

RACINE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
September 13, 2024
Racine County Courthouse
Room 151
730 Wisconsin Avenue
Racine, WI 53403

Members* Present: **Honorable Robert Repischak, Circuit Court Judge, Br 9 (Chair)**
Adrienne Moore, Public Defender's Office
Christopher Botsch, RCLEA Representative
Tonya King, JusticePoint/Racine County Alternatives Program
Laurie Bauer, Supervisor, DOC
Heidi Reichel, Felony Case Manager, Clerk of Courts
Kirsten Malecki, Deputy Clerk of Courts
Jelena Jones, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services, BHS, HSD
Michelle Rainey, Community Diversion Coordinator, DA's office
Frank James, Diversion Coordinator, DA's office
Erin Preston, Attorney Manager, SPD
*Members noted in bold are voting members.

Guests Present: Deontrae Mayfield (Project Restoration), Nathan Jurowski (Attorney), Suzy Duchac (RCAP), Betty Brenneman (community member), Greg Petro (RIC)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm by the Honorable Robert Repischak

3. Approval of CJCC 06/14/24 Minutes

Jelena Jones moved to approve the Minutes from the 06/14/24 meeting. Seconded by Adrienne Moore.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were made. Each person in the group introduced themselves.

4. Project Restoration (Deontrae Mayfield and Michelle Rainey)

Deontrae Mayfield discusses the diversion program he developed: Project Restoration. The program is for young adults and is based on his own experiences as well as his observations. Defendants are screened by Michelle Rainey and DA Patricia Hanson. If they are approved and the diversion is then accepted, the participants are assessed for needs and begin to engage in programming. Examples of some needs that could be addressed: mental health referrals, education barriers, work force engagement, housing issues, confidence building, etc. Michelle explains that this is not just a criminal diversion program but more of a life skills program. It is not a first offender program, participants

may have a criminal history. Gun charges are precluded as well as charges where there is a restitution issue; however most other charges will be considered. The program has no budget; it is staffed by volunteers and funded by donations/fundraisers. An informational flier was provided at the meeting.

5. TAD Grant Application and CJCC Support of treatment courts

Tonya King provides information about the RCCJCC's past and continued support of treatment courts, including Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court, funded mostly by the TAD grant. An overview of this treatment court is provided by Tonya and a summary of how TAD funds are utilized to help the program is provided by Jelena Jones. Greg Petro voices his support by explaining that both in his experience and as illustrated by data, treatment has better outcomes over incarceration; he states that healing and restoration has better results over incarcerations for both participants and the community as a whole.

Jelena makes a motion to approve continued support of both the Racine County Alcohol and Drug Treatment Court as well as continued support of TAD grant funding. Adrienne seconds the motion. All votes are "aye", zero votes "nay". Motion carried and approved.

7. Coordinator Update (handout)

Tonya provided everyone with a handout with updates/statistics from the various programs; Frank James and Michelle Rainey add information about their programs. Laurie Bauer provides some updates and numbers from DOC programming as well. Adrienne Moore adds that clients can still report to the new SPD office location, despite some issues they are having with the building.

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

At 12:40pm Heidi Reichel motioned to adjourn the meeting, Adrienne Moore 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.