



Minutes - September 18, 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: Josh Grube, Judge Barbara McCrory, Charles Westerberg, Kate Luster, Chief Chad Pearson, Marc Perry, District Attorney Jason Sanders, Ryan Trautsch, Badri Belur, Sara Leidholdt (alt. for Jay Laufenberg) and Clerk of Court Amanda Nelson at 3:25 P.M.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Erica Boehlke, Dennis LeCaptain, Kevin Smith, Sheriff Curt Fell, and Heidi Deninger.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Strategist.

Others Present: Neil Deupree, League of Women Voters; Spencer Olson, Public Defender's office.

Approve Agenda: District Attorney Sanders moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Grube. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from July 17, 2025: District Attorney Sanders moved approval of the minutes of July 17, 2025 as presented, second by Ms. Luster. ADOPTED.

Support for TAD Grant Application: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen explained the history of the TAD grant. This is the last year of the non-competitive grant cycle. The continuation application is due October 2nd. Mr. Grube moved to support the TAD grant application, second by Mr. Westerberg. Motion passed unanimously with Judge McCrory abstaining from the vote.

Support for Pretrial Grant Application: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen provided the background of the Pretrial grant. She said the application is not out yet but there will be a tight turnaround before our next meeting. District Attorney Sanders moved to continue support of the Pretrial grant, second by Mr. Grube. ADOPTED.

Discussion regarding Unsheltered Co-Response Program: Chief Pearson said they are looking to develop a joint unified response source for the unsheltered population. It will be similar to the co-responder concept but will join forces with local non-profits. Fond du Lac has a similar model. Ideally, a day shelter would be opened to assist with providing resources to this population. Mr. Perry said there are two demographics: chronically homeless and situationally homeless. Not all homeless want resources or support. They had their first consortium meeting. The next meeting is on 9/29, and they are looking to create actionable steps at this meeting.

Workgroup Updates:

Executive Workgroup: They met on September 3rd. They discussed the accomplishments of the other workgroups. They are looking for future considerations for the workgroup.

EBDM Pretrial and Risk Assessment Workgroup: Judge McCrory said they met and are working on responses to violations.

EBDM Behavioral Health Information Sharing Workgroup: Ms. Luster said they met recently. They are looking to bring more awareness to the mental health flag and crisis strategy information sheet. Bette Trimble recently presented on the two topics at the Chief's meeting. They are looking to recirculate the memorandum of understanding and confirm all law enforcement agency contacts. Two of the co-responder positions are vacant; working to fill those.

Equity Workgroup: Judge McCrory said they are looking for suggestions for their next project.

Domestic Violence Workgroup: District Attorney Sanders said they are working on better capturing contact preferences of victims and working to amend local rules of no contact.

Support for Establishment of Education and Outreach Workgroup: Our community is not aware of what the criminal justice system and CJCC do. Looking to create an education and outreach workgroup to reach the general public. It was suggested this workgroup works with the equity workgroup. The equity workgroup meets again in October. They will bring a proposal to our November meeting. District Attorney Sanders moved to establish an education and outreach workgroup, second by Mr. Westerberg. ADOPTED.

Mr. Grube volunteered to be part of the education and outreach workgroup.

Discussion regarding Law Enforcement Concerns: None.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: YWCA Racial Justice Conference coming up in November. More information can be found on their website.

Next meeting date and time-Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 3pm:

Adjournment: Ms. Luster moved to adjourn at 4:19 P.M., second by Mr. Grube. ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracey VanZandt, Secretary

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