



DUNN COUNTY

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SUBJECT: Staff Report

Please accept this written monthly report of highlights since the last report March 29, 2024:

CJCC Meetings and Activities

- The Criminal Justice Collaboration Council (CJCC) held an Executive and Operational Committee meeting on April 3, 2024. Education component focused on Kaleidoscope Center and Roundtable Revival Mentoring with guest speaker Andrew Gar. 2023 Criminal Justice Data Smashboard was reviewed in depth with discussion. Two federal grant opportunities are under consideration for law enforcement-mental health co-responder and to reentry/treatment in jail services. CJCC meets next on May 30, 2024, at 4pm.
- CJCC 2023 Annual Report presented to the Dunn County Board on May 15, 2024.

CJCC Grants

- Federal grant application was submitted on May 6 to implement a Law Enforcement Mental Health Co-Responder under the CJCC. This role will fill gaps in the crisis response system and provide follow-up to law enforcement deflection participants as well as be available as a crisis co-responder for the Menomonie Police and Dunn County Sherriff's Office. If awarded, funding would start in October 2024 – September 2027.
- Continued monthly COSSAP grant meetings held with state grant manager and other program sites for law enforcement deflection and diversion (LEDD) and medication assisted treatment (MAT) grants.
- Monthly Family Treatment Court team meeting with Technical Advisor Liaison on May 8.
- Quarterly grant program and financial reports were completed for all current CJCC grants for the 1st quarter of 2024 (DOJ Law Enforcement Deflection and Diversion (LEDD) grant; DOJ Treatment in Jail grant; DHS Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) grant; DOJ Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) grant; and the Federal Family Treatment Court (FTC) enhancement grant).



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Other Activities

- Dunn County Family Treatment Court received the State Department of Children and Families Secretary Amundson's 2024 "Putting Families First" award. The award nomination submitted by DHS Director Paula Winter, is to recognize work towards systems change. The Dunn County Family Treatment Court team attended a luncheon ceremony at the state capital on April 23 to receive recognition from Governor Evers and the State Department of Children and Families Secretary Amundson's for "Putting Families First" 2024 award.
- Both Family Treatment Court and Treatment Court multi-disciplinary teams attended the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals annual training conference in the Dells April 23-26. Both teams were selected to participate in pre-conference team development training.
- Members of both treatment court teams attended the national All Rise Treatment Court Conference in Anaheim, California, May 22-26, 2024. This team enhancement training was supported by the federal family treatment court grant. Dunn County now has the benefit of having all three judges trained in the treatment court model.
- Letter of support provided to the Jail for a Narcan vending machine grant application.
- CJCC presentation to Leadership Menomonie's Government and Law Day on May 2.
- Co-chaired the State CJCC TAD sub-committee meeting on 5/23.
- Staff participation on the state TAD subcommittee work group focused on state diversion program standards and outcome measures.
- Attended UW-Stout's Chancellors Coalition's last meeting of the academic year on April 19.
- Attended National Association of Counties (NACo) Virtual Summit on Intergovernmental Crisis Response on April 18.
- Attended NACo's invitation only Mental Health and Criminal Justice Convening in Harris County, Texas May 7. Dunn County was selected due to the work we are doing in this area. The National Association of Counties (NACo) Behavioral Health Crisis Convening in Harris County, Texas on May 7 was an invitation-only event to explore the *Counties Role in Building a Collaborative Crisis Care Continuum*. This training sponsored by NACo and the Pew Charitable Trusts invited a county officials from around the country to discuss the counties role, opportunities, and challenges in improving the behavioral crisis continuum of care. This site visit highlighted Houston, Texas, Harris County's efforts to align resources for successful 988/911 collaboration, interdisciplinary efforts in behavioral health crisis diversion, and toured the law enforcement mental health/substance use diversion center.
- Met with DOJ and Door County Youth Diversion staff on April 10 to help shape the state's outlook for federal funds to support local juvenile diversion activities like with Project Hope.



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- Transitioning to the new ezJustice comprehensive case management system. This system is used for Treatment Court, Family Treatment Court, Treatment Opportunity, and Pretrial Services.
- Treatment Opportunity Program materials were translated into Spanish.
- Seeking Safety, an evidence-based program, started at Arbor on April 3 as part of the FTC grant enhancements.
- CJC Division has filled the program assistant/financial assistant position. The part-time position was expanded in partnership with the Finance Division to offer a full-time position. 36 applications were received. Jessica Fenner will begin on June 3, 2024.

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