

## BUFFALO COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

**Community/Board:** Community Justice Services – Buffalo and Pepin Counties

**Date of Meeting:** July 19, 2018

**Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date:** Thursday, July 26, 2018

**Location:** CJS Department  
Buffalo County Courthouse  
Room 2400, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor CJS Office  
407 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Alma, WI 5461

Meeting called to order by Judge Duvall at 8:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Members present Brenda Berning, Craig Brooks, Judge Duvall, Steven Hughes, John Kriesel, Mike Osmond, Dave Rynders, Adam Sticht and Phil Wicktor.

**Minutes** – Mr. Kriesel made motion to approve July 11, 2018 minutes as presented, second by Mr. Wicktor. Motion carried

**Financial Report** – Ms. Berning reviewed the June, 2018 CJS Financial Report. Mr. Brooks made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Kriesel.

**Coordinator's Report** – Ms. Berning presented the CJS Coordinator's Report as follows: 157 total screened since 8/1/17; 30 active (19 drug test, 8 soberlink, 3 IDIP); 40 completed; 17 terminated, 1 court removed, 4 deferred prosecution agreements and 70 not referred to the program (because of probation holds, warrants another county, not appropriate charge).

**Miscellaneous** – Mr. Osmond informed the committee the current drug dog Riley has retired. Nic Scholl will be obtaining a new drug dog starting August, 2018. Expect increase in drug related charges Fall, 2018.

**Diversion Standards Training** – Ms. Berning encouraged members of the CJS Steering Committee to attend the Diversions Standards Training scheduled on September 26-27, 2018 at the Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI. Judge Duvall stated elected judge Thomas Clark's calendar has been cleared to attend said training and to register him (completed 7/26/18; Renee Pronschinske notified). NOTE: Ms. Berning emailed registration to all CJS members on 7/26/18.

**IDIP Program** – Discussed reasons why it would be appropriate to roll the IDIP program into the CJS – Supervised Diversion Program (SDP) utilizing the same policies and procedures as SDP. SDP is evidence based practices proven to lower recidivism whereas IDIP is too rigid; jail recommendations may be too much or too little; fines were not reduced much under the current IDIP program; IDIP is 6 month in length – needs to be individualized plans; reviewed minimum mandatory of OWI cases. CJCC committee asked for CJS Steering Committee to provide

financial impact and what an individualized case plan would look like. Would like to know specifics regarding sanctions/rewards, fines, jail, etc.

Sliding Fee Scale – Ms. Berning will work on a formal proposal to CJS Steering Committee of what the sliding fee scale would look like.

Pepin County Board – On July 18, 2018, Judge Duvall and Ms. Berning reported to the Pepin County Board the accomplishments and status of the CJCC and CJS committees. An emphasis on the need to continue funding this program was brought forward, as well.

Buffalo County Jail – Judge Duvall explained there are currently zero (0) pre-trial release individuals in the Buffalo County Jail. He encouraged CJS members to look at the most recent email Ms. Mikelson sent out regarding inmates in jail longer than 30 days. Ms. Berning emailed to all CJS participants on 7/26/18.

Supervised Diversion Program – (post-charge diversion/deferred prosecution) Mr. Rynders and Ms. Berning will develop prototype case plan for SDP participants including the cost, expectations, length on program, sanction/reward response, etc.

“New Start Program” – (pre-charge/pre-arrest diversion program) – working name of this program is “New Start Program”. This program will service low level, low risk individuals. Mr. Sticht and Ms. Berning will develop a proposal for CJS to review. Mr. Rynders will investigate into available resources for offenders regarding programming. Mr. Clark will look into how many low level, low risk cases we have had in the past; what impact this would have on criminal justice system regarding time saved (less cases to process), fiscal impact, etc. Mr. Sticht will reach out to St. Croix restorative justice to see what resources they currently utilize for this case type.

CJS Data Log – Data Log is currently a “work in progress”.

Pre-Charge Diversion Program – The program will consist of pre-charge low-risk first time offenders. Discussed appropriate name of set program. Some names discussed were the “New Start Program” or the “Low-Risk Offender Program.”

**Next Meeting: Friday, September 14, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Alma CJS Office**