

OWI COURT

August 19, 2025

ATTENDEES: Ms. Jodi Baker, Ms. Sara Tienhaara, Ms. Robert Marcus, Ms. Jeri Driscoll, Honorable Mary M. Sowinski, Mr. Scott Niemi, Ms. Brenda Lee.

1. Call to order; Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the OWI Court Sub-Committee was brought to order at 8:42 a.m. by Ms. Sara Tienhaara. Tienhaara noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Honorable Mary M. Sowinski, seconded by Ms. Brenda Lee to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Review Minutes from the August 5, 2025 OWI Court Sub-Committee Meeting:

Motion by Ms. Brenda Lee, seconded by Honorable Mary M. Sowinski to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Update from CJCC Meeting:

Ms. Sara Tienhaara reported that she presented at the CJCC meeting and the handbook was approved.

Ms. Tienhaara also discussed the Advisory Committee for the OWI Court. The CJCC would like it to remain the CJCC for the next year. The CJCC Members did have questions on who would be on the OWI Advisory Committee.

4. All Rise Training Recap:

Ms. Tienhaara and Ms. Baker attended the training. The training was presented by top of the line Psychiatrist, Psychologist and a Judge who was from Nevada. The information was good. They gave us insight on eligibility and they gave great times and a contact person from All Rise. They stated that if a person has already been through treatment they should not be in OWI Court since the treatment is the same. It was suggested that Ms. Tienhaara and Ms. Baker to give us highlights of the training at each of our OWI Court Sub-Committee Meetings.

5. Incentives:

Mr. Ben Meyer was developing a letter to be sent to potential donors for incentives. This agenda item will have to be discussed later as Mr. Ben Meyer is not at this meeting.

6. Referrals – participant acceptance:

The group discussed potential referrals and specific information will have to be discussed at the Pre-Court Staffing meetings. We do have some potential participants that do not qualify as they have already done treatment etc.

7. Policy and Procedure:

The Sub-Committee did not discuss this topic and will be brought back at a later date.

8. MOU:

The Sub-Committee did not discuss this topic and will be brought back at a later date.

9. Public Comment: No public present.

The committee discussed putting together a Cheat Sheet of the process so everyone is aware of the process.

The OWI Court sub-Committee will meet the second Tuesday of each month.

The OWI Court Pre-Staffing meeting will be held every other Tuesday.

10. Agenda Items for future meetings:

- All Rise Training
- Incentives
- Policy and Procedure (remove Law Enforcement)
- MOU

11. Adjourn: 9:06 a.m.

Ms. Sara Tienhaara

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