



## **Executive Committee**

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 12:15 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1) Call to Order**

CJC Chair, Chief Judge Triggiano called the meeting to order at 12:18pm. Attendance was taken to determine quorum.

#### **2) Update from the CJC Chair (Mary Triggiano)**

Chair Triggiano provided an update to the committee on the court's COVID-19 "recovery" efforts. As of January 3rd, 2022, every Judge was brought back in-person, and there has been an emphasis on moving criminal cases forward, including expanded jury trials. The effects of omicron are still present and impacting the courts. A small working group has been formed to discuss recovery strategies and prepare a request for ARPA funds to address the pandemic created case backlog. Director Potapenko has been working closely with the agency partners, including the Mayor and County Executive's Offices, and local ARPA Task Force, to determine the best approach to garnering ARPA funds to support expanded public safety and justice system operations.

#### **3) Brief Update on Crime Trends, VR-PHAST, and Aligned Initiatives**

Connie Kostelac provided an update on the VR – and OD-PHAST teams. She indicated the data indicates an ongoing increase in overdose fatalities this year compared to the years prior. Overdose fatalities including cocaine and fentanyl have notably risen. Heroin overdose deaths have decreased. Connie provided several gun violence related updates; in short, there has been a slight increase in homicides year-to-date, however there has been a substantial increase in overall gun-related violence/non-fatal shootings.

#### **4) Round Table Member Discussion**

Chair Triggiano asked members to contribute perspectives from their offices and participate in a roundtable discussion of updates. Members expressed challenges around staffing and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19.

#### **5) Milwaukee County Executive Seeking Mental Health Board Member Recommendations**

Per [WI Legislature: 51.41](#), the CJC is asked to put forth recommendations to fill vacancies on the Mental Health Board. The current open position requires legal expertise specializing in emergency detention regulatory requirements including policies, procedures, provider responsibilities, and patient rights. Director Potapenko asked that all members review the requirements and consider putting forth a person for recommendation to the County Executive. Recommendations can be sent to Director Potapenko.

#### **6) Finalize 2022 CJC Meeting of the Whole Schedule**

Director Potapenko asked for input from members on the 2022 Meeting of the Whole schedule and discussion topics. The committee agreed to keep a bi-monthly cadence of meeting via Zoom. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 9:30am via Zoom.



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#### 7) Any Other Business and Public Comment

None noted at this time.

#### 8) Adjourn

Chair Triggiano adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm. The next CJC Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 12:15pm via Zoom.

#### **February 16, 2022 – CJC Executive Committee Meeting Attendees**

**Members Present:** Mary Triggiano, Tom Reed, Constance Kostelac, Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Jeffrey Norman, Niel Thoreson, Chantell Jewell, Jeff Roman, Walter Lanier

**Delegates Present:** James Burnett (on behalf of Sheriff Earnell Lucas), Karen Tidwall (on behalf of Margaret Daun), Jordan Primakow (on behalf of Mayor Cavalier Johnson)

**Staff Present:** Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman

**Others Present:** Jeanne Geraci, Nick DeSiato, Scott Brown, Ken Gales, Carl Ashley, David Muhammad