

Manitowoc County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Minutes  
June 3, 2020  
Manitowoc Office Complex, Room 300

Attendance: Council members Present in person:, County Board Supervisor James Falkowski, Lori Fure, Judge Mark Rohrer (Chair), Clerk of Court Lynn Zigmunt, and County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer.

Present via Zoom: Judge Bob Dewane, Judge Jerilyn Dietz, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Attorney Phil Hoff, Attorney Ann Larson, Kevin Mueller,

Excused/Absent: Chief Tim Barber, Chief Brian Kohlmeier, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre (Vice-Chair), Cindy Oswald.

Others either in person or via zoom: Cecelia Held, Major Joy Brixius, Darlene Wellner.

Chair Mark Rohrer called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Asked for approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2020 meeting. No one had corrections. Attorney Ann Larson moved to approve and Lynn Zigmunt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jason Latva provided the report regarding Drug Court. Reviewed the participant statistics. Currently 17, 5 in phase 1, three each in phases 2, 3 and 5 and 4 in phase 4. 12 are male, 5 female and 9 are working with 3 attending classes. Program completion is averaging 465 days. Noted that there have been more issues during the two months of Covid-19 precautions than the entire run of the program. However, this is not all bad news because we were able to continue operating via zoom and other remote mechanisms and many other courts have not. Services were provided throughout and in person therapy is resuming. Numerous questions regarding people helped and those where after assistance there was still failure. 43 persons have participated.

Judge Rohrer reported on the court response to the Covid-19 Emergency and the process for resuming in person hearings. There is a set of guidelines from the Supreme Court that local courts must follow to prepare local plans, which must then be approved. While able to do a lot of preliminary matters via zoom, many fewer cases were resolved and there will be an extended period of catching up. Additionally the return to court will be in phases. Desire is to regain ability to conduct jury trials and have some level of pre-covid productivity related to disposing of cases.

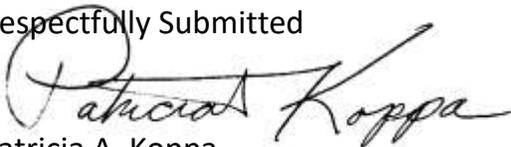
Attorney Larson reported regarding the findings and recommendation of the committee for a second treatment court. Are recommending what is known as a family treatment court. Numerous questions. Committee meeting was not conducted formally and no minutes were taken. Do not have records of what statistics or information led to the recommendation. Found this type of court was the easiest to implement as it is closely tied to the drug court and used similar services and other resources. Funding was a primary consideration. There are other Veteran's courts in the area taking our citizens upon request. A Mental Health court, while needed, uses a different structure which would be cost prohibitive. Committee is not aware of any grants currently available to create a Family Treatment Court. Family treatment court would be used in the CHIPS situations where parents face drug charges and a CHIPS order. Address needs of the whole family in effort to maintain family unit. Several asked for documentation and statistical information. Agreed to provide those to the Council at the next regular meeting in September.

Next Council meeting is September 2. Anticipate being able to meet in person. Stay alert for developments and the notice. If zoom is needed, may want all to appear that way or devise better means so all can hear. Executive committee will meet on 6/15 and monthly until the September meeting.

Darlene Wellner asked that the council take on reform sought following the death of George Floyd. Noted a vigil was happening at 6 pm. Executive Ziegelbauer suggested the topic be placed on the next agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Nicholas Muench and second by Clerk of Court Lynn Zigmunt.  
Adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully Submitted



Patricia A. Koppa  
Council Secretary