

LA CROSSE COUNTY NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE OR BOARD:	CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
DATE OF MEETING:	9/18/2024
MEETING PLACE:	Law Enforcement Center Room 1615
TIME OF MEETING:	5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Monthly Meeting

CJMC MISSION:

The Criminal Justice Management Council seeks a just, coordinated, and accountable criminal justice system for La Crosse County by promoting collaboration and engagement of criminal justice stakeholders and the community.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the August 21, 2024 Minutes
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation: Jail Programming and Reentry Services- Project PROVEN; Justice Support Services and Integrated Support and Recovery Services—Colin Walsh, Marissa Miller, Ben Pfiffner
5. Informational/Misc. Items
6. Future Agenda Items
7. Adjourn

NEWS MEDIA	OTHER	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
La Crosse Tribune	Jim Verse	Tim Gruenke – Chair
WIZM/WKTY	Judges Huesmann, Levine, Doyle	Araysa Simpson – Vice Chair
WKBH & WLFN	Keith Belzer	Andrew Alvaro Rasmussen
WKBH – TV 8	Mark Clements	Chief Kudron/Captain Avrie Schott
WLSU/WHLA	Mayor Mitch Reynolds	Chief Scott Alo
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WXOW-TV 19	Peter Kitzinger	Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy
WEAU	Ryan Westpfahl	Jason Witt
WPR	Shane Collins	Becky Koske
Magnum Broadcasting	Tonya Van Tol	Jenna Theler/Jessica Harmel
COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	Serena Pelozo	Judge Gonzalez/ Judge Horne
County Administrator		Dawn Wacek
County Clerk		Margaret Larson
Facilities		Michael Sersch
Justice Support Services		Mike Baroni
Corp Counsel		Sheriff John Siegal
		Tina Tryggestad
		Vincent Loera
		Jessica Beck
		Curt Teff
		Emily Meyer

A quorum of the Judiciary and Law Committee may also be present at this meeting

MEMBERS: If unable to attend, call Tonya Van Tol 608-785-5815.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Committee may receive information from the public, but the Committee reserves the right to limit the time that the public may comment and the degree to which members of the public may participate in the meeting.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY: If you need accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact Tonya Van Tol at (608) 785-5815 or tvantol@lacrossecounty.org as soon as possible.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Wednesday August 21, 2024
Law Enforcement Center Room 1615**

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tim Gruenke, Tina Tryggestad, Scott Horne, Araysa Simpson, Ryan Anderson, Becky Koske, Mike Baroni, Jenna Theler, Margert Larson, Jess Beck, Jason Witt, John Siegal, Dawn Wacek, Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Avrie Schott, Scott Alo, Curt Teff, Vincent Loera, Emily Meyer, Michael Sersch, Andrew Alvaro-Rasmussen
OTHERS PRESENT:	Tonya Van Tol, Peter Nelson, Isaac Hoffman, Brian Sampson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tim Gruenke called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

APPROVAL of July 17, 2024 MINUTES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MOTION by ((Simpson/Tryggestad)) to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes of the Criminal Justice Management Council.

A correction was made to the minutes. Jenna Theler was in attendance.

Motion carried unanimously: Schott, Alo, Teff, Loera, Meyer, Sersch, Alvaro-Rasmussen excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Presentation: Update of Pathways Home- Jason Witt, Isaac Hoffman, and Brian Sampson presented information about the first six months of the implementation of Pathways Home. Jason presented a summary of the plan to ground the group in the scope of work. He provided a status update and described the deliverables and activities in the first six months of the rollout: The team developed a coordinated housing connection process, creating a specialized behavioral health unit in Human Services, develop a faith community outreach plan, and develop a dynamic data dashboard. To make sure these deliverables were successful, infrastructure was put into place that included hiring and onboarding new staff.

A by-name list known as the Pathways to Housing List was developed with everyone who is actively experiencing homelessness and what are the housing needs of each individual. Approximately 30 people have been prioritized from the list. Case conferencing occurs weekly and approximately 19 agencies are actively engaged. Real time data is being tracked and shared amongst partners.

In July, 120 individuals were identified as being unsheltered. 82% of these individuals are identified as La Crosse residents. 36% of total people were previously permanently housed. Stable housing plus connections to services is the end goal. This data will drive long-term solutions and develop funding solutions. Point in time data was provided and as of today’s meeting 15% of people incarcerated in the La Crosse County Jail are currently on the housing list.

Specialized Behavioral Health Unit is staffed with 3 Social Workers. The role of these staff is to assist with outreach, connect people to community resources and providing housing

navigation. There has been streamlined access to Economic Support and Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

Faith Community Outreach- Communication and partnership building and coordination of current resources with little connection between the various organizations. The focus is currently on pooling benevolence for individuals including rent, transportation support and building a prevention system. Other efforts include building commitment to systemically support the community at large and engaging individuals from the faith community who want to support the work.

The Dynamic Data Dashboard is live and located on the County website [Pathways Home \(lacrossecounty.org\)](http://lacrossecounty.org).

Finally, there was an overview of upcoming objectives including the creation of service pathways, developing a peer support plan, and increase capacity of housing options to close the gaps in housing needs. The City of La Crosse has released a Request for Interest (RFI) for sustainable housing solutions that will use ARPA funding.

Decision: Civilian Review Board Members

There was a total of 21 applicants. The selection committee chose 12 of those applicants to be interviewed. Of those 2 withdrew their applications prior to being interviewed. The interview team met to determine who they are recommending. Those candidates' names include:

- Allan Beatty
- Cullen Bosworth
- AJ Clauss
- Michael Durnin
- Amanda Goodenough
- Bradley Weber

Amanda Goodenough and Allan Beatty are being recommended as co-chairs.

MOTION by ((Larson/Beck)) to approve the six candidates to be presented by Tina Tryggstad, Chair of the Board, to the La Crosse County Board in September.

Motion carried unanimously: Schott, Alo, Teff, Loera, Meyer, Sersch, Alvaro-Rasmussen excused.

AGENCY UPDATES: None

INFORMATIONAL / MISC: Tonya reminded members to fill out the survey that Mandy Potapenko from NIC sent out to all members.

Sheriff Siegal shared that the jail population has increased into 140s on the weekends and is holding at around 130 for an average daily population. The mental health needs are high and the Sheriff is looking into using Pod K for those who need additional supports. The competency wait list at Mendoc Mental Health Institute is approximately 9 months.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

ADJOURN: There being no further business Chair Gruenke adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Recorded by Tonya Van Tol