



Cass County Local JRAC Council

May 20, 2025 2:00 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, Dave Wegner, Nicole Hiatt-Drang, Dr. Carrie Cadwell, Noah Schafer, Chief Travis Yike, Ruth Baker, Will Scott and Hillary Hartoin.

Non-Council Members Present: Stan Antonelli, PAK, Shelby Bear, IOCS, Kevin Riley, IOCS

Scheduled Topics:

Meeting Minutes:

The March 28, 2025 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.

IOCS Pretrial Services Recertification

Director Hartoin introduced IOCS Staff who were visiting the Pretrial Services Department for their recertification site review and observing the pretrial services observations, reviewing policies, and interviewing team members.

Pretrial Coaching Organizational Assessment

Ms. Hartoin presented the results of the agency's process evaluation conducted in partnership with JSP and advised that the Cass County Court Services Department scored in the 90% percentile. The Pretrial Services Organizational Coaching Assessment(PS-OCA) Self-Assessment is a tool designed to help pretrial services agencies evaluate their alignment with coaching-oriented practices versus traditional referee-oriented approaches. The assessment examines multiple domains of organizational functioning and provides a framework for identifying strengths and opportunities for growth in implementing a coaching model.

Language Line/Court Interpreter Grant

Director Hartoin advised that the Supreme Court announced last week in the Wednesday Weekly Newsletter that counties must begin funding LanguageLine Solutions to ensure continued access. She further announced that Judge Swaim and herself have completed the necessary steps to ensure that each of their departments have continued access to LanguageLine Solutions. The Court has also assumed funding for this program, as it does with WestLaw. Director Hartoin advised anyone that if they happen to encounter any problems, please reach out to her or Judge Swaim who will work to resolve the issue promptly.

Open Door Law IC 5-14-1.5-1 Changes

Ms. Hartoin advised that she is collaborating with County Attorney Jeff Stanton to ensure that both the Local JRAC and Community

Corrections Advisory Board operations and bylaws comply with IC 5-14-1.5-1 requirements regarding Open Door Access. The necessary changes include establishing that quorums must consist of members physically present, virtual votes must be conducted by roll call, and only a limited percentage of annual meetings can be attended virtually. Minimal feedback and discussion took place. Council agreed that Ms. Hartoin will work with Mr. Stanton to outline these required changes and prepare proposed amendments to the bylaws for council approval. Discussion to take place.

Opioid Settlement Updates

Ms. Hartoin provided an update regarding Cass County's Opioid Settlement Funds, including current balances of both restricted and unrestricted funds along with expense details and information about the receipt of CY24-25 funding. The Council discussed setting requirements and policy for those who are not compliant with claims submissions and who are unwilling to remedy the issue. Further discussion regarding terminating funding and setting project times. Council would like Ms. Hartoin to speak with the County Attorney regarding this issue and report back.

CY2026 Budgets, Needs and IDOC Grant Applications

Director Wegner began discussion regarding CY2026 budgets and needs, along with information about anticipated funding cuts to the IDOC Grants. June's JRAC Meeting will include County Council Members and will focus on this topic to prepare for the upcoming budget hearings.

2025 NAPSA Conference, Atlanta, GA

Director Hartoin announced that her and her Treatment Director Stan Anontelli will be presenting at the 2025 NAPSA Conference this coming September. Their presentation will focus on success-based pretrial supervision, supportive services, rural pretrial practices, and relevant data analysis.

Monthly Program Reports

Director Hartoin and Director Wenger both presented their monthly program reports for discussions along with the May Jail Analysis.

Other Business

No other business.

Council Comments

No other comments.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Will Scott; Dave Wegner second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 pm.

To Be Announced

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair