

Cass County Local JRAC Council

July 27, 2022 Meeting Agenda

"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."

Info

In Person & Videoconferencing

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We are excited to be offering a hybrid meeting. Council Members have the option of attending in person in the Bicentennial Room of the Cass County Government Building or by utilizing video conferencing to attend via Lifesize. To call into the meeting, please use the extension, 13476964 or click directly on this link <https://call.lifesize.com/otherways/13476964> to join the meeting and enter the passcode 1234.

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Call To Order

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Roll Call

Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes-March 16, 2022

Scheduled Topics:

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AGENCY UPDATES

All Council Members

We'd like to start this month's meeting by asking each agency represented to give a brief report on any recent department updates or changes, any needs or challenges and/or data that you would like to present. Remember one of the goals of our local council is to come together to share ideas and work to solve problems and make improvements for our whole criminal justice system.

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OCTOBER MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

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On October 21, 2022, the Indiana Supreme Court is hosting the 2022 Mental Health Summit. I have registered 9 Council Members to go. The Summit is designed to "equip your team with the information and tools necessary to identify gaps in current resources and to develop and implement lasting behavioral health interventions in your community. At the Summit, your local team members will:

- Observe how local policy teams and state agencies map their behavioral health continuum to identify and address areas of need.
- Identify local interventions to divert people living with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders from the justice system.
- Identify gaps in local systems and develop effective strategies to fill them."

A brief update regarding changes/updates released by IOCS to take place, including statewide expansion of metrics, July 1st Legislative updates to credit time calculations, Lvl 6 commitments to the IDOC, etc.

Discussion and update on each agency's progress towards being able to calculate and report on the previously agreed performance metrics listed below to take place.

- Safety Rate (Percentage of clients who were not charged with a new criminal offense)
- Violation Rate (Percentage of clients who did not receive a violation)
- Completion Rate (Percentage of clients who remained under supervision until release date)
- Drug Screen Positivity Rate (Percentage of drugs screens administered with positive results)
- Program Participation Rate: (Percentage of clients who are referred to and participate in programming)

Director Wegner will provide a brief update on the changes in policy and progress and or challenges in regards to SEA 9 that went into effect on July 1, 2022. To review, the primary changes in the new policy pertain to compliance with the established timelines to respond to electronic monitoring violations, victim notifications and welfare checks, in addition to enhanced supervision and records management policies. SEA 9 applies to both Community Corrections and Pretrial Services.

Discussion regarding Indiana's Contingency Management Initiative that supports implementation of an evidence-based approach to encourage positive behavior change in the context of community supervision to take place. This initiative largely focuses on the increased use of incentives and intermediate sanctions in all areas of community supervision. Said initiative suggests that development of said policy be delegated to a team of local criminal justice stakeholders and it is proposed that our Local JRAC Council assume this role.

Council will review the progress and remaining funds available under the SIM Grant, Court Reform Security Grant and Court Reform Technology Grant. IDOC Grant Awards announcements are expected to be announced on July 22, 2022 and an update on awards will be provided to the Council. A brief overview of the above-mentioned grants is provided below:

SIM/Justice Partners Addictions Grant: \$60,000 was awarded to fund competency and mental health evaluations, curriculum, training and the virtual therapy computer lab for Community Corrections. We currently have \$20,745.83 left for mental health evaluations and have begun purchasing equipment and curriculum for the computer lab.

Court Reform Security Grant: Expansion of the Court House Video Surveillance System is 95% complete, with the addition of 20 new security cameras. The new Cass County Duress System is 80% complete and all county government offices, including off-site offices, such as juvenile and adult probation, community corrections, and the health department, now have individual duress buttons and are included in the mass alert system.

Court Technology Grant: The Indiana Office of Court Services awarded Cass County an additional \$42,562.47 in funding for five Interactive SmartScreen Kiosks to be placed on each floor of the Court House. Each 43" SmartScreen will be placed close to each elevator for the public to use. Each Department can upload documents, public notices, contact information, hours of operations, frequently asked questions, etc. If you have an idea or request that you would like included please email Hillary Hartoin and CJ Gilsinger at smartscreens@co.cass.in.us.

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RUSSEL VS STATE

Hartoin & Wegner

Council will discuss the recent ruling in Russell v State that pertains to home detention supervision for misdemeanors and non-suspendable sentences and develop an action plan as we move forward.

Other Business

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

Council Comments

Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

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