

MINUTES
CJCC MEETING
February 17, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Present were: Karie Kennedy, Mark Schmitt, Rich Green, Dave Willingham, George Murray, Annette Barna, Rich Gauger, Lori Gorsegner, Judge Stewart, Andy Albarado, Cassandra Clark, Patti LeMay, Craig Voldberg.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair George Murray with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 a.m.

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

- Legislation affecting bail will be on the agenda for next month as Judge Anderson isn't able to be here today.
- Rich Gauger gave the members of CJCC a very informative presentation on Prime for Life. George would like to see this program offered to inmates that have been sentenced. The program is an 8 hr. program that is usually given in two 4 hr. classes. George would like it to be broken up more for the inmates and asking that it possibly be done at night. Rich and George will discuss the details on getting this program in the jail at a later date.
- Patti gave a presentation on Drug Court. Funding was approved through TAD grant for 2022. Approval for \$123,144 with a county match of \$41,048. There is a Program Evaluator from the UW to assist in documenting the success of the program. There are 3 participants currently in the program with 6 referrals, 2 participants absconded in January and were terminated from the program. Patti stated there is a lack of public defenders for the participants. Judge Stewart questions the need for having a public defender and feels it can be waived. Judge Stewart gave the idea of having private attorneys take these types of cases. Annette will look into this and ask Andy Knaak with Barron Co. PD's office. Annette brought up the need to have law enforcement brought back into the program. She states several reasons why they are needed. George will talk to Jeff so he can address it at a later date. Annette also found out there are grants for pre-trial release programs for those who are released on bond. She will be looking at getting this program for Rusk Co. Annette and Rich stated Patti is doing a wonderful job with the program.
- Dave informed everyone he's been appointed to the County's Association Annual Conference Planning Committee for the 2022 conference. He hopes to have a discussion on CJCC, which will hopefully be on the agenda. He'd also like to talk about the meth epidemic as he's hoping to focus on alternative treatment rather than the traditional prosecute and incarcerate model currently being used.
- 2022 Purpose and Goals will be added to next month as Jeremy wasn't able to make it to today's meeting. Judge Stewart would like to see a presentation from each committee on their goals for 2022. Dave would like to review the mission statement for CJCC.
- Lori did a report for the Data Committee on misdemeanor and felony dispositions for the last 20 years. Judge Stewart would like more of a breakdown for each case type. Lori is willing to break it down yearly if needed. Annette feels this report doesn't show the whole picture as it doesn't include cases that weren't prosecuted. Annette feels there is a need to look at the investigations and the numbers that didn't lead to referrals. She is willing to try and get some numbers for the past 6 years.

Motion to adjourn made by Judge Stewart – 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karie Kennedy