

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was held on July 12, 2018 at 8:00 am in the Karen H. Dorau Memorial Conference Room at the Brown County District Attorney's Office, 300 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Members Present:	Chair Judge Atkinson	Public Safety Committee Chair Pat Buckley
	Human Services Chair Designee Joan Brusky	District Attorney Designee Michele Andresen
	Brown County Sheriff John Gossage	Jail Lt. John Mitchell
	Director of Human Services Erik Pritzl	GBPD Chief Andrew Smith
	Probation and Parole Rep. Jennifer Hornacek	Public Defender Jeffrey Cano
	Citizen Representative Bob Srenaski	Citizen Representative Christopher Zahn

Members Excused: County Executive Troy Streckenbach
Citizen Representative Tim Mc Nulty

Others Present: Treatment Court Supervisor Mark Vanden Hoogen
District Court Administrator Tom Schappa

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Atkinson at 8:00 am.

Judge Atkinson introduced himself and said Judge Walsh had been his designee on this Board for many years but he is now stepping in as Chair. He also talked about the structure of the minutes and asked those present to introduce themselves. In the future he would like the minutes to list the members and then the excused members and then others present.

2. **Approve/modify Agenda.**

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Pat Buckley to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Approve/modify Minutes of May 10, 2018.**

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Michele Andresen to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Jail population numbers (Lt. John Mitchell).**

Lt. Mitchell reported the jail is currently at 86% capacity and they are in the process of bringing 17 inmates back from other counties. Those 17 were selected strategically so they can avoid transports out until August 13 if there are no changes in court schedules. Currently there are 16 inmates at Outagamie, 23 at Oconto and 5 at Green Lake, but after the 17 are brought back those numbers will be reduced. They will continue to monitor the jail population and if they continue to have space they will bring more back next week. There are also currently 24 feds in the jail.

5. **CJCB Chairperson and officer position structure.**

Judge Atkinson does not think it is required by law that the presiding Judge is automatically the Chair of this Board and the Board can decide what method to use to determine the Chair. He also noted there is no statutory requirement for counties to have a Criminal Justice Coordinating Board. There is a requirement that there be a State Criminal Justice Coordinating Board, but only a recommendation that there be county Boards. He noted this Board was created by the Board of Supervisors but in the creating document, there is no specification as to who the Chair of the Board should be; the document only specifies what the Board is to do and who is to be on the Board.

Director of Health and Human Services Erik Pritzl asked if the CJCB is required as part of having grants like the TAD grant that is currently in place. It was indicated that a CJCB is not required, but it is highly encouraged when applying for grants. Judge Atkinson said just because he is acting as Chair right now, does not mean the Board has to appoint him as Chair. Buckley feels having the judge preside over the committee is a good structure because the Judge is one step removed from the rest of the areas represented on the Board and can probably bring a more objective look at the issues being discussed. It is Buckley's preference that the chairmanship of this Board stays with the Judge. Judge Atkinson noted in the last minutes there was some discussion regarding electing a Vice Chair for this Board and asked for input. TAD Grant Coordinator Mark Vanden Hoogen felt a Vice Chair would be appropriate and Bob Srenaski suggested that this Board take some time to think about this and then have a motion made at the next meeting to formalize the structure. Buckley feels the way the Board currently runs without a Vice Chair seems fine and he does not feel a Vice Chair is necessary if the Judge is able to send a designee to the meeting if he cannot attend.

6. Data Requests: Protocol between committee members and county departments.

Srenaski said this was directed as a result of data information that he was seeking from various parts of the criminal justice system and there were objections. This has been resolved as suggested by Judge Walsh that any requests be made as a public citizen in the form of an open records request and not as a member of this group. Srenaski finds this satisfactory and has no objections to this directive.

