



# **2018 Annual Report**

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### CJCC Purpose and Mission

The Dunn County Criminal Justice Collaboration Council (CJCC) was officially created by the County Board of Supervisors in 2008. The Council was formed in response to Dunn County's need to assess the effectiveness of the criminal justice system in the county and explore ways to improve community safety, reduce recidivism by offenders, and reduce systemic costs.

*The mission of the Dunn County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) is to collaborate between stakeholders to improve the effectiveness of Dunn County's criminal justice system.*

### 2018 Leadership

The CJCC is led by a Chair and Vice Chair that are elected by the full Council to serve one two-year term. For the 2017-2018 period, the Council is Chaired by Menomonie Police Chief Eric Atkinson and Vice Chaired by Judge James Peterson. The Council elected a new Vice Chair, Human Services Director Kris Korpela, at the last meeting of the year in 2018.

### 2018 Goals (Council Approved 2/1/18)

- Successful Implementation of TAD Grant Funding  
(Treatment Opportunity Program (TOP), Assessment Protocol)
- Shore Up Pre-Charge Diversion Program Process
- Validate the Proxy
- Pretrial Legal and Evidenced Based Practices Education
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training
- Explore Jail Re-Entry Services and Funding  
(Received Jail to Community Reentry Grant)
- Potential for Treatment While Incarcerated
- Mental Health in Jail
- Communication and Education
- Alcohol Initiative (Council Approved July 2018)



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## 2018 CJCC Accomplishment Highlights

January 2018	Year 2 of TAD Grant / Renamed Treatment Opportunity Program
January 2018	Received 4-year Jail to Community Reentry Grant for Peer Support
March 2018	Drug Endangered Children (DEC) multidisciplinary training held
April 2018	UW-Stout 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Criminal Justice Rehabilitation Conference
April 2018	CJCC Lighthouse Award given to Board Chair Steve Rasmussen
May 2018	National Stepping Up Day of Action - Phone Drive
May 2018	CJCC 10 Year Anniversary
July 2018	CJCC Logo Adopted from Design Contest
July 2018	NACo Conference Stepping Up panelist on Reentry Project
August 2018	Jail to Community Reentry Lead Peer Support Specialist started
August 2018	Treatment Court 10 Year Anniversary
October 2018	Jail to Community Reentry Project Presentation to WCA
December 2018	Awarded Family Treatment Court Planning & Implementation Grant for 4 years

## 2018 CJCC Composition

The Council consists of both voting and non-voting members. Members participate in quarterly CJCC meetings and monthly work group meetings.

## 2018 Voting Members

All CJCC voting members listed below, except the citizen members, are permanent members of this Council. The Child Support Director was added as a permanent member of the Council in 2018 by amendments of the Council's bylaws. The eighteen (18) voting members of the Council include:

- All Circuit Court Judges of Dunn County - *Judge Smeltzer and Judge Peterson*
- County Manager - *Paul Miller*
- Sheriff - *Dennis Smith*
- Chief of Police Menomonie Police Department - *Chief Eric Atkinson*
- Law enforcement from an outlying district - *Chief Jason Spetz, UW-Stout*
- Chair, County Board of Supervisors - *Supervisor Dave Bartlett*
- Chair, County Board Judiciary & Law Committee - *Supervisor Sheila Stori*



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- Clerk of Courts - *Katie Schalley*
- Department of Corrections, Division of Community Corrections Supervisor for Dunn County - *Melissa Buesgen*
- District Attorney - *Andrea Nodolf*
- Defense Attorney - *Assistant State Public Defender Samantha Richie*
- City of Menomonie Attorney - *Allyson Moore*
- Director, Department of Human Services - *Kris Korpela*
- Victim/Witness Coordinator - *Barb (BJ) Lande*
- Child Support Director - *Jeanne Stevenson*
- Two (2) Dunn County Resident Citizen members
  - *Nancy Olsen, The Bridge to Hope*
  - *Greg Quinn, Dunn County Veterans Service Officer*

## 2018 CJCC Structure

The CJCC has one standing committee, one standing advisory group, and utilizes a work group structure to focus on specific topic areas. Each group has a chair and are staffed by the Criminal Justice Coordinator. This structure provides flexibility and relevance allowing work groups to be created and disbanded as the Council deems necessary.

