

CJCC MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 09, 2026

Voting Members Present: Mr. Steven Schreier, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Sheriff Grady Hartman, Honorable Michael Schiek, Mr. Michael Tautges, Honorable Mary Sowinski, Mr. Ben Meyer, Ms. Jennifer Chiamulera, Chief Josh Chiamulera

Voting Members
Via Zoom: Ms. Annette Zortman

Non-Voting Members
Present: Mr. Tom Eernisse, Ms. Brenda Lee

Non-Voting Members
Present via Zoom: None

Others: Ms. Sara Tienhaara, Ms. Kaitlyn Black, Ms. Erika Kleinschmidt, Ms. Carrie Mikalauski, Ms. Mary Rideout

Excused: None

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) was brought to order at 12:02p.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 Mr. Michael Tautges, seconded by Mr. Ben Meyer to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.
3. **Review of Minutes from February 12, 2026 CJCC Meeting:** Motion by Mr. Ben Meyer, seconded by Sheriff Grady Hartman, to approve the February 12, 2026 minutes as presented. All ayes; motion carried.
4. **Request to combine Diversion and OWI Court Sub-Committees:** On opposite months of CJCC the sub-committee would meet. Question regarding if anything in the by-laws state this can't occur. Discussed with Corp Council and County Clerk and they indicated the action items on the document would need to be addressed. Motion made by Mr. Steven Schreier to combine the committees into one committee. The name would be combined. Currently the chair people are Ms. Brenda Lee and Ms. Sara Tienhaara. Chair would be Ms. Brenda Lee and Ms. Sara Tienhaara as second chair. Mr. Steven Schreier nominated Ms. Brenda Lee and Ms. Sara Tienhaara as chair and second chair respectively, Ms. Beth Hoerchler seconded it. No other nominations. Nominations closed. All ayes, motion passes.

5. Update on Opioid Requests for Grant Writer and Behavioral Health Therapist positions: Ms. Mary Rideout was able to attend the State's teleconference on the process. This grant will have a two-step process, pre-application and application. What is changing this year is the pre-application is the application that is being scored. So if your pre-application is approved, then you are approved for the grant. It sounds like there is a lot of interest for the TAD grant. Priority is for current grantees and new grantees, current treatment courts that aren't paid for by TAD money. How do we continue the sustainability of the program? Will look at grants that are under utilized. They will be limiting on the amount of money spent on training. Timelines – pre-application will be released in mid-May and due in July. The full application will be released in September and due in October. Award letters would be received in December. A more detailed session will be held this month at the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) 2026 Statewide Conference on April 22, 2026. We would be given our approved budget at the pre-application time.

Regarding the Behavioral Health positions. Forest & Vilas County Boards have approved adding these positions. The proposal to hire two more Behavioral Health positions passed unanimously at Executive Committee and now going to Oneida County Board this month. Waitlist is currently 71.

6. Sub-Committee Updates:

a. Diversion Sub-Committee

i. Program report – as reported in the meeting packet. Right now, we have 9 active participants and 4 referrals. We are starting virtual groups through Justice Point. Our Oneida County case manager will be trained to do this group. Oneida currently doesn't have enough participants to have their own meetings at this time. Mr. Steven Schreier would like the information from this packet given to the other county board members. Ms. Kaitlyn Black will provide to county clerk to put in their mailboxes.

b. OWI Court Sub-Committee – We are about to have our fifth member join. The local defense attorneys are becoming more aware of the OWI court and have been reaching out to the DA's office regarding it.

c. Funding Sub-Committee – Currently going to support the writing of the TAD grant. Working on better transparency with the county board members for awareness purposes. This will also help with promoting.

d. Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Sub-Committee – No update.

e. OC Community Response Team Sub-Committee –

- i. 2025 Annual Report – We did an extensive evaluation. There was a lot of work done in the Peer Support Services Team. 18 successful completions. One weakness is the data collection process is very complex. We are looking for opportunities for sustainability of this program as different grants require different data. There aren't specific measures for this program so this is something that is being worked on in 2026. To help with this we are seeking a data support consultant at this time. We've received three proposals for this. Looking at sustainability, we are looking at being able to bill for these services. Through this process of seeking a data consultant, we thought they might also help all sub-committees for the CJCC.

Question of what a successful completion looks like. Ms. Erika Kleinschmidt indicated that when they've met their goal that they have set as this is a voluntary program. Do they have a job, housing and natural supports in place. Focus on finding their own purpose. Finding out who they are without substance use. We as a county may need to determine what success looks like. Does it mean recidivism, but then how would you measure it?

- ii. Law Enforcement Deflection Training – Ms. Erika Kleinschmidt, Chief Josh Chiamulera and Ms. Jenny Chiamulera sit on a CHJ committee. This is a 101 for deflection, which will keep people out of the criminal justice system. Rhinelander Police Department (RPD) is doing a pretty good job at doing deflection. RPD has had a Peer Support Coach for 8 years now. The WI Deflection Initiative is coming. Chief Wintersheim will be presenting. He's from Superior, WI. This will help with awareness with law enforcement. This is free and will be able to get CEUs. This is just for law enforcement.

- 7. Partner Updates:** Ms. Beth Hoerchler indicated that we have three spots available for the WACP conference. If you are interested in attending, please contact her.

The Substance Use Coalition had their meeting. There is a youth substance use prevention team and an Intervention and Response team. Drug takeback day is April 25, 2026. Ms. Jenny Chiamulera will leave some data to look at. Recovery Housing Committee had a meeting. They have a consultant now. The goal is to find an operator of a recovery house. If anybody know of one, please contact Ms. Jenny Chiamulera.

- 8. Budget, Data and Program reports:** As reported in the packet. The opioid settlement balance \$819,224.84 as of 02/28/26.

- 9. Public Comment:** Thank you to Mr. Steven Schreier for his service being on the County Board and being the Chairman of this committee. Treats were provided to help

celebrate Mr. Steven Schreier's retirement as this will be his last CJCC Committee meeting.

10. Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Grant updates. Reach out to Ms. Beth Hoerchler if you have anything you would like on the next agenda.

11. Adjourn: There being no further business to be brought before the Committee; it was moved by Mr. Steven Schreier to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m. The next meeting of the CJCC will be June 11, 2026 in the County Board Room.

Date: April 9, 2026

Chair