



# Cass County Local JRAC Council

July 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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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."**

**Council Members Present:** Dave Wegner, Ed Schroder, Nicole Hiatt-Drang, Will Scott, Noah Schafer, Dr. Carrie Cadwell, Judge Lisa Swaim, and Hillary Hartoin.

Hillary Hartoin, Court Services Director and JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting which was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 3:00 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.

## MINUTES

The March 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Dave Wegner made a motion to approve; Lisa Swaim second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

## Scheduled Topics:

## AGENCY UPDATES

Each Agency was given a chance to update the group on any changes or updates to their departments. Dr. Caldwell and Nicole Hiatt-Drang of Four County discussed the rebranding of Four County, now 4C Counseling, in addition to the implementation of IOT at Probation and Community Corrections. Will Scott shared that he will begin the necessary training next week to hold the MRT Program In-House at Juvenile Probation. Sheriff Ed Schroder gave a brief update on the jail, while Hillary Hartoin gave a brief data report regarding Pretrial Services.

## OCTOBER MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Director Hartoin reminded the Council of the upcoming Mental Health Summit, October 21, 2022, hosted by the Indiana Supreme Court. Any changes in attendees must be forwarded to Director Hartoin.

## IOCS UPDATES

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

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Council discussed the progress made towards implementing county wide performance metrics for community supervision agencies, as defined below. Will Scott, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer related that they are now in the process of collecting data for the metrics and should be able to generate a report by December. Pretrial Services and Community Corrections are currently reporting said metrics monthly.

- 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)

## SENATE ENROLLED ACT 9 UPDATE

Director Wegner provided a brief update on the challenges presented by 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. Director Wegner related that policy implementation is still a work in progress and that staff training is ongoing to ensure compliance. SEA 9 applies to both Community Corrections and Pretrial Services.

## CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE

Director Hartoin provided the Council a copy of Indiana's Contingency Management Initiative that supports implementation of an evidence-based approach to encourage positive behavior change in the context of community supervision. 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 was decided that our Local JRAC Council will assume this role. The Council will work towards reviewing the incentive and sanctions policies for our local community supervision agencies.

## GRANT UPDATES

Director Hartoin provided the Council with the below overview of the ongoing grants and projects:

CY2023 IDOC Grants: On July 22, 2022 Community Corrections and Cass County Court & Pretrial Services received the below award announcements from IDOC for CY2023:

1. Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections – Community Supervision: \$395,472.00
2. Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections – Work Release: \$419,515.00
3. Cass County Pretrial Services: \$77,590.00

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](mailto:smartscreens@co.cass.in.us).

## **RUSSEL VS STATE**

The Council discussed the recent Russell v State Appellate Ruling that pertains to home detention supervision for misdemeanors and non-suspendable sentences and reviewed the related I.C. Code and resources provided by IPAC. It is proposed, pending CPCC Advisory Board Approval, that Community Corrections will enter into an MOU with the Cass County Sheriff to allow for the release of jail commitments to Community Corrections under I.C. 11-12-5-2 that states that the Sheriff may "establish a program whereby persons who have been committed to the county jail upon conviction of a crime or adjudication of contempt may be temporarily released from custody to work, attend an academic or vocational training institution or program, or obtain medical, psychiatric, or psychological treatment, including treatment for drug addiction or alcoholism." Said MOU is being drafted and further discussion is to take place at the CPCC Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted ,

*/s/Hillary Hartoin*

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Director, Cass County Court Services