

MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 – 12:00 P.M.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION COUNCIL OF OCONTO COUNTY
CONFERENCE ROOM 1003/1004 – 1st FLOOR COURTHOUSE BLDG “A”
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(Draft minutes, not yet approved)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Todd Skarban, Sheriff; Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director; Emily Miller, Oconto School District Superintendent; Marissa Poverski, WI Department of Corrections; Bradley Schraven, Public Defender’s Office; Hon. Jay Conley, Judge

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Mike Rehberg, City of Oconto Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Kim Pytleski, County Clerk, Joe LaFortunate, Volunteers in Probation; Amanda Pecha, Well Path; Mary Ruechel, Jail Administrator designee; Will Kline, New View Industries (arrived at 12:30 p.m.)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Skarban/Poverski to approve agenda. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes on January 24, 2022

Motion by Skarban/Poverski to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 24, 2022. The motion was voted on and carried.

4. Communications – None.

5. Volunteers in Probation Program

Bradley Schraven, Public Defender’s Office, gave an update regarding Volunteers in Probation (VIP) program funding issues. Schraven stated the issue appears to have been resolved without CJCC action. A pretrial diversion VIP subcommittee meeting will be held on June 15, 2022 with both judges in attendance from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

6. Court Process Issues

Council discussed jail book and release days and vacancies in Oconto County and across the state for Assistant District Attorneys and Public Defenders. Discussion of possible solutions followed.

7. Adult Jail Facility

7.1. Population Report

The committee reviewed the Jail population report. The population on April 25, 2022 was 82; which is consistent with recent population numbers.

7.2. Jail Programming Update

Amanda Pecha, Well Path medical provider, was introduced to the council. Well Path provides services to inmates. Pecha described her role in the jail and is working to implement virtual visits with psychiatrists and the ability to give medication. The discussion covered the medication hurdles to getting inmates help, the lack of beds at Mendota, and the delay of services. The timeline before an inmate is seen and treated has extended to 4-5 months vs the 14-day timeline of the past. There was positive feedback regarding the life skills classes.

7.3. Inmate Diversion Plans

Sheriff Skarban discussed the Inmate Diversion Plan and its potential implementation in Oconto County. There are serious needs and people are currently sitting without treatment for an extended period of time. Poverski reported a contract with two vendors for the Emerging Supervisor program and another treatment process. Discussion led to Marinette County’s staffing issues and having employees or deputies serve as Correctional Officers.

8. Juvenile Detention Facility Update

Scott Shackelford, Health & Human Services Director, contracted with Brown, Sheboygan and Marathon County. Oconto County could look into its own juvenile group home similar to Share Academy/formerly Cross Roads.

9. Identify Future Agenda Items

- Remove VIP
- Add Diversion Subcommittee agenda item

10. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken) – None.

11. Next Meeting Date

Date of next meeting: July 25, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Emily and Scott to adjourn 12:47 p.m.

Kim Pytleski, Recording Secretary

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