



MINUTES
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
 Justice Center, Community Room
 Balsam Lake, WI 54810
 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dean Johansen	County Board Chair	present
Nick Osborne	County Administrator	Present
Malia Malone	Interim Corporation Counsel	Absent
Jeffrey Kemp	District Attorney	present
Belinda Cash	Victim Witness Coordinator	present
Brent Waak	Sheriff – CJCC president	Present
Rob Drew	Jail Captain	Present
Joan Ritten	Clerk of Courts	Present
Tonya Eichelt	Community Services Director	Present
Donna Burger	Office of Public Defender	present
Brian Smestad	Office of Public Defender	Absent
Nicole Strom	Probation and Parole	present
Michele Gullickson	CJCC Coordinator (501(c)3)	Present
Judge Jeffrey Anderson	Circuit Court Judge	Present
Lisa LaVasseur	Behavioral Health Clinic Director	absent
Chad Roberts	Chief Deputy Sheriff	present
Judge Dan Tolan	Circuit Court Judge	Present
Bill Alleva	Educational Representative	present
Duana Bremer	Salvation Army	Absent
Sharon Foss	Treatment Court Case Manager	Present
Gwen Anderson	People Loving People-CJCC Treasurer	absent
Andrea Jerrick	Deputy Administrator	absent
Kristin Boland	New CJCC Coordinator	present

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by President Waak at 7:03 a.m.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: **Motion** (Waak) to adopt agenda as published. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.
3. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE March 19, 2019 MEETING – **Motion** (Waak) to adopt minutes of March 19, 2019 meeting. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT, no public comment.

5. UPDATE on CJCC, Administrator Osborne addresses moving forward by May 31, 2019, implementation between M. Gullickson and Kristin Boland, executive meeting to be held this Thursday the 17th.
6. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY PROGRAM AND DISSOLUTION/WINDING DOWN OF 501(c) 3 – Jail program and Job description discussed and prepared, possible June 1 position per C Roberts.
7. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, N STROM, address outreach members to re-establish goals, to create a plan for compass assessors – presentencing assessments.
8. TREATMENT COURT DRUG TESTING, T Eichelt address, contract starting May 8, 2019, female available upon request and will be trained, Judge Tolan addresses Premier testing, discussion re; different types and transgender training/testing. Possibility to test at Jail? C Roberts addresses, committee to figure out solution. Discussion with D Burger and C Roberts monitoring vs rehabilitation. Counsel ok with premier to do testing.
9. CALENDAR: NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS – N. Osborne requesting to move to new day, Next CJCC Meeting, May 16, 2019 at 12:00 to 1:00 pm, Topics; M Gullickson to contact Mr O’Keefe to present, K. Boland, Strategic planning, N. Strom, referrals.
10. ADJOURN – Motion (Waak) to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Ritten, Secretary



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**Agenda and Notice of Meeting
Polk County Justice Collaborating Council
Polk County Justice Center, Community Room
1005 West Main Street, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2019.
4. Public Comment (3 minutes)
5. Update and Discussion on Development of County Program and Dissolution/Winding Down of 501(c) 3.
6. New CJCC Coordinator Kristin Boland
7. Department of Corrections, Nichole Strom: Member outreach, COMPAS assessors, Drug epidemic
8. Treatment court drug testing.
9. Calendar: Next Meeting and Agenda Items
10. Adjourn

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Brad Olson	County Board	Present

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by President Waak at 7:09 a.m.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Waak to adopt agenda as published. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE February 19, 2019 MEETING – **Motion** by Waak to adopt/amend the minutes of February 19, 2019 meeting. **Motion** carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. UPDATE DISCUSSION RE- CTY PROGRAM 501(C)3 - Interviews are scheduled for next week for Coordinator position. Premier Biotech scheduled to start by April 1, 2019. Discussion about having a female test administrator in addition to male test administrator, will be looked into.
5. Introduction to Nick Osborne, new County Administrator.
6. Resolution No. 11-19 presented by Brad Olson. Sheriff Waak addresses lack of programs for inmates. Judge Anderson and Judge Tolan address wording of Resolution – County cannot dictate State. Michelle Gullickson addresses lack of treatment options and a treatment gap for mid-level offenders. Nicole Strom addresses lack of funding and wait lists for treatment facilities, more community education. Tonya and Lisa address program options, Sharon Foss – addresses referrals from DA’s office, jail, etc.
7. CALENDAR: NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS – Next CJCC Meeting, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.
8. ADJOURN – Motion by Judge Tolan to adjourn, second by Judge Anderson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Ritten, Secretary



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Downtown Everett, Wash., the seat of Snohomish County. The county has declared the opioid epidemic a life-threatening emergency and the county is now responding to the drug crisis as if it were a natural disaster.

