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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC)

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
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; Debbie Jarvis, Winnebago County, Court Services; John Lowry, 17th Circuit Court; Carla Redd, Rockford Police Department.

Others Present: Rick Ciganek, Winnebago County, Sheriff’s Dept; Lorraine Dixon, Winnebago County, RIC; Pat Thompson, Winnebago County; Marlana Dokken, Winnebago County; Ken LaRue, Assistant State’s Attorney, Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office; Dave Olson, Loyola University; Don Stemen, Loyola University, Tom Lawson, 17th Circuit Court; Thomas McNamara, Mayor, City of Rockford; Brendan Maher, 17th Circuit Court; Dan Magers, IT; Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Director Mayors Office

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Chief Judge Lowry gave updates from the minutes of December 13, 2023. Judge Lowry indicated a correction to the December 2023 minutes. Under Other Matters, Section 6, the correction to the minutes is: “The List of Accomplishments was comprised of the 17th Circuit’s achievement of recognitions, appointments, committee court involvement, Supreme Court and presentations from 2023.”

Motion: Chairman Chief Judge Lowry made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Second: State’s Attorney Hanley
Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

III. Introductions

Chief Judge Lowry introduced Dr. David Olson, PhD, Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Co-Director, Center for Criminal Justice and Don Stemen, PhD, Professor Director, Sociolegal Studies Minor Co-Director, Center for Criminal Justice at Loyola University.



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IV. Program

a. **Dr. David Olson, Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Co-Director, Center for Criminal Justice: Developing a Winnebago County Criminal Justice Data Dashboard 2.0**

Dr. Olson discussed developing a Criminal Justice Data Dashboard in Winnebago County for the CJCC and shared a slide presentation on the system operations and activities including data presentations by Loyola Center. An interactive dashboard had been previously considered but did not move forward due to COVID and CJCC membership changes. Dr. Olson shared working with individual agencies in developing data dashboards including internal and external facing as well as a systemwide data dashboard. Dr. Olson summarized the value of the dashboard.

Dr. Stemen reviewed slides of Criminal Justice Data Prosecutor Dashboards built for Colorado and Chicago's Cook County. Dr. Stemen shared the data included in the dashboard and shared the internal dashboard and its components. Dr. Stemen called for questions. Discussion followed.

b. **Tom Jakeway, 17th Circuit Trial Court Administrator, Winnebago County Felony Case Filings/Closures 2014-2024**

Mr. Jakeway advised utilizing surveys and statistics to review felony case filings/closures. The National Center for State Courts indicates there are ten things to review and the three most important are closure rates, time to disposition and age of pending case load. Mr. Jakeway reviewed statistics.

V. Unfinished Business

a. **Hon. John S. Lowry, Chief Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit Court: CJCC Strategic Action Plan / Priorities**

Chief Judge Lowry thanked Council members who submitted ideas for Strategic Planning and Goals.

Mayor Thomas McNamara

Mayor McNamara shared a long-term goal to get a Day Reporting Center up and running and a short-term goal of agreement on a simple dashboard of safety data and metrics to review quarterly at CJCC meetings. Chief Judge Lowry called for any discussion on the recommendations. Discussion followed on data collection and tracking.



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Court Services Director Debbie Jarvis

Ms. Jarvis discussed the creation of a Day Reporting Center and moving forward with the Space Needs Study for the Detention Center. The expansion at the Detention Center is being looked at in different stages. In the interim, plans are to utilize the JRIC Program with the goal to expand the program currently in the Juvenile Justice Center and move forward to facilitate having the Day Reporting Center at the Juvenile Justice Center. Ms. Jarvis discussed the challenges faced with creating the Day Reporting Center. Discussion followed.

Ms. Jarvis spoke about the Assessment Center and processes utilized at the Assessment Center. The long-term plan for the Center would include an expansion of hours up to 24/7 if the Center were located at the Detention Center. Ms. Jarvis is working with Ms. Edwards, Purchasing Director to move forward with these plans. Ms. Jarvis thanked the Council for their support. Ms. Jarvis stated she is focused on pretrial and the impact of the PFA implementation. Ms. Jarvis discussed additional training for the Counsel as an additional goal.

State's Attorney Hanley

Mr. Hanley reviewed the long-term goal of the development and implementation of a Juvenile Day Reporting Center. The short-term goal of developing data metrics for which the CJCC would measure and report was discussed. Mr. Hanley discussed the attachments included with his goals that were provided as a handout to the Council.

17th Judicial Circuit

Chief Judge Lowry reviewed the long-term and short-term goals of the 17th Judicial Circuit. Discussion took place on moving forward with the Juvenile Resource Intervention Center within the Juvenile Justice Center.

Chief Judge Lowry reported the 17th Circuit started a Human Trafficking Co-Response team and discussed holding a WCCJCC Human Trafficking Symposium in collaboration with the mayor's task force in the spring of 2025 at the Radisson in Rockford. Plans are to continue the Lunch and Learns as well as other events.

Chief Judge Lowry asked for any other input from the Council for CJCC strategic goals. Discussion followed.



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- VI. New Business**
None reported.
- VII. Announcements**
Friday, May 3, 2024 – Executive Committee Meeting
- VIII. Adjournment**
A motion to adjourn the CJCC meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Bleile