

DUNN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Work Group Held on August 19, 2020 Via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Cherise Nielsen called the meeting to order
- 2. Call of the Roll:** Present were Chair, Cherise Nielsen; Menomonie Police Lt. Chad Mroczenski; Dunn County Child Welfare Manager Lori Radcliffe; Citizen Member Sheli Jo Metzger; DOC Probation Agent Jacki Goodell; Dunn County Chief Deputy Sherriff Marshall Multhauf; The Bridge to Hope Advocate Alyssa Fahrenkamp; and Criminal Justice Coordinator Sara Benedict.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Meeting:**
 - a. MPD Lt Mroczenski made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. DOC Agent Goodell seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion was approved by voice vote.
- 4. Public Comment:** None
- 5. Staff Reports:**
 - a. CJCC quarterly meetings were held on February, May, and August. The Council approved goals for each work group for the year, however many of the groups have not met much due to Covid-19. Work Groups are regrouping.
 - b. There is now a Virtual DEC conference called Handle with Care. Information was sent out to the group regarding this conference.
 - c. Chair Nielsen is stepping down as the Chair and will be leaving this work group. If someone would like to step up as Chair for the group, please let Coordinator Benedict know. Otherwise, she will look outside for a volunteer.
- 6. Report out on Prevea DEC Training on February 19, 2020**
 - a. A small group gave a presentation to Prevea on DEC. There were about 7-10 individuals that took part in this training. They were very receptive to the training.
 - i. One recommendation for the future when this is done is to check on the setup that will be available.
- 7. Update on DEC Staffings**
 - a. From a law enforcement perspective, there have been four DEC cases for MPD, and there were a couple with the Sherriff's office. Lt Mroczenski would have to look at how these are being labeled, as there may have been more but labeled incorrectly. There has not been a lot of staffing to date, due to the pandemic. CPS has seen the cases decrease due to Covid. From the DA side, their CPS

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cases have increased over last years' numbers. The communication between departments has improved and is going smoothly.

8. Update on Handle With Care

- a. No Update at this time.

9. Regroup on Work Group Goals

The Objectives and Goals were approved by the CJCC in February.

- a. Colfax School District still needs to have the school training - To be added to the 2021 calendar.
- b. Community DEC Awareness training for local medical providers has been met with Prevea. Mayo and Marshfield still need to be reached – To be added to the 2021 calendar.
- c. Handle with Care is making progress. A complete report to be given at next meeting.
- d. DEC Webpage with local resources is in the process. Keep on 2020 Calendar.
- e. DEC Training for new staff is underway. Keep on 2020 Calendar.
- f. Revisit DEC MOU (review) Keep on 2020 Calendar.

10. Determine Next Steps

- a. Focus on a Public Service Announcement for online. Everyone bring their ideas to the next meeting.
- b. Website ideas also requested for next meeting along with prioritizing the top three.
- c. Coordinator Benedict will send out the MOU for everyone to read before the meeting. Any wordsmithing will be done at the next meeting.

11. Determine Next Meeting Date: To be determined by Doodle Poll.

12. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Benedict
Criminal Justice Coordinator