7. Criminal Justice System Efficiency Improvement Work Group.

Srenaski said the position of the work group has not changed since the last meeting and it is still his belief that this work group would best be situated under the Criminal Justice Department if one is formed. This position is consistent with a note in the January 11, 2018 minutes that says in the event a Criminal Justice Department is created, the person in charge of that Department should be coming to these CJCB meetings and forward any problems and that having this position in the table of organization would alleviate the need for this Board to form various subgroups and do all kinds of independent work. The work group that was approved is being held in abeyance at this time while waiting to see if the Criminal Justice Department is approved.

8. Next steps on Criminal Justice Department recommendation: County committee presentation.

Mark Vanden Hoogen said there is not much to update on this. There will be a joint meeting later today with the Public Safety Committee and Human Services Committee to discuss this proposal further and to determine if the idea will be moved forward or sent back to this Board.

9. New Treatment Court grant project: Family Drug Treatment Court proposals.

Pritzl recalled at the last meeting several grant opportunities were discussed. One was for a Family Drug Treatment Court and one was for a Juvenile Treatment Court. The Human Services Department was to review this and if there was support at the Department level, this Board felt they would support it too. As this was discussed further between treatment court staff and CPS staff, it became clear that all of the pieces are not lined up to put this together as a grant proposal at this time. There are some data questions such as how many families could be served and how many families are currently served in the treatment courts that have overlap with CPS or youth justice and some other things. Human Services can review the grant requirements right now and then start to build the pieces so that when the grant opens up again they can have all of the data collected and apply. Pritzl also noted this would require an investment in staff and infrastructure and he does not know where this would fit with other changes being made right now.

10. Treatment Courts.

Vanden Hoogen said there are currently 23 participants in the Drug Court, 20 in the Veterans Court, 21 in the Heroin Court, 19 in the Mental Health Court and 56 in the diversion program. Five people will be graduating from the Mental Health Court on July 20. Vanden Hoogen pointed out that during the time these individuals have been involved in the Mental Health Court the number of police contacts to these individuals has decreased by 99% and there has also been a 92% decrease in the number of jail days for these individuals during the time they were participating in the treatment court. Vanden Hoogen invited all to attend the graduation ceremony which will happen at 11:30 am on July 20 in Branch 1.

Brusky asked Vanden Hoogen what the difference is between the treatment courts and the diversion program. Vanden Hoogen explained that the treatment courts are designed for high risk, high need individuals who have had a lot of criminal justice involvement and have a cycle of recidivism. The treatment courts provide a lot of structure, a lot of guidance and a lot of referral to support services. The diversion program is for more low risk, low need individuals who do not have any or very little prior involvement in the criminal justice system. The root cause is addressed and then they are diverted from the criminal justice system. The number of people who come into the treatment courts from the diversion program is very, very small.

11. Future agenda items, if any.

Pritzl recalled he mentioned youth corrections at the last meeting and feels that should be brought here for periodic updates due to the amount of changes going on at the state level with the looming closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake which is supposed to be happening in a few years. There are different approaches being explored and Pritzl feels counties have to start preparing and he would ask that youth detention and secure detention be included on future agendas on a periodic basis to hear updates on utilization and capacity and number of any youth that are being shipped out. Lt. Mitchell said at this time there are not any juveniles being shipped out. Pritzl said it is rare for juveniles to be shipped out and noted that the Sheriff's Office does a tremendous job managing the population along with the youth justice team from Human Services.

12. Other such matters as authorized by law.

Brusky informed she has been appointed to the WCA steering committee for judicial and public safety. She has reached out to Judge Walsh, Judge Zuidmulder, DA Lasee and Sheriff Gossage to see if there were any topics they would like her to submit. She submitted three topics and said the issue Sheriff Gossage suggested, protective status for county jailers, is on the agenda for the next meeting. The other issues she submitted were additional funding for public defenders and getting additional Assistant DAs and these items will potentially be on future agendas. She noted that WCA is a pretty powerful lobbying group and if anyone on this Board has any issues they would like her to bring forward, she would be willing to do that.

13. Adjourn.

Motion made by Pat Buckley, seconded by Mark Vanden Hoogen to adjourn at 8:32 am. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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