



# Milwaukee Community Justice Council

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## Mission

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The mission of the Milwaukee County Community Justice Council (CJC) is to work collaboratively to ensure a fair, efficient, and effective justice system that enhances public safety and quality of life in our community.

## CJC History

- The criminal justice system is fragmented with various parts (police, prosecutors, courts, corrections, etc.) operating within their own silos.
- CJC was viewed as a mechanism to enhance coordination among the criminal justice system agencies and professionals.
- Milwaukee County CJC was established by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2007.
- 37 of Wisconsin's 72 Counties have similar collaborating Councils.
  - Source: Wisconsin Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Annual Report, April 2013)
- In April 2012, a statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Council was created by Executive Order of the Governor to complement the work of local Councils.

## CJC Purpose

The purpose of the CJC is to function as an independent entity governed by key justice system leaders that is empowered to define broad justice system goals, monitor/analyze justice system performance, facilitate collaboration among justice system agencies, provide technical assistance and research, and act as a conduit between the justice system and the larger community without impacting in any way the autonomy or decision-making authority of any criminal justice agency.

## Executive Committee

- Milwaukee County Executive - Chris Abele
- Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel - Paul Bargren
- City of Milwaukee Mayor - Tom Barrett
- US Marshall, Eastern District of Wisconsin - Kevin Carr (ex officio)
- Milwaukee County District Attorney - John T. Chisholm
- Milwaukee County Sheriff - David A. Clarke Jr.
- Milwaukee County Health & Human Services Director - Héctor Colón
- City of Milwaukee Chief of Police - Edward Flynn
- Milwaukee County House of Correction Superintendent - Michael Hafemann
- Milwaukee County Supervisor, 13<sup>th</sup> District - Willie Johnson, Jr.
- Milwaukee County Circuit Court Chief Judge - Jeffrey Kremers (Chair)
- Community Representative - Kit Murphy McNally
- Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission Director - Mallory O'Brien
- First Assistant Public Defender - Tom Reed (Vice Chair)
- U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Wisconsin - James Santelle
- Inspector, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office - Richard Schmidt
- Regional Chief, Department of Corrections - Niel Thoreson

## Standing Committees

- Data Analysis & Information
- Juvenile Justice
- Jail & Huber Utilization
- Programs & Interventions
- Community Engagement
- Public Health
- Reentry
- Mental Health

A description of each committee and a schedule of monthly meetings  
can be found on the CJC's website:

<http://milwaukee.gov/cjc/CJCStandingCommittees.htm>

## Current CJC Initiatives

- Justice Reinvestment and Evidence-Based Decision Making -  
Using evidence to inform decisions throughout the criminal justice system process
  - Universal Screening • Dosage Based Probation • Early Interventions
- Mental Health Collaboration
- Drug Treatment Court
- Affordable Care Act Enrollment
- Data Sharing and Outcome Measurement
- Community Engagement

## Role of Community Members

- Continue to learn about our local criminal justice system.
- Work collaboratively to stabilize neighborhoods through sustainable approaches to community safety.
- Help build neighborhoods of opportunity that will deter recidivism and reduce racial disparity in jails and prisons.
- Learn about and advocate for Evidence-Based Practices that strengthen neighborhoods.
- Provide wisdom to inform and complement agency expertise.

## How to Get Involved & Stay Informed

- Check us out on Facebook and MKE123
- Attend Whole Council meetings (held every other month)
- Visit the courthouse and observe the system in action
- Share your ideas, concerns, and questions with the CJC
- Sign up for updates on E-Notify. Go to:  
<http://itmdapps.milwaukee.gov/login/login/signin.jsp>
  - Create an account, select E-Notify on the left, check “Community Justice Council” under News Releases-Milwaukee County

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