

MINUTES
CJCC MEETING
July 21, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present were: Karie Kennedy, Judge Anderson, Judge Stewart, Dave Willingham, Craig Voldberg, Mark Schmitt, George Murray, Rich Gauger, Rich Green, Jeremy Jacobs, Melissa Buesgen, Jessica Flater.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeremy Jacobs with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:31 a.m.

A motion to approve prior month minutes was made by Rich Gauger. Second by Judge Anderson. Carried unanimously.

Evaluators of Drug Court: Judge Anderson and Rich Gauger stated that interviews were conducted and there was an offer put out. Jeremy Koslowski knows more on this situation as all information was given to him. Judge Anderson explains what happens when there's no coordinator in the program and how the program suffers.

Update on DNA Samples: Judge questions George Murray if DNA samples are returned to us because of offenders not being booked. George stated there were no returns. Judge Anderson gave the members of CJCC an overview of what happens when a DNA sample is returned and why; explaining that everyone needs to be booked. Judge feels that Pete Jones does a great job of making sure everyone is booked. George stated that during Covid there were some issues but feels those issues are taken care of. Judge Anderson is thankful there isn't a problem.

OWI Surcharge Allocations: Jeremy gave an overview of how the surcharge monies and how we could be spending it in Rusk County. He's been talking with Katie Bahel, who is a Treatment Court Coordinator in Walworth County, on how to spend the funds here in Rusk County as we do not have a coordinator to do this process. Jeremy explains how the money can help the offenders pay for their co-pays. Jeremy feels the Data Committee could look at OWI's to see who has an active driver's safety plan. Jeremy gave an example on how Aurora has people that can't pay their co-pays and this is where the money should go. The money could also go to a CJCC Coordinator as well. There is a lot of money in this account, roughly \$150,000.00. Jeremy would like to talk to Annette and Judge Anderson about this subject. Rich Gauger would also like to be involved in this as well as Judge Stewart. Jeremy will send out an invite to those interested. Jeremy would like to talk to the Data Committee as well.

Opioid Settlement Funds: Jeremy stated there have been a lot of meetings and discussion on opioid funds for Rusk County. There is roughly \$178,000 and Rusk is leaning towards securing those funds. Jeremy will email Karie a chart and other information to forward to the members of the CJCC. At this time there is no plan on how to use this money. Jeremy stated there needs to be some preparation on how the funds will be spent, and feels there needs to be a pool of people to figure where the money should go. Judge Stewart feels the need to focus on inpatient treatment for these funds. There will be more information to come on this subject.

CJCC Coordinator Options: Jeremy would like to hear from members how this position should be handled if given the opportunity to have a coordinator. Jeremy stated there could maybe be a possibility of combining positions of Drug Court Coordinator and CJCC Coordinator. This topic will be discussed at a later date.

Committee Reports: Youth Justice Committee hasn't met, but Rich Green and Jessica have been talking about the truancy plan with Ladysmith School. Rich Gauger states that Prime for Life will be done next week with about 25 participants. Rich Gauger stated Teen Court has been progressing very well and they are on the subject of vaping. Rich feels it needs to be addressed to the 11, 12, 13 year old age group as well. There will be an upcoming presentation on "Escape the Vape" shown to the board next month.

General conversation: Craig Voldberg questioned who he should contact about a mental health issue in Rusk County. Jeremy told him to call Chris Soltis. Jeremy reached out to the town clerks and village clerks to attend their monthly meetings. So far he's been to the Village of Hawkins and Town of Murray. He gave them information on the programs that are offered in Rusk County. Judge Stewart would like to know when he's coming to the town of Atlanta. Village of Hawkins had no public show up, but Town of Murray had 9 members of the public. Jeremy will keep us posted on this.

Jeremy thanks Judge Anderson for his commitment to CJCC and wishes him well in retirement. Judge Anderson thanks everyone for their help with this committee. Jeremy also wishes Jessica well as she's having her baby this Monday, hopefully. 😊

Motion to adjourn made by Jeremy Jacobs - 8:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Kennedy