

**CJCC MEETING
Minutes
August 5, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: Chair: Debra Reukauf (Lancaster Chief of Police), Vice-Chair: Gary Ranum (County Board), Dr. Jacob Hiatt (Jail Medical Director), Clark Thelemann (DSS), Robert Keeney (County Board Chairman), Mark Hoehne (Pastor), Mason Nemitz (Jail Sgt.), Holly Knapp (Unified Community Services Director), Michael Foley (Platteville Asst. Principal), Ryan Kieler (District Attorney), Judge Craig Day, Monica Sella (SWCAP), Kessa Klaas (Health Dept. Director)

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Jeff Erickson (Public Defender), Darla Adams (Victim/Witness Coordinator)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sheriff Reukauf (excused), Ben Wood (excused), Teresa Burton (excused), Ashley Dickman (Department of Corrections), Norma Grinnell (Family Advocates)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristin Schier, Shane Drinkwater, Morgan Williams (intern)

OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: None

The meeting, conducted in person and via Zoom, was called to order by Chair Debra Reukauf. Notice of the meeting was posted in the Grant County Administration Building, Grant County Courthouse, and Grant County website.

Motion by Gary Ranum seconded by Craig Day, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion by Mark Hoehne, seconded by Michael Foley, to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025. Motion carried without negative vote.

2026 TAD Grant Application

Kristin Schier reviewed and discussed the 2026 TAD Grant application – 2026 funding announcement will open 8/27/25, with the application due 10/2/25. This cycle will be year five of the five-year grant cycle. Kristin noted that she anticipates no significant changes with the application. Kristin asked the Council for approval and support for the 2026 grant application.

Motion by Judge Day, seconded by Dr. Hiatt, to support the continued design and implementation of the Grant County Treatment Courts and to move forward with the TAD grant application for 2026. Motion carried without negative vote.

Opioid Settlement Update

Robert Keeney reported that the task force approved \$70,000 to Unified Community Services; however, the funding fell through due to a match issue. He reported that there are four and possibly two more applications due this cycle which closes in two weeks. Robert further noted that the task force is making progress in other settlements, and there will be more to come in the future.

Final Summary Report - Tasks/Activities Resolved

Debra Reukauf noted that she and Kessa Klaas met.

Mason Nemitz noted that the Sheriff Department and Social Services are in the process of setting up a meeting mid-August.

Presentations

Sheriff Department – Mason Nemitz presented on the following:

- Mission Statement
- Core Values
- Command Structure
- Staffing
- Patrol Division Responsibilities
- Jail Division Responsibilities
- Dispatch Center Responsibilities
- Community Outreach Programs
- Outside Agency Collaboration

Mark Hoehne asked Mason about the availability of addiction services. Mason shared the jail has AA/NA services available for their inmates.

Judge Day asked Mason which medications are not allowed in the jail. Mason invited Dr. Jacob Hiatt into the conversation, and they collectively answered narcotics is the main medication not allowed, but the decision is typically case by case.

Monica Sella asked Mason about the availability of bilingual translators in the jail. Mason expressed a need for translators in the jail.

Holly Knapp asked what some of the barriers are that frustrates the department; Mason remarked communication is an area that he feels they could improve on. Council discussed further.

Mark Hoehne asked Mason about the Chaplin program. Council discussed.

Public Defender – Jeff Erickson presented on the following:

- Statewide agency
- Attorneys represent clients in four counties: Grant, Crawford, Richland and Iowa
- La Crosse is the regional office
- Five staff attorneys located in the Lancaster office
- What qualifies for representation
- Areas of the law public defenders represent/cover
- Involved in treatment courts
- Involved in CJCC
- Caseload is mandated through a point system
- Client indigency is determined by the WI Public Defender Board guidelines
- Caseload of 20-30 cases per month

Holly Knapp asked Jeff about the biggest issue his agency is currently facing. Jeff shared staff turnover is his biggest issue.

Next presentations: Kessa Klaas, Grant County Health Department and Monica Sella, SWCAP.

Open Discussion

Gary Ranum reported on an email he received from the Wisconsin Counties Association in regards to a new grant policy / restrictions on non-citizens. Kristin will forward the email to the council.

Holly Knapp asked for support on how to handle staff training in regards to ICE and deportation. Monica Sella answered that she has done trainings on this and will follow up with her. Holly asked Monica if the training could include any Grant County employee; Monica responded yes.

Holly expressed the need for hygiene bags at Unified Community Services on a more regular basis. Council discussed; Mark Hoehne will follow up with her on this.

Motion by Mark Hoehne, seconded by Holly Knapp, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Next meeting: October 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Grant County Board Room, Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristin Schier, CJCC Coordinator