



Cass County Local JRAC Council

November 15, 2022 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: Dave Wegner, Steve Snyder, Dr. Carrie Cadwell, Nicole Hiatt-Drang, Judge Lisa Swaim, Sheriff Ed Schroder and Hillary Hartoin.

Hillary Hartoin, Court Services Director and JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting which was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 4:15 pm. A hybrid meeting format was held with virtual attendance via LifeSize and in person attendance in the Cass County Commissioner's Hearing Room. A quorum was met.

MINUTES

The October 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Lisa Swaim made a motion to approve; Dave Wegner second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

OCTOBER MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Council briefly discussed the IOCS 2022 Mental Health Summit that was held on October 21, 2022. Dr. Carrie Caldwell presented 4C Health's (Four County) FY23 Law Enforcement Plan that was sent out in response. Council agreed to continue to discuss local mental health issues and how as a team we can better meet the needs of this sector of the population.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Council continued discussion regarding recommendations regarding use of Opioid Settlement Funding. As a reminder, the Commissioners have asked that our local JRAC come together to discuss ideas and provide proposals on how to best use our county's allocated funding from the Opioid Settlement. Indiana is a part of the \$26 billion national settlement with Johnson & Johnson, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson.

The majority of the meeting was spent continuing the discussion on how to best use our county's allocated funding. Ms. Hartoin, shared Chief Travis Yike's (could not attend in person due to conflict) ideas of channeling funding into after school programs and as community leaders, council members volunteering time to speak regarding drug awareness in the schools. Council decided on asking the Mayor, School Superintendents and LLC to attend a future meeting to broaden the scope of discussion and make sure everyone has a seat at the table. Majority of ideas focused on preventive outreach targeted towards youth and social media campaigns. Care needs to be taken not to supplant programs who receive existing grants. No final decisions made at this time. Discussion to continue.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to time constraints, other topics on the agenda will be carried over into the next meeting. No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hillary Hartoin; Dave Wegner second. Vote taken and meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted ,

/s/Hillary Hartoin

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair