

MINUTES
Justice Coalition Executive Committee
June 27, 2024

Members Present: Judge Patricia Baker, Judge Louis Molepske, Jr., Clerk of Courts Lisa Roth, Sheriff Mike Lukas.

Members Unavailable: Judge Michael Zell, Corporation Counsel David Hickethier, County Executive John Pavelski, Public Defender Anne Renc, Internum County Executive Ray Reiser, District Attorney Cass Cousins.

Staff Present: Andrea Starr, Justice Programs Department

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 8:04 am in Branch III Jury Room in the Portage County Courthouse.

1. Approve Minutes of March 28, 2024, Meeting

Members approved the March 28, 2024, minutes by consensus.

2. Review of Justice Programs Statistics from the Previous Quarter

Starr discussed and highlighted data that was provided in the agenda packet.

3. 2nd OWI Work Group Recommendations

The Sheriff recommended that this agenda item be postponed until the District Attorney and Judge Zell can be present. The Committee agreed. This agenda item will be put on the next Justice Coalition Executive Committee agenda.

4. Conditional Jail Time for Treatment Court

The Committee was informed that the Treatment Court Oversight Committee has approved the conditional jail release to be added as a sentencing condition when an individual is ordered into Treatment Court. The Judges bench cards were updated to include this language.

5. Discussion on Justice Programs Bond Conditions and Drug Testing Frequency.

Judge Baker updated the Committee on the meeting that took place with JusticePoint and it has been agreed upon by the Judges, District Attorney, and the Sheriff that individuals with the UNCOPE score 0-2 will not be drug or alcohol tested. The drug/alcohol testing frequency for scores 3-6 will remain the same. Additionally, if an individual scores 0-2, but has a bond condition of absolute sobriety, JusticePoint is not required to drug or alcohol test that individual. This recommendation will be sent to the Justice Coalition for final approval.

6. Update on Local Court Rules

Updates continue to be made.

7. Discussion of Agenda items for July 25, 2024, Justice Coalition Meeting

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Starr
Justice Programs Director/Recording Secretary