



# **Buffalo-Pepin Counties**

## **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

*Effective Accountable Alternatives*

CJCC Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2018

**Present:** DA Tom Clark, Judge Duvall, Craig Brooks, Brenda Berning, Tanisha Bautch, Audrey Lieffring, Gina Rieck, PD Steve Hughes, PD Francesco Balistreri, Melissa Buesgen, Attorney Brian Wright, Jamie Gibson of Bridge to Hope, Renee Pronschinske, Attorney Joe Randtke, Mike Osmond, Attorney Melissa Petersen, Carol Pulkrabek, Greg Balow, Mike Schmidtknecht, Dave Rynders.

**Treasurer's Report:** The CJCC financial report was presented and approved. Current balance is \$34,706.33. Judge Duvall said the Pepin County funding has been restored. Motion to approve, seconded, carried.

**Community Service Report:** Gina reported on numbers, see attached report. Various possible projects discussed. Gina was thanked for her good work.

**CJS Financial Report:** Brenda reported the reallocation and fund expenditure for 2017 are on track. The first check of TAD funds has now been received. Projections for 2018 show sufficient revenues to fund the Case manager Position full time.

**CJS Coordinator Report:** Brenda reported on progress of her office. CORE is being implemented. They are working on sanctions reporting procedures and continued review of the sanctions grid.

Dave Rynders discussed bringing IDP (OWI Assessments) for both counties in house, perhaps to the CJS office.

Judge Duvall proposed the February meeting be focused on the review of the draft system map.

Judge Duvall reported on work towards design of a diversion program. He will set up a workgroup meeting.

**Review of IDIP Program** Comments were requested on coordination of our IDIP program with the probation option. One approach would be to modify our IDIP program to make it more similar to the probation option, or even eliminate the IDIP program. Another approach would be to keep the IDIP program substantially as is, and not overutilize probation. Pros and cons discussed. No final decision made.

## **Discussion of 2018 Goals**

The need for discharge planning for incarcerated persons approaching their release date was discussed. Judge will ask Heidi Stewart, Mary Wood and Dave Rynders to form a workgroup to discuss how this might be implemented.

Judge Duvall spoke of the goal of improving family focused services and coordination with literacy and employment assistance in 2018. Brenda discussed the need for a volunteer driver program.

Election of Officers: Election of officers was held with the following persons elected: Greg Balow as President, Craig Brooks as Vice President, Gina Rieck for the combined office of Treasurer and Secretary. Carried

**Next Meeting Date:** To be set.