

Manitowoc County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Minutes November 6, 2024
Communications and Technology Building, Manitowoc

Attendance: Council members Present: Attorney John Bilka, County Board Supervisor James Falkowski, Lori Fure, Chief Paul Granger, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Patricia Koppa (council secretary/non-voting), District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre, Attorney Ann Larson, Chief Benjamin Meinnert, Judge Mark Rohrer (Chair), Jennifer Zick and County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer. Absent/Excused: Clerk of Court April Higgins, and Cindy Oswald. Others Present: Jamie Klinksick, Andrew LaCrosse, Emma Eisenschink

Meeting called to order by Chair Judge Mark Rohrer at 4:52 PM. Attendance sheet and Drug Court Support letter circulated.

Asked for any corrections to the September 4 minutes. No corrections were offered and Supervisor James Falkowski made the motion to approve, Attorney Ann Larson provided the second and the minutes were unanimously approved.

No introductions needed.

No one present for public comment and public comment closed at 4:53.

Ms. Klinksick reported on Drug court: Provided some historical information: 58 graduates, 12 in 2024; 19 terminations from program, only 3 in 2024. Explained that all are participating in various therapy program and some participants are currently in residential treatment programs. The alumni group has become more active and is growing in support of current participants.

Support for the drug program and continued support of grant is needed; letter to be signed was circulated earlier and missing members will be contacted.

Judge Rohrer described some other community events regarding the program including Dose of Hope and the Cooking program. Over a period of weeks, the participants learn new cooking skills for a multi course meal. Final event is put on for the larger community; approx. 80 were fed in 2023.

Chief Ben Meinnert moved to formally indicate the continued support of the Council for the Drug Court and the application for the grant funds. Second by Sheriff Dan Hartwig. Motion approved. Attendee reminded to sign the letter.

Attorney Larson reported that the Access to Court committee met and continues to follow up regarding requests that were previously made. Judge Jerilyn Dietz share with the group that there is a program in two Wisconsin counties called "The Fairness Challenge Pilot Project Initiative, developed by LaGratta Consulting and supported by the State Justice Institute. John Bilka pointed out that the materials are free and the committee is reaching out to learn more.

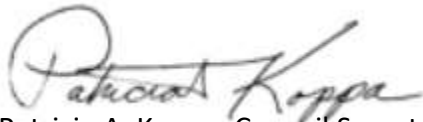
Judge Rohrer noted access can include the ability to present a case and that technology continues to advance. While the Courthouse HVAC work is happening is a good time to consider wiring and such so the judges will discuss presentation technology at a meeting on November 21.

Stacy Ledvina report that the next meeting regarding the Juvenile Policy will be on November 21. She then asked Emma Eisenschink to present regarding progress in her community navigator position. Emma explained the brochure which has been made available to all of the schools. There have already been three referrals, one from Manitowoc and two from Two Rivers. One case even closed. The intent is to avoid juvenile court referrals, program is not available for lesser offenses or situations. A copy of the brochure will be sent to be shared with full council membership. Any Law Enforcement officer is also able to refer a child.

Next meeting of Council will be January 8, 2025 at 4:45 and the Executive Committee will meet December 12 at 12:45.

Motion to Adjourn by Attorney Larson, second by Chief Meinnert and meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Koppa". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia A. Koppa, Council Secretary