme Court on November 23, 2022 granted two new associates, supplemental judges and John is excited to have two new associate judges. The positions are posted with final determinations mid-late February 2023. December 8, 2022, Judge Clifford received a call from AOIC informing her she was named the Chair of the newly formed Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Domestic Violence.

## V. OTHER MATTERS

None.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Tom McNamara. Second: Joe Chiarelli.

Motion to adjourn unanimously approved.