

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2025
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
11:30 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Position	Status	Arrived
Judge Steve Gibbs (Chair)	Presiding Judge for Chippewa County or Designee	Present	
Bobbie Jaeger (Vice-Chair)	Director of Chippewa County Department of Human Services or Designee	Present	
Andy Albarado	County Administrator	Present	
Travis Hakes/Curt Dutton	County Sheriff or Designee	Both Present	
James Maki	Jail Administrator or Designee	Present	
Kyra Secraw	Youth Justice/CWDA Manager	Present	
Ryan Douglas	Chief of Police - Chippewa Falls or Designee	Present	
Daryl Pries	Chief of Police - Outlying Community or Designee	Present	11:35
Wade Newell/ Sheila Yohnk	District Attorney or Designee	Absent	
Kirby Harless	Representative of the State Public Defender Office	Present	
Nathan Liedl	Clerk of Circuit Court or Designee	Absent	
Megan Popenhagen/ Melissa Buesgen	Department of Corrections Supervisor for Chippewa County or Designee	Absent	
Denise Shervey	Child Support Director or Designee	Absent	
Charles Bomar	County Board Supervisor	Present	
Geri Segal	Citizen Member	Absent	
John Ailie (Jail Chaplain)	Citizen Member	Absent	
Nichole Wallsch	Citizen Member	Absent	

Others Present: Rose Baier, Criminal Justice Services Director; Kayce Lawcewicz, Criminal Justice Services Staff; Kaitlin Horstman, Criminal Justice Services Staff; Brandi Engel, Human Services Administrative Assistant; Peter Weir, Public Defender's Office Intern

III. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

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

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kirby Harless
SECONDER:	Charles Bomar
AYES:	Gibbs, Jaeger, Albarado, Hakes/Dutton, Maki, Secraw, Douglas, Pries
ABSENT:	Newell/Yohnk, Liedl, Popenhagen/Buesgen, Shervey, Segal, Ailie, Wallsch
AWAY:	

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Minutes of August 20, 2024 Meeting

V. REPORTS

1. Updates and 2024 Statistics on Programs - Baier

- **Recovery Court:** Data reviewed by Baier. In 2024, there were 32 referrals of which 18 were ineligible for participation and 13 individuals were admitted. At the end of the year, there were 16 participants which is relatively low in comparison to Pre-Covid years. 11 participants successfully graduated. The program has had 91 graduates to date.
- **First Time Offender/Worthless Check Diversion Programs:** *First Time Offender data presented by Lawcewicz:* 2024 data is incomplete. Still working on outcome numbers. Most referrals continue to be received from CFPD and the Sheriff's Department. Numbers in 2024 are inflated more than previous years as they include Country Fest referrals. CJS plans to have a staff presence at Country Fest grounds to help process referrals this year. *Worthless Checks:* Majority of referrals are received from Farm & Fleet. This program continues to make progress collecting and returning restitution.
- **Front-End Intervention Treatment Program:** Referrals slightly declined in 2024. However, Baier and Lawcewicz have been meeting with the stakeholders and referrals have increased a bit. Last year there were 10 referrals. To date, there are 17 referrals already. Last year the program also had 15 successful graduates, which is a large number in one year.
- **Pre-Trial Program:** There are presently 243 participants on the caseload. The program has seen Failure to Appear rates decline and good outcomes overall. Dave will be retiring in June leaving an open position. This is currently recruitment. Data provided for the program.
- **Re-Entry Program:** Looking to offer more education to the jail and will be hosting a two-week program which will require all inmates to meet with program staff twice. Every inmate is eligible to participate in the program. Last year, the program served 135 individuals including 56 days of shelter, 70 participants receiving clothing, 35 participants receiving transportation, and other various assistance including retrieving birth certificates, housing applications, reinstating Economic Support benefits, gas cards/bus passes, and checking on driver's license statuses.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

2. Take a Stand Against Meth/Crime Stoppers Updates

Take a Stand Against Meth: Low on volunteers but quite active in the community during the summer so looking to promote the need for volunteer participation.
Crime Stoppers: In 2024, 285 tips were received; 185 rewards approved; and \$175,000 of stolen property was recovered.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

3. State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Grant Updates

- The SCIP grant allowed the purchase of a MILO range system. The Crisis Intervention System provides real-life interactive videos to provide training to law enforcement on how to respond in crisis situations. A media day was held and will also promote to other community entities and stakeholders. Each Department has access to the system along with Stanley Prison. It is a mobile device.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

4. Eau Claire County Evidence Based Decision Making Training

- A training opportunity will be held on June 4th presenting information that is the groundwork and purpose behind the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

5. Committee Member Updates

- There were no members of the committee with updates.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

VII. OTHER EMERGING ISSUES

There were no other emerging issues to be discussed.