Leah Nash for Finding Fixes podcast

When he was police chief of Stanwood, Wash., population 7,000, Ty Trenary thought rural communities like his were immune from the opioid crisis.

Then, one day, a mother walked through his door and said, "Chief, you have a heroin problem in your community."

"And I remember thinking, 'Well that's not possible,' " Trenary recalls. "This is Stanwood and heroin is in big cities with homeless populations. It's not in rural America."

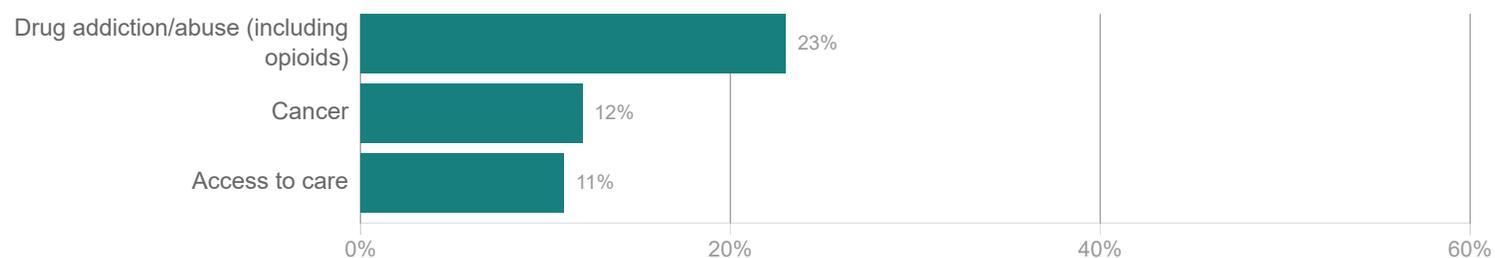
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But heroin addiction and abuse are not just a big city problem, as Trenary had thought. While the bulk of fatal overdoses still happen in urban areas, the rural overdose rate has increased to slightly surpass that of cities.

Rural Americans say drug addiction and abuse are the most urgent health problems facing their local community, according to a new poll by NPR, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. In the poll, 48 percent of people said opioid addiction has gotten worse in their community in the past five years.

What is the most urgent **health problem** currently facing your local community?



Notes

"Drug addiction/abuse (including opioids)" includes opioid abuse/addiction and drug addiction/abuse (general, drug type unspecified, or drug other than opioid specifically mentioned). Open-ended question. No other issues were mentioned by more than 10 percent of rural Americans.

Source: NPR/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health "Life in Rural America" survey of 1,300 adults living in the rural United States, conducted June 6-Aug. 4. The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 3.6 percentage points.

Credit: Alice Goldfarb/NPR

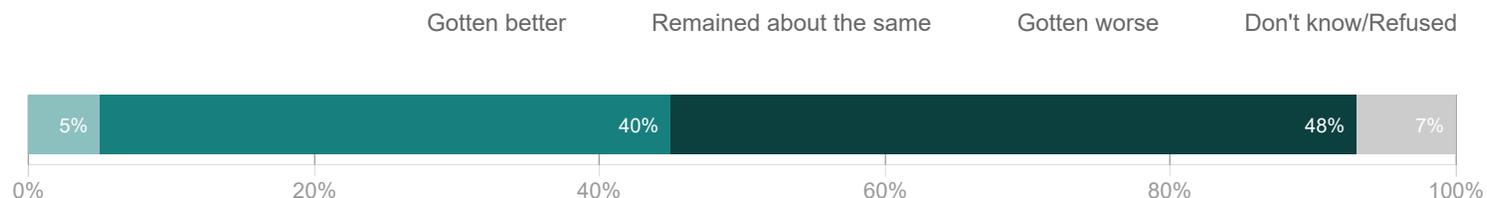
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Trenary now agrees. A few years ago, he was elected sheriff of Snohomish County and got a rude awakening. He toured the jail and found it had become a de facto detox center, full of "very, very sick, very, very sick people," he says.