## CJCC Executive Committee

The Executive Committee acts as the steering committee for the CJCC and various work groups.

2018 Executive Committee members include: CJCC Chair Chief Eric Atkinson, CJCC Vice Chair Judge Peterson, Judge Rod Smeltzer, County Board Chairs Steve Rasmussen succeeded by Dave Bartlett, County Manager Paul Miller, Sheriff Dennis Smith, Department of Human Services Director Kris Korpela, and District Attorney Andrea Nodolf.

## CJCC Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Work Group

The purpose of the Dunn County CJCC Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Work Group is to increase the effectiveness of Dunn County's criminal justice system by promoting evidence-based practices across the system. The EBDM Work Group also



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serves as the TAD Grant/TOP Program Oversight Committee. Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) is a state DOJ grant.

2018 EBDM Work Group members include: Chair Judge Jim Peterson, Sheriff Dennis Smith, Chief Eric Atkinson, District Attorney Andrea Nodolf, Clerk of Court Katie Schalley, Probation Area Supervisor Melissa Buesgen, and Public Defenders Lynne McMullen replaced by Samantha Richie.

## **TAD Grant / Assessment Protocol**

2018 was Dunn County's second year of a 5-year non-competitive state DOJ Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) implementation grant of \$99,566/year. The Dunn County Board's investment of 25% match was a critical requirement for state TAD funding. The state and local TAD funding supports a full time Criminal Justice Assessor position to provide front-end systematic assessment of offenders' risk, needs, and responsivity factors to inform decisions and created a formal Treatment Opportunity Program (TOP) to divert eligible alcohol and other drug abuse justice-involved individuals into treatment.

In 2018, the Criminal Justice Assessor met with 424 individuals to assess for pretrial risk and to screen for substance use and mental health issues. Screening data shows that 33% of individuals identified meth as most problematic substance and 25% identified alcohol. Mental health screening data shows that 61% of individuals identified as "high severity" for a mental health diagnosis.

## **Treatment Opportunity Program (TOP)**

In 2018, the second year of the Treatment Opportunity Program, 126 individuals were referred to the program with 30 new individuals participating in 2018 and 25 participants carried over from 2017. Since the program started in 2017, 27 of 49 (56%) participants have successfully completed the program. TOP is a 6-12 month long program requiring a minimum of 6 months of monitored sobriety and completion of treatment while remaining crime free to successfully complete the program.



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## 2018 EBDM Work Group Accomplishments

- Refined and strengthen TOP program cross-agency collaboration by upholding standards and developing a clear communication strategy among departments.
- Brokered process for assessment and referral of Domestic Violence perpetrators to evidence-based programming available in the community.
- Multi-disciplinary team training with National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA) conference including Judge, law enforcement, and diversion staff on legal and evidence-based pretrial practices.
- Cross-agency participation in DOJ State Diversion Standards Training.
- Successful TAD state site visit and audit of TOP adherence to state and national standards.

## CJCC Data Work Group

The purpose of the Dunn County CJCC Data Work Group is to provide guidance in the collection and integration of local criminal justice data consistent with the priorities of the CJCC Executive Committee in order to inform policy makers' decisions within Dunn County. The Data Work Group collects Law Enforcement Proxy data and other key measures of our criminal justice system on monthly data dashboards. Monthly dashboards were started in 2016 are combined into yearly Smashboards.

2018 Data Work Group members included: Chair Kris Korpela, Clerk of Court Katie Schalley, Probation Agent Brad Ericson, Deferred Prosecution Coordinator Deanna Arntson, Menomonie Police Department Records Technician Meghan Cartmill, Menomonie Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist Brenna Jasper, The Bridge to Hope Executive Director Naomi Cummings, Sheriff's Department Records Technician Lea Kralewski, and Jail Sergeant Doug Ormson.

## 2018 Data Work Group Accomplishments

- Ongoing data collection and reporting with monthly dashboards and yearly smashboards of key criminal justice data to inform decision and made available to the public by posting online.
- Dashboard companion document developed to accompany data.



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- OWI data analysis resulting in the Alcohol Initiative as added goal.
- Meth Costs to the County project for State Senator Schachtner.

## **CJCC Stepping Up Work Group**

The purpose of the Dunn County CJCC Stepping Up Work Group is to reduce the number of people with mental illness in our county jail. Also serves as the Reentry Grant Oversight Committee. Dunn County Board of Supervisors passed the Stepping Up resolution in May 2015 becoming the first county in the state of Wisconsin to join the national Stepping Up Initiative.

