

Cass County Local JRAC Council

November 28, 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, Michael Stajduhar, Dave Wegner, Will Scott, Sheryl Pherson, Nicole Hiatt Drang and Hillary Hartoin.

Hillary Hartoin, Court Services Director and JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting which was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm. A hybrid meeting format was used with in person attendance in the Bicentennial Room of the Cass County Government Building and virtual participation via Lifesize. A quorum was met.

Scheduled Topics:

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Current Funding Balances: Ms. Hartoin gave an update on the current balances of both restricted and unrestricted funds with expense details and the receipt of CY23-CY24 funding.

Council was reminded that we will begin reviewing proposals again in January per our previously determined schedule. Currently we have received new proposals from:

Jeff Stanton, County Attorney: Billable Hours for establishment of Opioid Settlement MOUs and Ordinance, \$210.00.

***Proposal withdrawn. County Attorney fees to be paid by Cass County Commissioners.

Logansport Police Department: LPD Chief Travis Yike to present proposal to for \$8,500 to match funding needed for an additional dual-purpose K9 for the department.

Court Services: Director Hartoin to present proposal for \$1,370.00 for the ACJI's Criminal Justice Implementation Leadership Academy and APPA Winter Training Institute.

Community Corrections: Director Wegner and Director Hartoin will be requesting funding for a joint training staff training and development initiative to provide staff a foundation in evidence-based and core-correctional practices.

GRANT UPDATES

Ms. Hartoin advised the Council that Court Services was awarded the CY24 IOCS JPAR SIM Grant and was successfully able to increase funding from \$45,000 to \$155,000. Funding is designated for CPCC's therapeutic division, with additional funding awarded to expand programming offered to include evening and Saturday classes, in addition to competency evaluations for the Courts and EBP curriculum.

CPCC continues to partner with Court Services and submitted it's first Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant Application. Award Notification expected in December. Application was in the amount of \$160,000 to fund two Correctional Skills Specialists.

Additionally, the department has three other grant applications pending: two court interpretation grants and one court innovation grant.

FINANCIAL NEEDS & BUDGETS

Director Wegner reviewed financial needs and budgets. Other council members/departments to present if they wish to participate. It is one of the objectives of our Local JRAC to provide the County Council with information regarding the fiscal needs and services provided by our entire criminal justice system not only before the upcoming budget sessions, but throughout the year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES/JUSTICE COUNTS

Discussion and update on each agency's progress towards being able to calculate and report on the previously agreed upon performance metrics took place. Director Hartoin gave an update on JRAC's Partnership with Justice Counts that was established in May and demoed our new county-wide dashboard.

Other Business

No other business.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Stajduhar; Dave Wegner second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

To Be Announced

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair