



Cass County Local JRAC Council

October 19, 2022 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: Dave Wegner, Noah Schafer, Dr. Carrie Cadwell, Judge Lisa Swaim, Mike Stajduhar and Hillary Hartoin.

Hillary Hartoin, Court Services Director and JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting which was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 3:30 pm. A hybrid meeting format was held with virtual attendance via LifeSize and in person attendance in the Cass County Commissioner's Hearing Room. A quorum was met.

MINUTES

The July 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Lisa Swaim made a motion to approve; Mike Stajduhar second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

OCTOBER IOCS MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Council reminded of Friday's, October 21, 2022, Mental Health Summit hosted by the Indiana Office of Court Services. While 9 Council Members were registered to attend, some substitutions in attendees were made. Deputy Prosecutor John Starbuck will be attending for Noah Schafer and Peer Recovery Specialist Gretchen Edge will be attending for 4C Health. 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."

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Commissioner Mike Stajduhar advised that the County Commissioners have asked that our local JRAC provide proposals on how to best use our county's allocated funding from the Opioid Settlement. For review, Indiana is a part of the \$26 billion national settlement with Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson and 2022 payments are expected to be distributed this fall. I have attached the approved abatement list. The Commissioners are seeking proposals that will make the greatest impact, do not duplicate services and that are sustainable. <https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/about-the-office/complex-litigation/opioid-settlement/>

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing ideas on how to best use funding to make an impact on those affected by opioids in Cass County, focusing on both reactive and proactive solutions. One identified area of focus is expansion of jail programming using ACCI Corrections Software and supplemental funds provided by Community Corrections. Outreach to children and increased drug awareness is highly prioritized by all members. Possible projects include social media campaigns and a mobile application to increase awareness and provide resources, training and increased engagement with children by school resource officers, possible collaboration with AIM Park Board to host a drug-free sponsored tournament/event. No final decisions were made at this time. Discussion to continue.

GRANT UPDATES

Director Hartion advised that Cass County was awarded \$45,000 in funding via the CY23 IOCS SIM Grant and allowed to utilize their \$10,000 carryover from CY22. A newly revised budget was presented for Council Approval. Dave Wegner made a motion to approve; Noah Schafer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to time constraints, other topics on the agenda will be carried over into the next meeting. No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Noah Schafer; Dave Wegner second. Vote taken and meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

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Cass County JRAC Chair

Director, Cass County Court Services