"Detoxing from heroin is like having the worst possible stomach virus you can have. People are pruned out, just suffering."

In the past five years, do you think the opioid addiction in your local community has _____?



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At any given time, about half the inmates were withdrawing from heroin, making for a dangerous and expensive situation.

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A disaster response approach

So they did. Snohomish County in Western Washington is taking a unique approach to tackle the problem.

Last year, leaders declared the opioid epidemic a life-threatening emergency. The county is now responding to the drug crisis as if it were a natural disaster, the same way it would mobilize to respond to a landslide or flu pandemic.



Snohomish County Sheriff Ty Trenary. He wasn't aware of the extent of the opioid epidemic in his county until he became sheriff and realized the jail had become a defacto detox center.

Leah Nash for Finding Fixes podcast

The idea grew out of their experience with another tremendous disaster in the county: the massive 2014 landslide in Oso, Wash., which killed 43 people.

Back then, the director of communications for the sheriff's office, Shari Ireton, took reporters to see the landslide, and she ended up learning something, too.

"It was amazing to see Black Hawk helicopters flying with our helicopter and a fixed wing over the top of that," she says. "All in coordination with each other, all with the same objective, which is life safety."

Ireton thought, what if they used that same coordinated system, of everyone working together across government agencies, to tackle the opioid epidemic?

County leaders took the idea and ran with it.



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Ty Trenary, sheriff of Snohomish County, Wash.

Now, the response to the opioid epidemic is run out of a special emergency operations center, a lot like during the Oso landslide, where representatives from across local government meet every two weeks, including people in charge of everything from firetrucks to the dump.

The technical name for this group is the Multi-Agency Coordination group, or MAC group. It comes straight out of FEMA's emergency response playbook.

They talk through PowerPoint slides and rattle off numbers like 7.5 and 6.1, which refer to items on their to-do list. Seven big, overarching goals, which include reducing opioid misuse and reducing damage to the community, are broken down into manageable steps, like distributing needle cleanup kits and a project to train schoolteachers to recognize trauma and addiction.

This to-do list is over 100 items long.

"Some of these goals are really long term," Ireton says. "I mean they're going to take years, decades."

The key is to be realistic, says Ireton, who is also the spokesperson for this group. You are never going to be successful if your goal is just "end the opioid epidemic," she says.

"By breaking it down, it's like eating an elephant. You just can eat one piece at a time. Breaking it down into a piece that you can actually digest." Ireton says.

The county's program includes small steps, like making transportation easier for people in drug treatment. They train family members and others in the community on steps to reverse overdoses with medicine, and they send teams of police officers and social workers to help addicted homeless people.



Social worker Lauren Rainbow (right) meets a man illegally camped in the woods in Snohomish County. A new program in the county helps people with addiction, instead of arresting them.

Leah Nash for Finding Fixes podcast

In Marysville, Wash., the woods are full of homeless encampments surrounded by piles of spent syringes and trash. On a recent visit, rain drips through a cedar forest next to a strip mall. Officer Mike Buell is visiting the camp along with social worker Lauren Rainbow. Buell cracks jokes with some illegal campers and introduces himself using his first name.

Buell's job isn't to arrest the campers, but to help them get drug treatment and housing. He crouches next to the opening of one tent and explains that he and his colleagues will help the campers with food, coffee and transportation to and from appointments.

"We're basically your Uber," Buell says.

The new approach is paying off. The teams have helped hundreds of people find housing and drug treatment.

That's just one item in the county's plan, and problems with opioids are far from solved here.

Snohomish County will keep working on its large and small goals, one bite at a time.

This story was reported by Finding Fixes, a podcast about solutions to the opioid epidemic, which is a project of InvestigateWest.

Correction

Oct. 30, 2018

A previous version of this story stated that Snohomish County was the first in the country to treat the opioid epidemic as a natural disaster. In fact, at least one other county — Montgomery County in Ohio — is taking a similar approach.

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