

WOOD COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE
Minutes

DATE: June 15, 2021

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse - Room 114

PRESENT: Judge Greg Potter, Circuit Court Branch I; Caitlin Saylor, Criminal Justice Department; Bill Voight, Wood County Board; Adam Stublaski, Department of Corrections; Bill Clendenning, Wood County Board; Danna Hibbard, Department of Corrections; Mike Potocki, Wisconsin Rapids Police Department; Ryan McMillen, Criminal Justice Department; Gavin Grubofski, State Public Defender's Office; Ted Ashbeck, Wood County Sheriff's Department; Tony Bastien, Wood County Sheriff's Department; Susanna Pearson, Wood County Sheriff's Department; Kate Drury, State Public Defender's Office; Cindy Joosten, Clerk of Courts; Craig Lambert, District Attorney's Office; Lance Pliml, Wood County Board; Brandon Vruwink, Human Services; Tammy Kubisiak, Grand Rapids Police Department; Laura Clark, Clerk of Courts; Lori Heideman, Dispatch; Stephanie Parker, Department of Corrections (video attendance)

1. The meeting was called to order by Judge Potter at 12:04 p.m.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Ashbeck and seconded by Stublaski to approve minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion carries.
4. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.
5. Wood County Jail Update

Wood County Sheriff's Department representatives Ashbeck, Bastian, and Pearson stated that the jail project is underway. There is a small delay due to permits and they are hoping to start in late August or September. The bid process begins in July and ends in August. The building plans are completed. Jail ad hoc meeting will occur next month. Items that will be the most affected are public parking and the frequency of visitors who can see inmates. The old jail will be torn down and replaced with parking and green space.

6. Clerk of Courts

Their office has been moved near the District Attorney's office temporarily. Branch 4 is being developed with better technology and will be more ADA

friendly for hearing impaired and more audio/video equipment. The project is projected to be done by April 2023. A new judge will be elected and begin in August.

7. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Program

Saylor provided an updated. The Wood County Sheriff's Department received a grant for \$150,000 for a Medication Assisted Treatment program in the jail. Incarcerated individuals and individuals on EMP are eligible to receive financial assistance for MAT and other post-release resources. This program will also support the SMART Recovery Program and individual recovery coaching in the Wood County Jail. The program is slated to begin in July.

8. State Public Defender – Grant for Juvenile Justice:

The Department of Justice grant is aiding with representation for juvenile cases. There is a free training in Wausau on 10/20, with time and location to be determined. Anyone involved in the court system is welcome to come to the training. Collateral consequences for juvenile delinquency will be covered.

9. Drug Court

There are currently 34 participants. The grant cycle was approved for the next five years. There are currently two case managers, Ryan McMillen and Jessica Pech. Drug Court is utilizing a new lab out of Appleton which will provide faster results. The current grant goals is to decrease the amount of time between arrest to the start of the program. As of today's date, there have been 14 graduations and 4 terminations. There is currently a waitlist. Judge Potter questioned successes and recidivism rates. This information is being tracked with the CORE data reporting system and the Criminal Justice Coordinator will be creating a report on recidivism rates at a later date.

10. Opioid Settlement Committee Formation

Pliml provided an update on the Opioid Settlement which was led by Wisconsin and New York. The county is currently deciding if they should take the settlement money as one lump sum or over the course of several years. A workgroup will be forming at a later date on how to best utilize the funds.

11. Agency Updates/Round Table

- Stephanie Parker, Department of Corrections: She is the new supervisor for the local sex offender unit and covers Wood, Portage and Waupaca Counties.
- Cindy Joosten, Clerk of Courts: Reported she is retiring July 1st and several staff members are close to retirement age.

- Ted Ashbeck, Wood County Jail: Stated the jail population has increased, but it is a manageable population with 196 inmates and 50 on electronic monitoring. They promoted Stephanie Wiskerchen to an EMP sergeant position and she will be involved in Drug Court and the MAT Program. The jail is currently not granting Huber privileges. Inmates must apply to be on EMP.
- Gavin Grubofski, State Public Defender's Office: They have one new attorney, Laura Frederico. There is a new Wisconsin Rapids office on 8th Street. They are hoping to get a management position and administrative staff. Wood and Adams county currently has five attorneys.
- Adam Stublaski, DOC: There are two new agents in Wood County. They are now able to give out narcan to clients who are on Medication Assisted Treatment. There is also a narcan box in lobby. There has been a change to the revocation summaries. They currently do not allow compelled statements to be included. There is also a new format with more factual information which populates from WICS/COMPAS. Please provide feedback to the supervisors on the new form.
- Craig Lambert, District Attorney's Office: Nicole Marshall is a new legal secretary. There will be a new ADA starting 7/5. There is also a temporary ADA from covid relief funds, who is on a two year grant. This person was hired and starting on 6/20.
- Wisconsin Rapids Police Department: They are still searching for a new chief. Scott is currently the interim chief.
- Judge Potter: The Branch 4 Judge election will be in April 2023. Narcan will be available in each courtroom – nasal spray form.

12. No agenda items at this time for next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: To be determined.

Minutes taken by Caitlin Saylor, Criminal Justice Coordinator and are in draft form pending approval of the committee.