2018 Stepping Up Work Group members/attendees included: Chair Kris Korpela, Sheriff Dennis Smith, Jail Program Director Heather Pyka, Dunn County DHS Behavioral Health Manager Wendy Winger, Dunn County Crisis Coordinator Santana Rothbauer, citizen member Helen Quinn, citizen member Stacey Acuna, Grassroots Empowerment Project Executive Director Elizabeth Vieira, Grassroots Empowerment Project Respite Manager Stephanie Dolan, Center for Independent Living Executive Director Kyle Kleist, Workforce Resource Coordinator Julie Bruggenthies, Now What Ministries Josh Gibson, Bridge to Hope Advocate Nancy Olsen, Bridge to Hope Shelter Coordinator Jamie Gibson, Jacalyn Broughton with Grace Episcopal Church, Dick Rueckl with Grace Episcopal Church, Dunn County Community Foundation Georgia Tegart, Stepping Stones Shelter Director Heidi Hooten, WestCAP housing coordinator Ann Kohanek, Dunn County Disability Specialists Lisa Schueler, League of Women's Voters Mary Lotten, Softlandings Executive Director Tom Halgren, Menomonie Police Department Commander Todd Swartz, Menomonie Police Sergeant Benrud, Dunn County Transit Director Dolly Catlin, UW-Extension Agents Stephanie Hintz and Luisa Gerasimo, Dunn County Treatment Court Coordinator Jenae Brantner, Dunn County Integrated Treatment Specialist Lindsey Field, Dunn County Criminal Justice Assessor Sandy Frigo, and Criminal Justice Coordinator Sara Benedict.

## **State EBDM Reentry Pilot Grant**

In 2018, the Dunn County CJCC was awarded a state grant to pilot a jail reentry program aimed at reducing recidivism that could be possibly replicated in other counties in Wisconsin. Through a collaborative, creative approach, the Stepping Up Work Group brainstormed, researched, and identified key components for successful reentry from jail to the community. The evidence-based peer support model with an



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innovative reentry focus was determined to be the best fit for our local needs. Dunn County CJCC was successful in securing one of only four awards of \$80,000 per year for four years to pilot a reentry program.

## **2018 Stepping Up Work Group Accomplishments**

- Jail to Community Reentry Project roll out with first year of grant funding of four year project.
  - Reentry peer specialist services contracted with Center for Independent Living.
  - Online Reentry Toolkit developed to aid transition planning.
  - Revolving Needs Funds established to assist with basic needs.
  - Professional Network developed to support peer specialists.
  - 64 participants volunteered to participate in the Reentry Project this first year receiving assessment, planning, access to evidence-based programming, and peer support services.
- Housing Group developed as an ongoing informal group focused on housing needs. Community Housing Forum held in 2018.
- Phone drive held for National Stepping Up Day of Action.
- Ongoing Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training opportunities for law enforcement with CIT partnership with Eau Claire Police Department.
- Participated in Stepping Up Forum hosted by the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference in Nashville.
- Stepping Up / Reentry Project presentation to Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Judicial and Public Safety Committee.

## **CJCC Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Work Group**

The purpose of the Dunn County Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Work Group is to develop a DEC memorandum of understanding (MOU), protocol, and training with the goal to develop an ongoing system that enhances the public safety of children endangered by illegal use of controlled substances.

2018 Work Group members include: Chair Cherise Nielsen (National DEC Trainer), Chief Deputy Marshall Multhauf, Menomonie Police Sergeant Chad Mroczenski, DHS Juvenile Justice Manager Carrie Anderson, DHS Child Protective Services Manager Lori Radcliffe, Probation Agent Tonya Meyer, replaced by Agents Garrett Bunkelman and



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Jacki Goodell, Victim Witness Coordinator BJ Lande, District Attorney Nodolf, CESA 11 Head Start Director Beth Tilleson, School District of Menomonie Area Administrator Brian Seguin, and County Board Judiciary and Law Chair Sheila Stori.

## **2018 DEC Work Group Accomplishments**

- Multidisciplinary DEC trainings were held in March 2018 for CJCC agency staff with over 80 in attendance. This DEC training is recorded and available on DVD to orient new staff.
- DEC Debriefing Team of law enforcement and human service staff developed to meet monthly and review DEC cases.
- Development of DEC trainings to present to area schools in 2019.
- Expanded DEC Work Group membership with community partners.

