

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2021
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
7:45 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 7:48 a.m.

II. 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	Absent	
Randy Scholz	County Administrator	Present	
Jim Kowalczyk	County Sheriff or Designee-Dan Modl	Present	
Curt Dutton	Jail Administrator or Designee	Present	
Kyra Secraw	Youth Justice/CWDA Manager	Absent	
Matt Kelm	Chief of Police - Chippewa Falls or Designee	Absent	
Louis Eslinger	Chief of Police - Outlying Community or Designee	Absent	
Wade Newell/ Roy Gay	District Attorney or Designee	Present	
Kirby Harless	Representative of the State Public Defender Office	Absent	
Karen Hepfler	Clerk of Circuit Court or Designee	Present	8:15 AM
Megan Popenhagen/ Melissa Buesgen	Department of Corrections Supervisor for Chippewa County or Designee	Absent	
Denise Shervey	Child Support Director or Designee-Christiana Wald	Present	
Lee McMenamin	County Board Supervisor	Present	
Geri Segal	Citizen Member	Absent	
John Ailie (Jail Chaplain)	Citizen Member	Present	
Nichole Wallsch	Citizen Member	Present	

Others Present: Rose Baier, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator; Pauline Spiegel, Human Services Administrative Assistant;

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 [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	McMenamin
SECONDER:	Scholz
AYES:	Gibbs, Scholz, Modl, Dutton, Gay, Wald, McMenamin, Ailie, Wallsch
ABSENT:	Easker, Secraw, Kelm, Eslinger, Harless, Popenhagen/Buesgen, Segal
AWAY:	Hepfler

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Minutes of August 24, 2021 Meeting
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date – February 22, 2022

V. REPORTS

1. Take a Stand Against Meth Campaign Update

Campaign is moving forward with great momentum. There are three current action workgroups: Crime Stoppers, business, and youth. There has been an increase in volunteers.

- Crime Stoppers: The individual who started Eau Claire program has been very helpful in sharing information and resources for the Chippewa County program. Tim Bowman from Lake Hallie Police Department has taken a lead role and many other law enforcement jurisdictions are also involved. A mission, vision, bylaws, have been development and program will be submitting the paperwork for incorporation January 2022.
- Crime Stopper plans for 2022: fundraising; anonymous tip reporting line through a P3 app that goes to a 24/7 call center – will have a reward system.
- “Hidden in Plain Sight Room” is an actual bed with youth bedroom items and décor that traveled to locations with a presenter as a drug/alcohol education tool for parents. However, taking this onsite is challenging so with the help of Post House Video Production, a virtual 360 video tour of a youth bedroom is in the development process. Baier showed on onscreen the progress to date. It will be on the website and used for training and education purposes.
- Development in progress of a workgroup for youth interaction: prevention, intervention, and education. Programs are being brainstormed and developed by this group.
- Business workgroup: Lisa Bruhn from Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) is helping with this and getting local businesses on board. This will include education on ACES, trauma, etc. Nycki Wallsch shared she will be part of a CCEDC podcast.
- Sarah Peck doing and outstanding job with Facebook and website – getting lots of media attention and outreach.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Update on Programs

- Recovery Court: This is going well. Referrals had dropped off for a while but picking up again. Program received good evaluations. CJS waiting to hear about the \$400,000 grant applied for - Recovery Court enhancements.
- First Time Offender/Worthless Check Diversion: This program also going well but Rose reported they will be low on office staff in December due to FMLA and PTO.

- Front-End Intervention Treatment: Information on this program is being shared with other counties and at different events.
- Programming: The same programs continue at the jail and still looking at implementing an MRT program within the jail.
- Pre-Trial: This is going well also and numbers increasing. Rose will present data at February CJCC meeting. Most participants are between level one and four. There are two new police chiefs – one in Cornell and other in Hallie.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Committee Member Agency Updates

- Karen reported that Clerk of Courts has new chief deputy starting soon.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OTHER EMERGING ISSUES

1. Discussion related to future topics of CJCC Meetings

EBDM Change Targets to this Group: Due to juggling many responsibilities and workgroup leadership roles, Rose is unable to lead the EBDM workgroup and looking for ideas/suggestions how to revitalize this group and work on some target changes. Judge Gibbs suggested having a meeting with three workgroups and come up with top three action items and enfold those into CJCC. Roy Gay recommends starting with top five, then CJCC narrow down to three.

Rose also suggesting introducing an education component to the CJCC meetings through a speaker or some kind of presentation. John Allie will invite the Hope Gospel director to present at February meeting.

VIII. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Poverty Simulation

This is still in the “parking lot” – perhaps outside (in warmer weather) – Riverfront or fairgrounds.

2. Prioritize EBDM Change Targets Moving Forward

IX. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned without objection at 8:40 a.m.