

Douglas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

October 14, 2025

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HANDOUTS

- August 2025 Minutes
- Revised Communications Plan
- Veteran's Court summary

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 11:04 am, by Jessica Glendening, Chair, Chief Defender, BIDS

Welcome and Introductions for Dr. Kirsten Watkins, Interim CEO of the Bert Nash Center

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the August 2025 Minutes

Discussion: August 2025 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) meeting minutes presented. No corrections were identified. Doris Ricks made motion for approval, Jay Armbrister seconded, minutes were approved as presented.

Agenda Item 2: Veterans Treatment Court Update

Discussion: Emily Rhamy, Court Coordinator for the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), provided an overview and update about the pending launch of the VTC with Judge Amy Hanley.

Emily Rhamy reviewed the information about Veteran's Court. See attached summary. Members asked clarifying questions and expressed excitement that the Court will soon be operational. Dakota Looms thanked Emily for her work on the Court

Agenda Item 3: Consider Adoption of Revised Communications Plan

Discussion: Revisions have been made to the communications plan based on feedback from the August CJCC meeting, which were presented by the Chair.

Jessica reviewed the changes. Shannon Reid, Judge McCabria, and Brad Finkeldei thanked the committee for their work and endorsed the changes.

Pam Weigand made a motion for approval, Jay Arbmrister seconded, communications plan was adopted as presented.

Agenda Item 4: Member at Large Election in December

Discussion: Jessica discussed the position and reviewed eligibility

Agenda Item 5: Future Agenda Items

Discussion: Shannon Reid suggested we have a future discussion of each member's legislative priorities as they relate to criminal justice. She also suggested we have a future discussion of the other specialty courts once their audit/review is completed.

Agenda Item 6: Open Discussion/Agency Updates

Discussion: None.

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Agenda Item 7: Public Comment

Discussion: Kirsten Kuhn asked that the meetings be streamed on zoom. In addition asked for an update about the pretrial work group and any work being done in the pretrial/bonding space which was in process prior to the new strategic plan.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:01

Name	Present/Absent
Sheriff Armbrister	Present
Chief Lockhart	Absent
Judge McCabria	Present
Judge Kopecky	Present
DA Loomis	Present
Jessica Glendening	Present
Pam Weigand	Present
Susan Benkelman	Present (Nicole)
Dr. Kirsten Watkins	Present
Lori Alvarado	Absent
Shannon Reid	Present
Brad Finkeldei	Present
Doris Ricks	Present
Timothy Shoulderblade	Present

Others in Attendance:

Name	Agency
Karrey Britt	Douglas County
George Diepenbrock	Douglas County Sheriff's Office