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no agenda items for future consideration.

IX. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned without objection at 12:23 p.m.

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Services Administrative Assistant;

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Charles Bomar
SECONDER:	Ryan Douglas
AYES:	Easker, Hakes/Dutton, Maki, Douglas, Pries, Liedl, Bomar, Segal, Ailie,
ABSENT:	Gibbs, Scholz, Secraw, Newell/Yohnk, Harless, Popenhagen/Buesgen, Shervey,
	Wallsch
AWAY:	

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Minutes of May 28, 2024 Meeting
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date – November 19, 2024

V. REPORTS

1. **Take a Stand Against Meth (TASAM) Campaign Update and Discussion**

The name/campaign is well branded and known throughout state and promotes awareness and education with holding townhalls in the past, partnering with Crime Stoppers and other workgroups. There is currently redundancy/duplicity with same people on both committees. There is also a challenge in getting volunteers to help with activities and project. Suggestion to combine with CJCC/ or Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP). The CJCC strategic plan is from 2019 so suggesting the committee review with goal of updating or creating a new one that includes some pieces of the Take A Stand Against Meth campaign. Ideas will be discussed with the TASAM Committee and the County Administrator.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

2. **Update on Programs**

- **Recovery Court:** Referrals are stagnant referrals (13 – 15) and achieving good outcomes. Some changes have been implemented per education at the national conference.
- **First Time Offender/Worthless Check Diversion Programs:** *First Time Offender:* There were almost 200 underage drinking referrals/program enrollees from Country fest event. This program provided them with good education and kept them out of the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access; *Worthless Checks:* There are not very many referrals but they continue to trickle in.
- **Front-End Intervention Treatment Program:** Enrollment almost at 20 for OWI or drug related charges. In general, the program is going well and achieving good outcomes. The TAD grant will be renewed in October. There is a requirement for a letter of support signed by all members or a copy of the minutes verifying the oversight committee's approval of the application for the 2025 TAD grant funding. All members agree with the application for 2025 and are in support. This was also discussed at the previous CJCC meeting in May, 2024.
- **Pre-Trial Program:** This is a pilot program with the State of Wisconsin. Some of the data was reviewed. Kaitlin has the majority of level 4s that require weekly check-ins; Dave has ½ of the pretrial caseload and more level 1's who only stay on pretrial until their initial appearance. Pretrial is going well and producing good outcomes.
- **Re-Entry Program:** This is a newer program but it is taking off with having a

fulltime person (Allison) who does jail programming. There are a lot of programs being implemented and they are going well. Utilizing a Pathways to Home program when jail folks are close to leaving jail. Reviewed some re-entry data. Also looking into another program where volunteers mentor re-entry jail residents into the community – help them navigate the system.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

3. Crime Stopper Updates

Crime Stoppers is going well and recently helped with solving the theft of multiple vehicles that were stolen in the area of Lake Hallie. There will be a brat stand fundraiser on Friday, August 30th, at Festival Foods in Chippewa Falls.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

4. Committee Member Updates

- Sheriff (per a round table discussion) asked about programs/treatment for the very short-term (three days) folks – the best and most efficient way to give them information in a condensed format. Rose has a handout and there is also the mobile app with many resources but many jail folks do not have a phone to access this information. to reach most amount of people; Tim talked about the SBIRT tool or screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment tool.
- Geri Segal/Family Support Center talked about the new Lethality Assessment Program with the Chippewa Falls Police Department and Chippewa County Sheriff's Office and that they are going well.

RESULT: DISCUSSION

VII. OTHER EMERGING ISSUES

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Review Strategic Plan and schedule to update in 2025.

IX. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned without objection at 11:25 a.m.