

**RACINE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 31, 2023**  
**Racine County Courthouse**  
**Room 151**  
**730 Wisconsin Avenue**  
**Racine, WI 53403**

Members\* Present: **Honorable Robert Repischak, Circuit Court Judge, Br 5 (Chair)**  
**Honorable Maureen Martinez, Circuit Court Judge, Br 3 (co-chair)**  
**Samuel Christensen, Clerk of Courts**  
**Alice Rudebusch, Judicial Court Commissioner**  
**Terra Roberts, Criminal Justice Coordinator**  
Tonya King, JusticePoint/Racine County Alternatives Program  
Dirk Jensen, Racine Co. District Attorney's Office  
Robert Mastronardi, Racine County Jail Day Reporting Center  
Laurie Bauer, Department of Correction  
Terra Wendricks, Department of Correction

\*Members noted in bold are voting members.

Guests Present: Sylviano Garcia (Racine Co. Public Health Division), Amanda Busack (Racine Co. Public Health Division), Betty Brenneman (community member)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08pm by Honorable Robert Repischak

**2. Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**3. Approval of CJCC 12/02/22 Minutes**

Samuel Christensen moved to approve the Minutes from the 12/02/22 meeting.  
Seconded by Honorable Maureen Martinez. No Discussion. Motion carries.

**4. Racine County Public Health Division- Amanda Busack and Silviano Garcia**

Handout: Racine County Suspected Opioid Activity Alert  
Amanda shares information about how these Spike Alerts were created. It was work in progress over the past few year, reviewing data and getting input from other community members. Sylviano talks about the data being collected from healthcare/emergency in Racine Co. of overdoses. In looking at 8 years of data, he calculated an average and a standard deviation from that average. Once that standard deviation is met, a spike alert is triggered. This triggers health providers and other community workers to check to be

prepared for an increase in overdose activity. Amanda discusses the role of alerting the media of the spike alert (news, social media, etc). The goal is timely alerts that create action among the public but does not overwhelm or cause the public to lose the sense of urgency. Amanda also talked about making sure healthcare and other partners have the tools they need, both physically and mentally, to deal with the record number of overdoses being seen.

Question: Average age of overdoses? (answer: primarily 25-35 age range).

Question: Where are the highest rate of overdoses geographically? ( answer: mostly city, 53404, 53405).

Question: Strictly opiate overdoses or other drugs? (answer: the data does not provide those details but in general there is a lot of polysubstance overdoses i.e. opiates with cocaine, xylazine, etc., cocaine in particular is trending up in Racine County). Amanda talked about fentanyl test strips and some of the issues.

Question: do these represent all overdose deaths as well? (answer: not necessarily, these are just overdoses that are seen in the emergency departments/in healthcare settings). Amanda talks about making sure the public knows about how to deal with someone who is overdosing, how to administer Narcan, and good Samaritan laws.

Question: Is Narcan available at locations around the city, particularly places where the most overdoses happen? (answer: There is big push for Narcan distribution around the county i.e. Naloxbox, handing out Narcan at BHS, P&P, Narcan Vending machines). It was discussed the county is looking for places to put Narcan Vending Machines, some ideas were shared (transit center, police lobby, train depot in Sturtevant). Narcan training for as many people as possible is also a priority (librarians, gas station workers, etc).

Question: What is the Overdoes Fatality Review Team? (Answer: A group of local EMS, law enforcement, DA's office, CPS, BHS, etc who review overdose fatality cases 5-6x per year in order to find gaps in services, places in the process that need improvement, etc, sometimes these recommendations for improvements are even taken to the state level).

Question: Can we get other general Racine County employees trained in Narcan? (answer: Yes, there are many trainings available, it is a very easy training through BHS, etc).

Amanda discusses how many people the last (03/16) spike alert reached (20k on Facebook alone). More videos coming out re: fentanyl. They are trying to get creative with getting the word out about overdoses and fentanyl, any ideas are appreciated.

## **5. Jail Updates**

Terra provided everyone with a handout on some updates within the jail regarding inmate uniforms (different colors and what they mean), inmate worker eligibility, and COVID protocol within the jail. Terra indicated that according to Cpt. Friend COVID protocols could change within the next month or so, as WI DHS is changing their support for jails.

Question: Are inmates who come from other facilities still quarantined automatically? (answer: according to the information sent, the only people quarantined are those who are having symptoms).

**6. Jail Alternatives and Diversion Programs Updates**

Terra provided everyone with a handout with some updates and states for the various jail alternatives and diversion programs. She went over the information in the handout and supplemented it with a few numbers recently received about DA's Diversion Program.

Question: What does the number of jail days saved mean? (answer: the total number of days that each participant was on ELM vs. taking a bed in the jail).

Question: Is there any new information about increasing ELM for Day Report? (answer: that is still being worked on, but they are trying to increase the max number). Robert stated he would be happy to meet with the Judges to go over Day Report eligibility. Judge Martinez recommended that he attend a Judge's meeting, Judge Repischak agreed.

The next meeting is TBD. Terra will send out a survey via email to gauge the interest in changing the day, time, etc of this meeting.

**7. New Business**

None

**8. Adjournment**

Honorable Maureen Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Samuel Christensen.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.