

Cass County Local JRAC Council

October 21, 2025 2:00 PM

"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."

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Roll Call & Consent Agenda	
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SCHEDULED TOPICS:

Info/Action	Open Door Law IC 5-14-1.5-1 Changes	Hartoin
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Court Services Director, Hillary Hartoin, to advise the Local JRAC of County Attorney, Jeff Stanton's recommendation to the previously adopted resolution 2023-09 regarding electronic participation in compliance with Open Door Law IC 5-14-1.5-3 and her most recent meeting with him in August. Also to review Advisory Opinion provided by the IOCS.

Info/Action	2026 JPAR SIM Grant & Court Reform Grant	Hartoin
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Court Services Director, Hillary Hartoin, submitted the CY26 IOCS JPAR SIM Grant in May and is seeking to increase funding and services covered under the grant umbrella. Funding is designated for CPCC's Therapeutic Division, as well as therapeutic services for Pretrial Services and Juvenile Probation. Additional funding has been historically awarded for competency evaluations for the Courts and EBP curriculum. Court Services will give an update on the expected award announcement.

The 2026 Court Reform Grants are now open. Our Court Services Director is collaborating closely with IT Director Cj Gilsinger to craft a compelling application for \$40,000, a sum that would enable us to finalize the advanced audio-visual system in Cass Superior Court 1, ensuring seamless proceedings, and simultaneously upgrade the court's communication boards to modern, efficient digital signage. Securing this grant would significantly modernize our court infrastructure, fostering clearer communication and more effective judicial operations.

Info/Action**Future CCAB Reporting for Jail, Pretrial Services and JDAI****Hartoin**

A significant shift in the oversight and discussion of local justice initiatives is underway, as Pretrial Services is no longer funded by the IDOC nor directly tied to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. This transition, coupled with the establishment of dedicated Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Councils (JRACs) in both Pulaski and Cass Counties, centralizes critical conversations. Consequently, all reports and discussions pertaining to the local jail, pretrial release programs, and the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) will now be exclusively managed within the Local JRACs. This strategic realignment is designed to streamline communication and reporting, effectively eliminating the duplication of meetings and efforts across various local justice stakeholders.

Info/Action**Program Updates****Hartoin**

Each department to deliver a comprehensive overview of their progress, ensuring a shared understanding of our collective achievements and challenges. This includes presenting detailed updates on current programs, sharing relevant data and performance measures to illustrate effectiveness, and highlighting any recent accomplishments or significant operational changes that have occurred. Such transparency is crucial for ongoing strategic planning and resource allocation; furthermore, a dedicated segment of the discussion will focus on departments that have not participated in the statute-mandated reporting to Local JRACs, intending to understand the reasons behind these lapses and strategize for universal compliance moving 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**

To Be Announced

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair