

MINUTES CJCC MEETING August 24, 2023

Meeting held via Zoom and in person

*Due to technical difficulties with the internet, the Zoom attendees were all eventually dropped / could not hear the meeting.

Present were: Judge Barna, Judge Stewart, Dave Willingham, Ellen Anderson, Chief Julien, Sheriff Wallace, George Murray, Rich Gauger, Rich Green, Michelle Roehle, Emily Nelson, Lori Gorsenger, Ashley Heath, Nancy Hahn (via Zoom), Kendra Carillon (via Zoom), Craig Voldberg (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Annette M. Barna with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 a.m. A motion to approve updated prior month minutes was made by David Willingham. Second by Judge Stewart. Carried unanimously.

Administrative Coordinator introduced Drew Chepil as the new CJCC Coordinator. CJCC members introduced themselves.

Judge Stewart discussed meeting of three school districts. Each district has the same policy regarding truancy.

Executive Director Jacobs shared that he and Nancy Hahn may want to look at a refresher for committee assignments. Judge Barna would like this item to be added to next month's agenda.

Changes to the by-laws need to go through the Executive Committee. Executive Director Jacobs thanks DA Anderson for her suggested changes. Judge Stewart suggests that the County Board Chair be involved in the adoption of changes to by-laws. DA Anderson added a vision statement in accordance with standards and asks everyone to look it over. DA Anderson also changed "Marcy's Law" to "Victim Rights." DA Anderson also suggests that by-laws be reviewed every 3 years. Administrative Coordinator will send an email to the Chair, Vice-Chair, and County Board Chair to schedule a meeting of the Executive Committee to review the proposed changes to the by-laws.

Captain Murray reviewed yearly bookings in the jail. Judge Barna is requesting the number of inmates per month and what they were in for.

Administrative Coordinator and Sheriff Wallace gave an update on the jail project, Courthouse Security and the new cameras in the building. Sheriff says the new cameras are monitoring each entrance currently.

Judge Stewart asks if Drew can work with the Sheriff's Department to make sure jail data discussed can be collected and presented. Judge Stewart reminds the group that we are to be data driven. DA Anderson suggests that offense be broken down into categories. Supervisor Willingham suggests Drew meet with each Committee to try to get them back on track. Executive Director Jacobs indicates the binder given to the new Chair has a roster of each Committee. Judge Barna will send that out. Judge Stewart would like to reassess the make-up of each Committee as some names are no longer involved in CJCC. Rich Gauger suggests that Drew become the main point of contact for CJCC members. Administrative Coordinator says that Drew will be taking over agendas and minutes going forward.

DA Anderson has requested to see the email that Judge Barna presented at County Board. The email is from Administrative Coordinator to the TAD Grantors with questions regarding the potential impacts of

suspending the Drug Court program in Rusk County. DA Anderson and Judge Barna discussed residency requirements for participants in Drug Court. Rich Gauger says there are currently 4 applications for Drug Court that the team can't act on because of a lack of a Drug Court Coordinator. Probation and Parole would also like to refer but will not until there is a Coordinator. Administrative Coordinator asks if Drew can assist in Drug Court Coordinator duties and the consensus is that he cannot at this time due to nuances of Treatment Court program; however, Judge Barna could possibly approve certain assignments. DA Anderson also expresses concern about referring participants to the program without a Coordinator. Judge Barna says this is the longest the program has gone without a Coordinator and thanks Rich Gauger and Lizzy Pierce for stepping up and taking on Coordinator duties.

Judge Stewart made a motion to send a letter to County Board to consider immediately reinstating the hiring process of a Drug Court Coordinator and emphasize to the Board that not having a Coordinator at this time is jeopardizing the future of treatment court programming in Rusk County. Motion seconded by Rich Gauger. Carried unanimously.

Rich Green would like to amend the motion to encourage the Board to remove the suspension of treatment court as an agenda item and instead issue support for the treatment court. Died for lack of a second.

DA Anderson states there are things that are unknown to the CJCC and is hesitant to send an opinion to the Board without all the facts. Discussion held regarding the program remaining in limbo until the Board makes a decision one way or the other. Judge Barna wondering who will submit the pre-app for the TAD grant due August 31. Executive Director Jacobs suggests that the application considerations need to be brought to Justice, Youth, Extension. Executive Director Jacobs and DA Anderson suggest that either the weekly or quarterly Committee complete and send in the application.

Judge Stewart makes a motion to make a stand with the TAD grant pre-application and recommend to the oversight committee to prepare and submit the pre-application by the given deadline. Seconded by Rich Green. Carried unanimously. Judge Barna will get paperwork and last year's application to Drew to begin working on.

Executive Director Jacobs notes that the current Drug Court Coordinator job description is a point-factor format and needs to be updated to the Carlson Dettmann format. DA Anderson would like the descriptions to go to the quarterly oversight committee before coming to CJCC for final approval. DA Anderson has provided two additional job descriptions that aren't as 'bogged down' as Richland County's. Judge Barna is in agreement that the description should go to the quarterly team first. Judge Barna will add this item to the September 15 agenda for the quarterly meeting. Judge Stewart would like to ensure that the job description goes through the proper committees for approval from the County.

Next meeting date set for Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 am.

Supervisor Willingham would like to acknowledge the courageous decision of the graduates of the treatment court to address the County Board at Tuesday's meeting. Supervisor Willingham thanks Rich Gauger for speaking to the Board; expresses disappointment in lack of other CJCC members attendance at same Board meeting.

Adjourned by Judge Barna at 8:31 AM.

