

Lake County Criminal Justice Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2023 Meeting

I. Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>
Julie Cantrell	Judge
William Longer	Hobart City Court
Tim Brown	Lake County Prosecutor's Office
Natalie Bokota	Lake Superior Court, Criminal Division
Todd Wasmer	Warden/LCJ
Juan Andrade	County Probation
William Mescall	LCJ Mental Health
Kellie Bittorf	Community Corrections
Amanda Regelin-Borsits	LADOS Division 2
Betsy Greer	Criminal Division Probation
Matt Schriver	LC Clerk's Office
Vince Balbo	Sheriff's Department
Lisa Renner	County Probation
Denise Symdon	Center for Effective Public Policy

Judge William Longer opened the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

II. Old Business

- a) Judge Longer reminded office holders to update proxy letters if needed at first of the year.
- b) We will talk about Data today, in January we will discuss best practices and review the system map and look at decision points and opportunities for change. The mental health team will provide an update in February.
- c) Warden Wasmer provided a jail update and indicated the population has slightly decreased. This is a result of the IDOC fixing their computer issue and now picking up offenders. Video upgrade fully underway and should be completed early March. Covid-19 not a major issue. On a positive note, still have 14 individuals to recommend for hire.
- d) Dr. Mescall reported on the acuity of the mentally ill who come into the jail. He reports last year there were 26 petitions to the court requesting long term anti-psychotic injections. Just in November of this year there were ten (10) petitions to the court requesting the same. Dr. Mescall attributes the escalation partly to increased use of K2 and the end of the eviction moratorium.
- e) Judge Cantrell talked about Volunteers of America and services available for homeless.

III. New Business

- a) Amanda reported on Data Collection Programs. Identified target areas:

- Recidivism Rates
- EDOS
- Referrals – mentors/peers

Researched programs:

Spillman – spoke to Colin Harms from Sheriff’s Dept. Spillman is limited – no follow up once bonded out, no link to Odyssey, no completion status and no dropdown box for reporting. Useful for law enforcement and jail but does not provide what we need (data).

Odyssey – not linked to Spillman. Provides financial reports. Can create reports if you know what to ask for. Can put in a flag/confidential note (have to determine how/who applies the flag).

Incite – Info pulled from Odyssey. SRS. OMS. Office of Court Technology can create reports.

INJail – Similar to SRS – pulls data collected from jails. Has ability to collect mental health, recidivism, diversion programs, etc.

Discussed possibility of using INJail as supplement to Spillman – it is offered by IOCS and no cost to counties, similar to Incite.

Amanda will schedule representatives from INJail to give a demonstration, likely in February. Recommend inviting stakeholders from County IT and Data from Sheriff’s Dept. Chief Balboa will reach out to pilot counties to gather feedback.

- b) Data subcommittee – Amanda is the Chair. Judge Longer and Warden Wasmer will participate. Kellie recommended Loni Brittingham, committee volunteered Mark Pearman and discussed Colin Harms. Chief Balboa said he can advise but Colin does not have the time to participate. Tim Brown volunteered to participate. It was recommended to have someone from felony public defender’s office. Amanda and Judge Bokota will call Marce Gonzalez. Judge Longer will talk with Mark Pearman.
- c) Data Subcommittee Goals:
 - a. Work with each change target team to gather baseline and outcome data.
 - b. Receive information about the statewide inmate management system.
 - c. Consider how/if you can resolve gaps between need vs. availability of data.
 - d. Work on developing common definitions of important terms (e.g., recidivism).
- d) Will discuss community education in February
- e) Chair will notify subcommittee participants unless directed.
- f) Denise will be sending out EBP survey to complete by end of December and discuss in January.
- g) February – hope to discuss communication strategies – how to communicate with community and stakeholders and promote the positive work we are doing.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.