

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 24, 2022**  
**CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302**  
**7:45 AM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

**II. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD**

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

| Attendee Name                        | Position                                                             | Status          | Arrived |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Judge Steve Gibbs (Chair)            | Presiding Judge for Chippewa County or Designee                      | Present         |         |
| Tim Easker (Vice-Chair)              | Director of Chippewa County Department of Human Services or Designee | Present         |         |
| Randy Scholz                         | County Administrator                                                 | Absent          |         |
| Curt Dutton                          | County Sheriff or Designee                                           | Present         |         |
| Daniel Modl                          | Jail Administrator or Designee                                       | Present         |         |
| Kyra Secraw                          | Youth Justice/CWDA Manager                                           | Present         |         |
| Matt Kelm                            | Chief of Police - Chippewa Falls or Designee                         | Absent          |         |
| Open at this time                    | Chief of Police - Outlying Community or Designee                     | Absent          |         |
| Wade Newell/<br>Roy Gay              | District Attorney or Designee – Scott Zehr                           | Present         |         |
| Kirby Harless                        | Representative of the State Public Defender Office                   | Absent          |         |
| Karen Hepfler                        | Clerk of Circuit Court or Designee                                   | Present         |         |
| Megan Popenhagen/<br>Melissa Buesgen | Department of Corrections Supervisor for Chippewa County or Designee | Buesgen Present |         |
| Denise Shervey                       | Child Support Director or Designee                                   | Present         |         |
| Robert Teuteberg                     | County Board Supervisor                                              | Present         |         |
| Geri Segal                           | Citizen Member                                                       | Absent          |         |
| John Ailie (Jail Chaplain)           | Citizen Member                                                       | Absent          |         |
| Nichole Wallsch                      | Citizen Member                                                       | Present         |         |

Others Present: Rose Baier, Criminal Justice Services Director; Pauline Spiegel, Human Services Administrative Assistant; Scott Zehr, District Attorney Designee; Criminal Justice Services staff: Kaitlin Horstman and Intern Cassidy Wolf, Chris Hedlund, Hope Gospel Presenter

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to remove Schedule Next Meeting Date from Consent Agenda

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED [11 TO 0]                                                                       |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Easker                                                                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Teuteberg                                                                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Gibbs, Easker, Modl, Dutton, Secraw, Zehr, Hepfler, Buesgen, Shervey, Teuteberg, Wallach |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Scholz, Kelm, Eslinger, Harless, Segal, Ailie                                            |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     |                                                                                          |

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Minutes of November 15, 2021 Meeting

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED [11 TO 0]                                                                       |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Easker                                                                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Teuteberg                                                                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Gibbs, Easker, Modl, Dutton, Secraw, Zehr, Hepfler, Buesgen, Shervey, Teuteberg, Wallach |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Scholz, Kelm, Eslinger, Harless, Segal, Ailie                                            |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     |                                                                                          |

**Schedule Next Meeting Date**

Motion to change meeting time to 11:30 a.m. fourth Tuesday of February, May, August, and third Tuesday of November.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | APPROVED [11 TO 0]                                                                       |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Easker                                                                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Shervey                                                                                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Gibbs, Easker, Modl, Dutton, Secraw, Zehr, Hepfler, Buesgen, Shervey, Teuteberg, Wallach |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Scholz, Kelm, Eslinger, Harless, Segal, Ailie                                            |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     |                                                                                          |

#### V. REPORTS

##### 1. Hope Gospel Presentation – Chris Hedlund

Chris presented information on the mission of Hope Gospel, the process/plan for obtaining help. It is more than just housing people; it's a focus on wellness, providing tools and resources for sustainability of wellness after leaving the program. There is also a focus on culture – creating a trauma informed healing space. It is a faith-based organization; they don't force beliefs on participants but are exposed to Christian aspects. ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) are used in helping people. Another focus is on "can do" rather than "can't do" and addressing root causes. Hope Gospel has both long-term and short-term programs. They have a 24-bed male building, a 20-bed female building, 4-unit women with children building, and a transitional building. Funding comes from private grants, donations, and thrift stores income. There are 112 employees, which is a mix of fulltime, part-time, plus around 200 volunteers. It is a positive environment and produces many success stories.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**2. Take a Stand Against Meth Campaign Update**

Campaign will be sending out a letter (hand signed by Judge Gibbs) to businesses in Chippewa County providing updates, inviting their participation, info on lunch and learns and information on Chippewa County Crime Stoppers. Campaign is partnering with Economic Development Corporation and Workforce Resource on this project. The campaign has been active in the community, presenting at different events. They need more volunteers and Teuteberg stated CVTC Criminal Justice students are required to do 40 volunteer hours and will inform them of this volunteer opportunity. Crime Stoppers will be going live June 20 and are busy fundraising. Rose explained the process of crime tips reporting. She will be presenting an ordinance to the County Board for a Crime Prevention Funding Board, which can assist with sustainability. There are also several Crime Stoppers presentations planned. Easker presented info on July 27 meth related conference in Rice Lake.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**3. Annual Statistics and Update on Programs**

Baier reviewed stats and data for Criminal Justice Services - Recovery Court, First Time Offender/Worthless Check Program, Front-End Intervention Treatment, Programming, and Pre-Trial.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**VI. OTHER EMERGING ISSUES**

**VII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

1. Poverty Simulation
2. Prioritize EBDM Change Targets Moving Forward

**VIII. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED [11 TO 0]

**MOVER:** Easker

**SECONDER:** Shervey

**AYES:** Gibbs, Easker, Modl, Dutton, Secraw, Zehr, Hepfler, Buesgen, Shervey, Teuteberg, Wallsch

**ABSENT:** Scholz, Kelm, Eslinger, Harless, Segal, Ailie

**AWAY:**