

Cass County Local JRAC Council

May 16, 2023, 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, Chief Will Scott, Michael Stajduhar, Dave Wegner, Will Scott and Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin, Court Services Director and JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting which was held on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 2:00 pm. A hybrid meeting format was used with in person attendance in the Cass County Commissioner's Hearing Room of the Cass County Government Building and virtual participation via Lifesize. A quorum was met.

MINUTES

The March 22, 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 FUNDING PROPOSALS

Director Hartoin provided the Council with a brief overview of the proposals received thus far. The Commissioners have decided to not utilize funds for salaried positions to maximize the use of the funding and ensure it is truly being used to impact issues related to opioid use in the community. Director Hartoin to reach out to those with salary positions in proposals and ask for revision. The Local JRAC Chair will be processing all the fiscal claims for the Opioid Settlement Funding and the Council will be meeting monthly this summer to process proposals. Discussion on areas the Council would like to focus funding on included enforcement, treatment and prevention. Other ideas include scholarships for participation in local recovery homes or to become a certified peer recovery specialist.

JUSTICE COUNTS

Director Hartoin advised that Pretrial Services and Community Corrections have signed on to be part of Justice Counts, an organization that assists agencies in compiling data in visual dashboards to:

"Measure impacts. Justice Counts can help agencies measure how policy changes at their agency impact their trends compared to a control group of other participants.

See full-system impact. Justice Counts creates a system-wide view that connects steps in the justice system process that are often siloed."

Once launched, other agencies in our local criminal justice system can join. Representatives from Justice Counts will be presenting to our Local JRAC Council this summer.

SEA 9 REPORTING CY2023 QTR 1 REPORTS

Both Community Corrections and Cass County Pretrial Services have completed both of their SEA 9 Electronic Monitoring Reports for review by the Cass County Local JRAC. While Pretrial Services uses SRS, our case management system for reporting, due to the volume of alerts received, Community Corrections is working with Attenti and Court Services to export data for reporting. Said reports have uncovered the need for policy updates to ensure passes are entered in Attenti, our EMS system, to reduce the number of false location alerts. Sheriff Schroder made a motion to approve reports; Michael Stajduhar second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Ms. Hartoin to prepare and submit report to the State JRAC.

CY24 NEEDS & BUDGETS

Director Dave Wegner presented the idea that the agencies in the criminal justice system be asked to outline their staffing and budget needs for the upcoming budget sessions and have a prior discussion. Ms. Hartoin to send out invite to all criminal justice agencies.

CY2023 GOALS

Council discussed progress on system goals and initiatives to work on this coming year. Suggestions and activities include:

- Update/Formalize Local Sequential Intercept Model
- Develop Resource Inventory of Recidivism Reduction Interventions
- Define Recidivism
- Expand Community Supervision Performance Measures

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business discussed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Wegner; Michael Stajduhar second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair