

Manitowoc County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Minutes March 1, 2023
Communications and Technology Building, Manitowoc

Attendance: Council members Present: County Board Supervisor James Falkowski, Lori Fure, Chief Paul Granger, Patricia Koppa (council secretary/non-voting), Attorney Ann Larson, Chief Benjamin Meinnert, Cindy Oswald, Judge Mark Rohrer (Chair), Jennifer Zick, and County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer.

Excused: Attorney John Bilka, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Clerk of Court April Higgins, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre.

Others Present: Andrew LaCrosse.

Meeting called to order by Judge Rohrer at 4:47 PM. Attendance sheet circulated.

Chair Judge Mark Rohrer asked for any corrections to the January 4, 2023 minutes. No corrections were offered and Chair Rohrer asked for a motion to approve. Attorney Ann Larson made the motion, Supervisor James Falkowski seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

No one present for public comment.

Ellen Floate reported on Drug court: There are 19 participants, though one has gone missing. Will likely begin termination process. There are three additional applications pending with one person ready to begin the program. There is a graduation in May and one in June, but most participants are in the early phases. Discussed ways to inform the council and community about graduations to increase support. Several ideas presented. Attorney Larson noted that there is a lot of support from the treatment community. Will try to increase attendance among law enforcement. Attorney Larson reported that the model is admired among other providers' the Winnebago team will be coming to observe and their court has a longer history. Judge Rohrer noted that our focus on high need/high risk makes success both short and long term more difficult and commended those involved in the efforts. Program has made a difference.


Executive meeting report given by Attorney Larson. Notice for February 9 was not given; February 23 was the storm and the meeting was cancelled. Met with Corporation Counsel in January as direct; have to discuss and review that information further before making recommendations to the Council.

Supervisor Falkowski noted that he has brought a resolution to the Public Safety Committee and will present to the County Board regarding the dangers of Fentanyl among our population. Hopes to increase awareness. Learned that Probation and Parole as well as Human Services have Narcan available for public use. This saves many lives in reversing the effects of opioids during an overdose.

The next meetings were announced as March 9, 2023 at 12:15 for the Executive Committee in Room 213 at the courthouse and May 3, 2023, 4:45 in Room 111 of the Communicating and Technology Building for the full Council. Meetings are open to the public.

Attorney Larson moved to adjourn, Chief Paul Granger seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Patricia A. Koppa, Council Secretary