

MINUTES

Justice Coalition – November 10, 2022

Present In-Person: Judge Baker, Jeanne Dodge, Stan Potocki, Jessica Hilgers, Kasie Borchardt, Mike Lukas, Zach Bishop, Kate Mueller, Jamie Kiener, Penny Borski, Ben Beaudoin, Ryan Fox, Dave Medin, Judge Zell, Andrew Rockman, Bryan Peil, Mike Wiza, Anne Renc, Cass Cousins, Lisa Roth, John Pavelski, Judge Molepske, Andrea Starr

Present Virtually: Kim Vagueiro, Jennifer Jossie, Shaun Przybylski

Judge Baker called the Justice Coalition meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms 1&2, Portage County Annex.

The announcement of Corporation Counsel David Ray's retirement was made by Judge Baker.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 11, 2022 Meeting

Baker asked for edits or corrections to the August 11, 2022 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Mayor Wiza, seconded by Judge Molepske. Motion to approve the minutes was passed.

2. Discussion/Possible Action: - Request for Special Meeting Attendance; - Approval of Attendance of Special Meetings; - Special Meeting Attendance Report

No special meeting attendance requests or sheets were submitted for action.

3. Naloxone Box Placements within the Community – A. Starr

Boxes are located at the Sheriff's Office, Stevens Point Police Department, Department of Corrections, and several on UW-Stevens Point campus. Each of the 13 resident halls have a box and in 4 "high traffic" areas (Marshfield Champions Center, Noel Fine Arts Center, Dreyfus University Center, and DeBot Dining Center). Starr has reached out to the Stevens Point Library and CAP services and has not received a response. Starr stated that if any coalition member knows of any place in town or the outlying areas that would have an interest in having a Naloxone box, she is able to get people connected to the right people.

Sheriff Lukas indicated that EMS providers have packages on the ambulances they give out along with treatment information. Additionally, all officers carry Narcan and it is distributed in the jail.

The Treatment Court Oversight Committee has approved that Narcan and fentanyl test strips be given out at assessment and any time through the participants' time in Treatment Court.

Mayor Wiza asked if the Sheriff's Office is aware of all the Naloxone box locations in case an individual would call asking where they could obtain Narcan. A "master list" does not exist; however, the Sheriff will determine if it is necessary for his office to have a list of all of the Narcan locations.

4. Update on OWI 2nd Work Group – A. Renc

The question being asked is should OWI-2nd offenses be eligible for the Pretrial Supervision or Post-Trial Supervision program?

Renc indicated that the work group is having a 3rd and hopefully last meeting on November 18th to determine what our recommendation will be. One major issue is whether or not such a program will be attractive to people with OWI-2nd as the mandatory minimum is only 5 days jail (3 with good time); so, what is the incentive to participate? Furthermore, by statute, an individual can only do this type of program once. Should they get subsequent OWIs, they are barred from participating in such a program again.

We've looked at various statistics for OWI-2nd within the last three years as well as programs in other counties. One thing we are trying to determine is the OWI recidivism rate for people who complete an OWI-2nd Supervision program. We are also looking at whether all OWI-2nd should be eligible for anyone who gets an OWI-2nd or if it should be eligible for people with high BAC and/or drug usage.

5. Treatment Court Update – Judge Baker & A. Starr

The fourth graduation of the year is going to take place in two weeks. Twelve individuals are active in Treatment Court, five have been approved and are waiting to be sentenced, and two are being assessed.

The TAD grant application was completed and submitted. Starr is not expected to know if Portage County is awarded the grant until mid-December. Additionally, Treatment Court asked for a part-time Peer Support Specialist position to be funded through the grant.

Supervisor Rockman asked what support is given to graduates and asked how local businesses could help. Judge Baker stated that she would like to see an alumni group started to support individuals that have graduated from the program and supports an advisory group of local business that would want to assist participants.

6. Discussion Regarding Potential Changes to Intake Procedure – Judges

Judge Molepske stated that the Judges and other Courthouse departments met regarding Monday hearings and discussed ideas on how best to address the number of hearings that occur. The concern is that due to the number of hearings and type of hearings, staff is having to work past 4:30 p.m. Certain changes have already been implemented and the benefits are showing. Judge Baker welcomes any suggestions regarding this change in process.

7. Update on Memo to Finance Committee – Judge Baker

Judge Baker informed the Committee that Mayor Wiza suggested at the last coalition meeting a memo be written to the Finance Committee regarding the funding for the Public Safety Assessment and the reason behind the request. A memo was drafted, and the draft was provided to the Justice Coalition Executive Committee. The Executive Committee discussed if everyone coming into the criminal justice system should be assessed or just the individuals that are in-custody. Director Starr indicated that the concern regarding only assessing in-custody individuals is that evidence-based practices will only be followed for a select few in the criminal justice system. A decision on who should be assessed still needs to be approved by the Executive Committee. Another draft memo to the Finance Committee will be created and once approved by the Executive Committee, will be submitted to the Finance Committee.

9. Topics to be Considered for Future Meetings

Bryan Peil indicated that as part of the TAD grant, Diversion is hiring a .6 position (24 hours per week) if approved by the Finance Committee. Additionally, other TAD funds will be allocated for AODA services for indigent individuals

Judge Molepske suggested that the Justice Coalition have a standing agenda item for all of the different justice coalition departments to give an update at each meeting.

At the next meeting an update will be provided on the Security and Facilities Committee.

10. 2023 Dates for Justice Coalition and Justice Coalition Executive Meeting.

Justice Coalition: January 12th, April 13th, July 20th, October 12th

Justice Coalition Executive: March 2nd, June 15th, September 14th, December 14th.

With no further business to come before the Coalition, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Starr
Justice Programs Director/Recording Secretary