## **CJCC Communications Work Group**

The purpose of the Dunn County Communications Work Group is to develop lines of communication to educate stakeholders, agency staff, and the general public regarding activities and initiatives.

2018 Work Group members include: Chair Brenna Jasper, Menomonie Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist, Sheriff Dennis Smith, Menomonie Police Chief Eric Atkinson, Judge Rod Smeltzer, DHS Director Kris Korpela, District Attorney Andrea Nodolf, Deferred Prosecution Coordinator Deanna Arntson, Clerk of Courts Katie Schalley, Dunn County Web Support Specialist Krista Vind, and Menomonie Police Sergeant Brian Hagen.

## **2018 Communications Work Group Accomplishments**

- CJCC logo adopted from winner of public design contest.
- Public relations action plan and timeline established.
- CJCC Masterbook, historical timeline, and glossary developed.
- CJCC 10-year anniversary video created.



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## **CJCC Treatment Court Advisory Group**

The purpose of the Dunn County CJCC Treatment Court Advisory Group is to collaborate with professionals and community members to enhance and promote Treatment Court as a rehabilitative alternative to traditional sentencing for offenders with drug/alcohol addiction. This group meets quarterly.

Treatment Court Advisory Group members included: Chair Kris Korpela, Sheriff Dennis Smith, Jail Program Director Heather Pyka, Dunn County DHS Behavioral Health Manager Wendy Winger, Dunn County Treatment Court Coordinator Jenae Brantner, Dunn County Integrated Treatment Specialist Lindsey Field, staff from Arbor Place, Workforce Resource Coordinator Julie Bruggenthies, The Bridge to Hope advocate Nancy Olsen, Grassroots Empowerment Project Executive Director Elizabeth Viera, Ex-Prisoners Organizing (EXPO) Sarah Ferber, Veterans Service Officer Greg Quinn, and citizen members Tom Schmelzle and Mark Kinney.

The 2018 Dunn County Treatment Court Team included: Judge Rod Smeltzer, Judge Jim Peterson, District Attorney Andrea Nodolf, Public Defender Samantha Richie, Chief Deputy Sheriff Marshall Multhauf, Jail Program Director Heather Pyka, Probation Officer Paul Gilbertson, Arbor Place Counselors, Dunn County Integrated Treatment Specialist Lindsey Field, Criminal Justice Coordinator Sara Benedict, Criminal Justice Assessor Sandy Frigo, and Treatment Court Coordinator Jenae Brantner.

## **2018 Treatment Court Accomplishments**

- Dunn County Treatment Court marked it's 10 year anniversary in 2018 and held a community event to celebrate with current participant, program alumni, Treatment Team members, and Treatment Court Advisory Group.
- In 2018, Treatment Court served 29 individuals assessed to be high risk to recidivate and high need for treatment.
- In 2018, 6 graduated from the program in an average 24-months, 8 were terminated, and 13 carried over into 2019.



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## 2018 Lighthouse Award

The CJCC Lighthouse Award was created in 2016 as a way to recognize exceptional leadership and commitment to collaboration. In April 2018, the CJCC presented the *Lighthouse Award* to County Board Chair Steve Rasmussen in recognition of his leadership and commitment in establishing and sustaining the Dunn County CJCC.

## 2019 Outlook

The CJCC ushered in new leadership in 2019 with Judge Jim Peterson assuming the Chair and DHS Director Kris Korepela as Vice Chair. A new work group was created focused on Family Treatment Court Oversight and Planning. Work Groups also had changes in leadership in 2019 and new CJCC members were welcomed. New CJCC members include Sheriff Kevin Bygd following Sheriff Dennis Smith's retirement, UW-Stout Professor Carrie Acklin as a citizen member representative, and the addition of the Public Health Director as a voting CJCC member.

## 2019 Goals *(Council Approved 1/10/19)*

- Continue to develop what are are doing, build upon current programs (continue 2018 goals)
- Community Outreach
- Alcohol Initiative
- Successful implementation of Family Treatment Court
- Explore Pretrial Services and address Failures to Appear (FTA)
- Monitor data trends over time
- Measure and communicate impacts and outcomes

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