



Minutes - July 17, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Perry called the hybrid meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to order at 3:05 P.M. via Zoom and Conference Rooms N1/N2 Rock County Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Charles Westerberg, Supervisor Erica Boehlke, Clerk of Court Amanda Nelson, Marc Perry, Kate Luster, Chief Deputy Jude Maurer (alt. for Sheriff Curt Fell), Chief Chad Pearson, Sara Leidholdt, Josh Grube, Dennis LeCaptain, and District Attorney Jason Sanders.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Strategist; Heather Korth, Deferred Prosecution Supervisor; John Light, County Administrator; Sgt. Joshua Solturas, Sheriff's Office.

Others Present: Neil Deupree, League of Women Voters.

Approve Agenda: Mr. Westerberg moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Boehlke. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

May 15, 2025 Minutes: District Attorney Jason Sanders moved approval of the minutes of May 15, 2025 as presented, second by Chief Pearson. ADOPTED.

Support for TAD Grant Application: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen provided the background of the TAD Grant. 2026 is the fifth year of the TAD cycle. The Department of Justice is working on the dollar amounts for 2026. Ms. Luster moved the continuation of support for the TAD Grant and for the CJCC to continue to be the oversight committee, second by District Attorney Jason Sanders. ADOPTED.

Workgroup Updates:

Executive Workgroup: The workgroup has not met. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 3rd at 3 P.M.

EBDM Pretrial and Risk Assessment Workgroup: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen shared the most recent data. They are working on some recommendations for possible changes.

EBDM Risk Reduction Interventions Workgroup: Ms. Korth shared the most recent data. They continue to monitor lower screen numbers.

EBDM Behavioral Health Information Sharing Workgroup: Ms. Luster said they are working on advancing the updated MOU (memorandum of understanding) circulation. They will present this at the next chief's meeting. They are confirming who the lead contacts are for the mental health flag process and creating a contact group; hoping to recommit to the mental health flag and Crisis strategy information sheet. They also discussed the impact of the co-responders that are embedded within JPD, BPD and Rock County Sheriff.

Equity Workgroup: District Attorney Sanders said the workgroup was tasked with researching inequities in the justice system discretion points. The data was collected from the last ten years and a report was compiled. He reviewed the report results with the committee.

Domestic Violence Workgroup: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said lethality scores are now on the PSA report. They are working on an updated MOU with law enforcement and the YWCA. The workgroup is creating a brochure/resource guide. District Attorney Sanders explained a couple changes they have recently implemented including a middle ground for no contact.

Discussion regarding CJCC-Related 2026 Budget Items: Mr. Light said he is currently preparing the budget for 2026. Any CJCC budget-related items can be forwarded to him or Ms. Pohlman McQuillen.

Discussion regarding Law Enforcement Concerns: Chief Pearson said we have a homeless crisis. This is not criminal, so it is not a law enforcement problem. He would like to form a stakeholder group to brainstorm and develop a structured countywide response which would provide community resources for the homeless. He is seeking advice from the Fond du Lac Chief. Would like to discuss this as an agenda item at our next meeting.

Consideration of Future Areas for CJCC Focus/Action: Previously discussed.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Janesville Police Department National Night Out will be August 6th in Janesville Town Square. Rock County National Night Out will be August 14th in Evansville. Courageous Conversations are held fourth Monday of every month at 5:30 P.M. via Zoom. Interested individuals can register online through YWCA.

Next meeting date and time: Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 3 P.M.

Adjournment: Mr. Westerberg moved to adjourn at 4:43 P.M., second by District Attorney Sanders. ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
Secretary

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