

Cass County Local JRAC Council

November 18 2024 2:00 PM 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: Sheriff Ed Schroder, Michael Stajduhar, Dave Wegner, Will Scott, Noah Schafer, Chief Travis Yike, Judge Lisa Swaim, and Hillary Hartoin.

Non-Members Present: Allison Campbell, Court Services, Mike Osborn, WATW, Eric Regan

Hillary Hartoin, Court Services Director and JRAC Chair, presided over the meeting which was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 2:00 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.

Scheduled Topics:

MEETING MINUTES:

The August 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Noah Schafer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT REPORTS

Agencies that received Opioid Settlement Awards within the past year are required to provide a report detailing their awarded projects and proposals. These agencies will then present on their various initiatives. All agencies or appointed representatives gave written and oral reports to the JRAC Council as required. Written reports distributed to council members by Director Hartoin.

NEW PRETRIAL TREATMENT PROVIDER

Director Hartoin announced the launch of Court Services' new therapeutic services division, led by our Treatment Director, Stan Antonelli, and our team of expert clinicians. Our comprehensive services include individual counseling and addiction treatment, with medication management options available. Importantly, all of these services are provided at no cost to our clients.

AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Ms. Hartoin presented a request to amend the bylaws to add Stan Antonelli III of Psychotherapy Associates in Kokomo as a voting member of the JRAC, as one of the new treatment providers for Cass County, primarily for the county's Pretrial Services and Juvenile and

Probation programs. This request follows the same principle used when adding the Cass County Drug and Alcohol Program Director as a voting member. Due to potential conflict of interest, amendment of bylaws tabled. Ms. Hartoin to inquire of state if CC A&D Director and Mr. Antonelli should be voting or non-voting members.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING/GRANT AWARDS

Ms. Hartoin advised that in May she submitted the CY25 IOCS JPAR SIM Grant. The grant seeks to increase funding and expand the services covered. Designated funding will support the Therapeutic Division of CPCC, as well as therapeutic services for Pretrial Services and Juvenile Probation. Historically, additional funding has been awarded for competency evaluations for the Courts and EBP curriculum.

While the official award letter has not yet been received, Court Services is slated to receive \$144,000 in grant funding. They also expect an award announcement regarding the CY2025 Court Reform Grant, which would provide a new audio-visual system for Cass Superior Court 2.



COMMUNITY SUPERVISION COACHING TRAINING

Council advised that in October, all local community supervision staff attended Part 2 of the Coaching Model for Change Collaborative Training, which was led by Brian Lovins of Justice System Partners and sponsored by the local JRAC. Using JPAR SIM Grant funding, Ms. Hartoin signed a contract in July to provide continued professional development with JSP and Dr. Lovins, further supporting the implementation of the Coaching Model. This technical assistance contract also allows staff to earn their Coaching Certifications from JSP through the Journey.DO software.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Adopting a Coaching Mindset**
 - Coach or Referee: How Do We Help People
 - Change Creating a Coaching Connection
 - Coaching Toward Success
- Creating Plans for Success**
 - Evaluating Talent, Potential, and Barriers
 - Building a Success Plan
 - Learning from Practice
- Managing Important Moments**
 - Managing Accountability and Discipline
 - Celebrating Progress and Milestones
 - Recruiting Community Coaches and Cheerleaders
 - Preparing for the Next League

VOTE FOR USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Sheriff Schroder submitted a request and proposal to utilize opioid settlement funds for the acquisition of a new jail detection dog, necessitated by the passing of the prior K-9. The purchase of the K-9 and associated handler training must be completed by January to coincide with the next training session at VLK. This new detection dog will not only serve as a deterrent against illegal substances within the jail, but will also provide therapeutic services. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Noah Schafer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

Adjourn

There being no further business Hillary Hartoin made a motion to adjourn; Dave Wegner second. The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm

Upcoming Meetings/Events

To Be Announced

Respectfully submitted ,
/s/Hillary Hartoin
Hillary Hartoin
Director, Cass County Court Services