

Wells County Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (LJRAC) Meeting

Date: December 13, 2022

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Wells Superior Court Jury Room

Meeting Minutes

The Following Members were present:

Scott Holliday- Sheriff, Wells County Sheriff's Department
Jail Commander Karen Thompson- Wells County Jail
Blake Poindexter Executive Director- Wells County Community Corrections
Greg Werich Chief Probation Officer- Wells County Probation Department
Jeffery Stineburg - Defense Attorney
Andrew Antrim – Superior Court Judge
Kyle Randall Chief- Bluffton Police Department
Colin Andrews Prosecutor- Wells County Prosecutors Office

Excused:

Kent Kiracofe-Judge of the Circuit Court

Absent:

Jinny Broderick, Park Center Director Bluffton
Steve Huggins, President County Council
Dave Rigney- Police Chief Ossian Police Department
Mike Vanover – County Commissioner

- Previous minutes: Greg did not have them asked Blake Poindexter to resend the minutes.

Old Business

- 2022 Mental Health Summit on October 21, 2022, at the Indianan Convention Center Indianapolis, Indiana started at 8:30 am to 4:45 pm. A recap was done by Judge Antrim about the conference. An extensive conversation was had by member present on what resources we have in Wells County and how Sheriff Holiday would like to develop further programing in the Jail and to work towards a release plan for those offenders who need services. A discussion was had about the use of transition sentencing to be able to allow for compliance of counseling services with the use of Probation and Community Corrections. Sheriff Holiday discussed a response team for handling mental health issues

in the community that he has knowledge of from Fort Wayne Police Department. The discussion included how to finance efforts Blake Poindexter brought up the Opioid Settlement funds available through the commissioners. Greg Werich brought up monies from the CARE initiative that might be left as well. It was decided that Sheriff Holiday will chair a committee to investigate these issues.

- Meeting months were decided for March, June, September and December. Greg to prepare specific dates and create/post a public notice of meetings.

New Business:

- Blake Poindexter discussed 2023 Electronic Monitoring Quarterly Reports, SEA9, P.L. 84-2022. A summary of the compliance points for the report was given and Blake Poindexter stated that the first quarter report will be ready by April 15th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned and the next meeting will be on March 7, 2023 in the Wells Superior Court Jury Room at 11:30 am.