

**CJCC MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2026**

Voting Members Present: Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Jennifer Chiamulera, Mr. Michael Tautges, Honorable Mary Sowinski, Mr. Ben Meyer

Voting Members
Via Zoom: Ms. Annette Zortman

Non-Voting Members
Present: Mr. Tom Eernisse

Non-Voting Members
Present via Zoom: Ms. Kate Ferrel, Mr. Joel Gottsacker

Others: Ms. Sara Tienhaara, Ms. Kaitlyn Black, Ms. Nikki Leicht, Ms. Erika Kleinschmidt, Ms. Carrie Mikalauski

Excused: None

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) was brought to order at 12:16 p.m. by Mr. Steven Schreier, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ms. Beth Hoerchler, seconded by Judge Mary Sowinski to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Review of Minutes from November 13, 2025 CJCC Meeting:** Motion by Mr. Steven Schreier, seconded by Ms. Beth Hoerchler, to approve the November 13, 2025 minutes as presented. All ayes except Mr. Michael Tautges abstained; motion carried.
4. **Review CJCC Bylaws:** Wanting to review the bylaws in regards to a quorum as we often struggle to have enough in attendance to make a quorum. If you are a voting member, you can designate someone else to attend in your place as long as that designee is capable of representing your department. If we need to change the bylaws, it would require a significant amount of hearings in front of multiple bodies in order to change these bylaws. If there is something wrong with the time of this meeting, let Ms. Beth Hoerchler know so we can try to accommodate most voting members. Please let Mr. Steven Schreier or Ms. Beth Hoerchler know if you have ideas as to how we can make the attendance less of an issue. Discussion regarding only having one judge as a voting member instead of two. Idea of sending out a reminder before the agenda going out, or having the Chair have discussions with those members that don't regularly show up to find out why they don't attend.

5. Sub-Committee Updates:

- a. Diversion Sub-Committee
 - i. Program report – as reported in the meeting packet. As of right now, we have seven active participants. One Termination and two graduates. One referral in December. Discussion on if we hire an attorney using Opioid money to represent these diversion clients. Mr. Ben Meyer stated he didn't think that would be the best use of resources. He mentioned that a better use would be to make sure the defense attorneys know about this program and ask if their clients are eligible for this program. Judge Mary Sowinski suggested that she could talk with Judge Schiek to remind him of them being a second review.
- b. OWI Court Sub-Committee – We filled all of our vacancies. We remain strong at three participants. There is an 'All Rise' training that Ms. Sara Tienhaara will attend to see if this would be a good structure for our program.
- c. Funding Sub-Committee – The meeting for January was cancelled and rescheduled for February. Looking for gaps and re-evaluating what we should use our opioid money for going forward. Mr. Steven Schreier noted that other departments are starting to look at these funds. Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that Human Services is looking at hiring two more therapists and using the opioid funds to pay for the first couple of months until the therapists start billing enough to pay for themselves. Mr. Steven Schreier indicated that we should be contacting both Forest and Vilas Counties to have them chip in their opioid dollars to help pay for these therapists.
- d. Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Sub-Committee – working on training law enforcement officers. We are able to do hair drug testing at Aspirus now.
- e. OC Community Response Team Sub-Committee – working on reports.
 - i. PTACC Conference Follow-up – They were celebrating 10 years of deflection. This was a great conference. There were many deflection teams from Wisconsin there so it was great to meet with them. Our multi-disciplinary team consisted of Captain Josh Chiamulera, Sergeant Kurt Helke, Mariah Fuller, Peer Recovery Coach from Rhinelander Police Department as well as Jenny Chiamulera, Community Health Specialist and Erika Kleinschmidt, Peer Support Coordinator from Oneida County. The team got to participate in multiple different groups including Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program and Police, Treatment, and Community Collaborative and also Wisconsin Deflection Initiative. We were able to receive training and technical

assistance regarding Deflection Solutions Action Planning Workshops where we were able to meet with an Epidemiologist one-on-one to discuss Logic Model and Data Collection Tools and we did some team brainstorming regarding our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. Some of the lessons learned were regarding Youth Deflection Initiatives, Leveraging Data to Transform Deflection Programs, Maximizing the Potential of Deflection Programs Through Training and Outreach and Program Design.

6. Partner Updates:

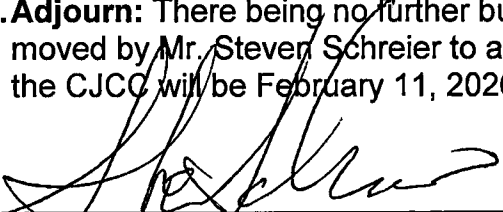
- a. SU Coalition – SOR Award – We have received the state opioid response funding. This takes care of our drug take back events. We also wrote for an intern position and the Light up the Night recovery event. The coalition did establish a recovery housing.

7. Budget, Data and Program reports: As reported in the packet. We were awarded the TAD funding for 2026.

8. Public Comment: Oneida County's Child Support Agency hit the highest collection of support at 80.2%.

9. Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Reach out to Ms. Beth Hoerchler or Mr. Steven Schreier if you have anything you would like on the next agenda.

10. Adjourn: There being no further business to be brought before the Committee; it was moved by Mr. Steven Schreier to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. The next meeting of the CJCC will be February 11, 2026 in the County Board Room.



Mr. Steven Schreier, Chair

Date: January 8, 2026