

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2021
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
7:45 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Easker called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Position	Status	Arrived
Judge Steve Gibbs (Chair)	Presiding Judge for Chippewa County or Designee	Present (Late)	7:50 AM
Tim Easker (Vice-Chair)	Director of Chippewa County Department of Human Services or Designee	Present	
Randy Scholz	County Administrator	Present	
Jim Kowalczyk	County Sheriff or Designee	Absent	
Curt Dutton	Jail Administrator or Designee	Present	
Kyra Secraw	Youth Justice/CWDA Manager	Present	
Matt Kelm	Chief of Police - Chippewa Falls or Designee	Absent	
Louis Eslinger	Chief of Police - Outlying Community or Designee	Absent	
Wade Newell	District Attorney or Designee	Present	
Kirby Harless	Representative of the State Public Defender Office	Present	
Karen Hepfler	Clerk of Circuit Court or Designee	Present (Late)	7:52 AM
Megan Popenhagen/ Melissa Buesgen	Department of Corrections Supervisor for Chippewa County or Designee	Present	
Denise Shervey	Child Support Director or Designee	Present	
Lee McMenamin	County Board Supervisor	Present (Left 8:45 AM)	
Geri Segal	Citizen Member	Present (Left 9 AM)	
Steve Norlander (Jail Chaplain)	Citizen Member	Absent	
Vacant	Citizen Member		

Others Present: Rose Baier, Criminal Justice Services Director; Pauline Spiegel, Human Services Administrative Assistant; Roy Gay, District Attorney Designee; Rhonda Frank-Loron, Pretrial Manager for State of Wisconsin Office of Court Administration; Cheryl Sandville, Chippewa Literacy Volunteers

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	McMenamin
SECONDER:	Easker
AYES:	Easker, Scholz, Dutton, Secraw, Designee Gay, Harless, Popenhagen/ Buesgen, Shervey, McMenamin, Segal
ABSENT:	Kowalczyk, Kelm, Eslinger, Norlander
AWAY:	Gibbs, Hepfler

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Minutes of August 25, 2020 Meeting
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date – May 25, 2021

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Approve Letter of Support for Recovery Court Federal Grant**
Baier reviewed purpose of letter that is applying for a grant to be able to have more funds for Hope House and residential funding for room and board and other treatment services.

RESULT:	APPROVED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Secraw
SECONDER:	Gay
AYES:	Gibbs, Easker, Scholz, Dutton, Secraw, Designee Gay, Harless, Hepfler, Popenhagen/Buesgen, Shervey, McMenamin, Segal
ABSENT:	Kowalczyk, Kelm, Eslinger, Norlander
AWAY:	

6. REPORTS

1. **Take a Stand Against Meth Campaign Update**
A Core Team meeting is scheduled for the near future to review and revamp the plan of action for moving forward in a COVID world. The communication team leader is doing a phenomenal job of keeping the website and social media current. HSHS is applying for a multi-county grant related to opioids and meth use. It is currently at the information gathering stage, organizing action teams, obtaining letters of support. This is well aligned with the Stand Against Meth campaign. Easker proposed a virtual presentation by Hector Colon, Present and CEO of Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan and utilizing LSS for future outreach.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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2. **Update on Programs and End of Year Reports**
Information and data on the Recovery Court and Evaluation, First Time Offender, Front-End Intervention Treatment (FIT), Programming, and Pretrial reports were reviewed and discussed. 2020 was a challenging year but overall, programs went well. Good news for the FIT Program – only 2 out of 46 graduates have recidivated since 2015. Rhonda Frank Loron also shared pretrial program information from State of Wisconsin Office of Court Administration including a grant for a new position in the Department of Justice (DOJ), expanding the CORE system, and a technical assistance provider to roll out pretrial programs to other counties.

Rhonda published her first DOJ newsletter and plans to continue on a quarterly basis. She also did a pretrial survey in the fall to see where all counties are at with criminal justice services. Baier also provided additional information on Recovery Court and an outside process evaluation that was completed. Overall, they scored well meeting 13 Key Components, partially meeting two and needing work on the data and evaluation component. The team

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. OTHER EMERGING ISSUES

1. Discussion Related to Future Topics of CJCC Meetings-Survey

Baier will be sending out a survey to gather input of ideas for future meeting topics.

2. EBDM Policy Team Discussion

The EBDM Policy Team has currently been inactive but planning a revitalization of it. Gibbs suggested EBDM Policy Team meet again and develop new goals and workgroups but keep it separate from CJCC. Baier will schedule a meeting to discuss.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Poverty Simulation
2. Prioritize EBDM Policy Team Discussion

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

RESULT: APPROVED [10 TO 0]

MOVER: Easker

SECONDER: Scholz

AYES: Gibbs, Easker, Scholz, Dutton, Secraw, Designee Gay, Harless, Hepfler, Popenhagen, Shervey

ABSENT: Kowalczyk, Kelm, Eslinger, Norlander

AWAY: McMenamin, Segal