

Cass County Local JRAC Council

January 17, 2024 2:30 PM Meeting Minutes

“Coming together to create a collaborative system of care that promotes evidence-based practices and utilizes data analysis to improve criminal justice outcomes in our local community.”

Council Members Present: Sheriff Ed Schroder, Michael Stajduhar, Ruth Baker, Dave Wegner, Will Scott, Sheryl Pherson, Nicole Hiatt Drang, Tom Lupke for Noah Schafer, Steve Snyder, Chief Travis Yike, Judge Lisa Swaim, Judge Jim Muehlhausen and Hillary Hartoin.

Non-Members Present: Chief Steve Fisher, Cass County Fire District 1, Jill Mitchell, Court Services Research Intern

Hillary Hartoin, Court Services Director and JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting which was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 2:30 pm. A hybrid meeting format was used with in person attendance in the Bicentennial Room of the Cass County Government Building and virtual participation via Lifesize. A quorum was met.

Scheduled Topics:

MEETING MINUTES:

The November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Dave Wegner second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Current Funding Balances: Ms. Hartoin gave an update on the current balances of both restricted and unrestricted funds with expense details. Council advised that late December Cass County received their portion of the Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy and is expected to see a significant increase in funding received due to the CVS, Walgreens and Walmart Settlements. She advised that she has been in contact with the Attorney General's Office, who advise that said funding received should follow the abatement guidelines and utilize the current funds laid out by the State Board of Accounts. Cass County Attorney Jeff Stanton has advised that our current ordinance governing the use of the funds covers any new settlement monies received.

Approval of New Proposals: Council reviewed and approved the following proposals:

Logansport Police Department: \$8,500 for Dual Purpose K9. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Dave Wegner second. Judge Swaim, Travis Yike abstained.

Court Services: \$2,000 for the ACJI's Criminal Justice Implementation Leadership Academy, APPA Winter Training Institute and Participant Transit Incentives. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Sherry Pherson second. Judge Swaim, abstained.

Court Services & Community Corrections: \$14,000 to host a joint staff training and development initiative with Brian Lovins of Justice System Partners and NIC to provide staff a foundation in evidence-based and core-correctional practices for all community supervision agencies. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Sherry Pherson second. Judge Swaim, abstained.

Cass County Fire: \$3,398 for 2 Zoll Plus Semi Automatic AED; Sherry Pherson made a motion to approve; Judge Swaim second.

CY23 QUARTER 3 SEA 9 REPORTS

Community Corrections and Cass County Pretrial Services presented their Quarter 4 SEA 9 Electronic Monitoring Reports for review and approval. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Sheriff Schroder second. Ms. Hartoin to prepare report for submission to IOCS.

JUSTICE COUNTS

Ms. Harotin gave an update on JRAC's Partnership with Justice Counts that was established in May and related that our JRAC Super Agency Dashboard should be available soon.

AGENCY REPORTS

Juvenile Probation, Community Corrections and Pretrial Services all gave an update on 2023 data regarding supervision, performance measures and financial needs. Discussion took place.

Other Business

If anyone wishes to bring up a topic that is not on the agenda please feel free to do so.

Other Business

No other business.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Wenger; Thomas Lupke second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- February 21, 2023 at 2:30 pm; Counsel to discuss future meeting dates.

To Be Announced

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair