

Cass County Local JRAC Council

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“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** **Hartoin**

Council Members have the option of attending in person in the Bicentennial Room of the Cass County Government Building by utilizing video conferencing to attend via Lifesize. To call into the meeting, please use the extension, 13476964 or click directly on the link <https://call.lifesize.com/otherways/13476964> to join the meeting and enter the passcode 1234. Click here to download the Lifesize App on your desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone. <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/downloads>

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Call To Order **Hartoin**
Roll Call & Consent Agenda
Meeting Minutes - March 28, 2025

SCHEDULED TOPICS:

Info/Action **IOCS Pretrial Services Recertification**
Hartoin

Join us in welcoming IOCS Staff who are visiting our Pretrial Services Department for their recertification site review. They will observe our practices, review our policies, and attend our Local JRAC Meeting. As part of our recertification process, they will speak with each of you about your experiences with the program.

Info/Action **Pretrial Coaching Organizational Assessment** **Hartoin**

Ms. Hartoin to present the results of the agency's process evaluation conducted in partnership with JSP. 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.

Info/Action **Language Line/Court Interpreter Grant** **Hartoin**

Starting Tuesday, July 1st, each Court must establish a direct billing account to continue utilizing Language Line Solutions, which is utilized by not only the courts, but also community corrections, pretrial services and other county departments. Reimbursement is

Court Services Director Hillary Hartoin with Judge Lisa Swaim are preparing said application for Cass County. Discussion to take place.

Info/Action **Open Door Law IC 5-14-1.5-1 Changes** **Hartoin**

Ms. Hartoin 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. 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.

Info/Action **Opioid Settlement Updates** **Hartoin**

An update will be provided 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 discussion will also cover microgrant claim requirements. Additionally, Cass County was featured in the April 2025 EGIS Indiana Opioid Settlement Newsletter.

Info/Action **CY2026 Budgets, Needs and IDOC Grant Applications** **Hartoin/Wegner**

Directors Hartoin and Wegner will initiate discussions regarding CY2026 budgets and needs, along with information about anticipated funding cuts to the IDOC Grants. Other council members and departments are welcome to present if they wish to participate. One of our Local JRAC's key objectives is to provide the County Council with comprehensive information about the fiscal needs and services offered by our entire criminal justice system, not only before upcoming budget sessions but throughout the year. June's JRAC Meeting will include County Council Members and will focus on this topic to prepare for the upcoming budget hearings.

Info/Action **2025 NAPSA Conference, Atlanta, GA** **Hartoin/Antonelli**

Directors Hartoin and 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.

Info/Action **Monthly Program Reports** **Hartoin/Wegner**

Community Supervision Agencies will present their monthly program reports for discussion and review by the Local JRAC.

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

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