Minutes of the Manitowoc County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

November 4, 2026, 4:45 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Vice Chairperson –DA Jacalyn LaBre, Clerk of Court Angela Linderud, Probation & Parole Supervisor Jennifer Zick, Attorney John Bilka, Chairperson – Judge Mark Rohrer, Stacey Ledvina, Amanda Keagle, Lori Fure, Jerome Mutchie, Supervisor Paul Hacker, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Attorney Christin Saint Pierre, Supervisor Dan Heilman

Absent/Excused: Chief Paul Granger, County Executive Tyler Martell, Attorney Ann Larson, Chief Ben Meinnert, Tom Denk

Chair Judge Mark Rohrer called meeting to order at 4:46 p.m. Quorum present and Attendance sheet circulated.

Consideration and correction, if any, of the September 2, 2026, council meeting minutes, no questions or corrections. Motion made by DA Jacalyn LaBre to accept minutes, second by Attorney John Bilka. Motion approved.

Introduction of District 4 Supervisor Dan Heilman made.

Public comment: No public comment made.

Updates:

Manitowoc Youth Intervention: Stacey Ledvina – Presentation given to council on youth secure detention process. Stacy provided the council with information on the process completed with youth justice cases to determine next steps when a referral is received. Referrals have decreased since 2023 but the nature of the referrals has escalated. More felony charges are being referred than in past years. The placement requirement process was discussed, the decision must be least restrictive, think of families first, community safety, accountability and accountability development. Youth detention placement is very expensive. The county currently has 2 youth placed in out of state locked facilities and 1 youth in a correctional placement in the state. The presentation discussed the struggle to find placements at detention centers and discussed current contracts in place.

Access to Courts: No update today. No meeting held since last council meeting.

Drug Court: Amanda Keagle- Program currently has 11 participants; 5 female and 6 males. 1 pending admission and 1 pending termination. The pending admission is scheduled to plea into the program on November 5, 2026. 1 participant in a residential treatment program. Next tentative graduation ceremony scheduled for December 23, 2026. The program's 69th commencement ceremony was held on October 28, 2026 and the 70th commencement ceremony was held earlier today. The program has been seeing an increase in the number of applications it is receiving. The team is still meeting monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of every month to review all applications that have been submitted to the program. The TAD grant application for 2027-2032 was finalized and submitted on October 26th. The program requested the same amount of funding it has received in previous years. (150,000 with a required 50,000 cash match for high-risk court). During the grant application process, the program decided to not move forward with the decision to develop a low-risk track court. This decision came after great consideration was given to the trends on the current number of applications being received for the high-risk court, the amount of time the current team members have available to them to participate in the court program, and data around the structure of a low-risk track and how that would fit into our community.

The team attended a virtual 2-day incentives, sanctions, and service adjustments training in September. The program coordinator attended the annual coordinator conference in Milwaukee in early October. Both training opportunities provided the team with opportunities to enhance the current program.
The Alumni group is currently planning the annual holiday party. This party is scheduled for December 17th from 5pm to 7pm at the Lighthouse. Holiday Bingo, put on by Stephanie and Jamie out of the CPS unit, will be offered during the party. The Public is welcome at the event!

OFR Presentation: Jerome Mutchie-On September 22, 2026 the Manitowoc County OFR had it's "Kickoff call" meeting with OFR team leadership. All of the state forms and Inter-agency agreements were signed and completed. The team was given approval by DHS and MCW to move forward with scheduling the first review. All but one agency's team representatives are orientated and trained. The policy and procedure manual was completed and sent out shortly after the last CJCC update, so the OFR Team members all have access to the manual. Anyone on this committee is welcome to request a copy of the manual by contacting Jerome. On October 19, 2026 the team had their last "OFR planning" meeting to make some of the more detailed decisions. Things like frequency of reviews, which will be quarterly, and to address any OFR related follow-up questions or concerns, were discussed.
On October 20, 2026 OFR team leadership attended the State's Community of practice meeting, which is a bimonthly meeting for collaboration and updates and training items that come up. Leadership has been especially impressed with the huge amount of data and information shared in these meetings.
On October 28, 2026, Jerome met with DA Jacalyn LaBre to arrange choosing a decedent for the first review. This will be a collaboration between Jerome, DA LaBre & Jacinta Lehrner at the Manitowoc County Coroner's office. Once the first decedent is selected, a review will be scheduled and the process can begin.

Chairperson Judge Mark Rohrer reminded the committee that the next council meeting is a nomination date. The council will take up any new nominations at this time and discuss nominations as a committee.

Next Meeting: **January 6, 2027** at 4:45pm, at the Communication and Technology Building, Executive Committee Meeting **December 10, 2026** at 12:15pm in Branch 1 Jury Room.

Motion to adjourn by Probation & Parole Supervisor Jennifer Zick; Second by Sheriff Dan Hartwig

Meeting Adjourned – 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Keagle
Drug Court Coordinator