

2021 LWVLA Observer Corps Report Form

Thank you for participating as a member of the Observer Corps for the League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area. Our goal is to educate LWVLA members on local government activities with the potential to refer topics for further study and advocacy.

Your Name: Sally King

Name of Governmental Body (City/County/Town) Board or Committee: CJMC

Time and Date of Meeting: February 15, 2022

Members of the Governmental Body (If available, note attendance.): 28 in attendance including Tim Greunke, Monica Kruse, and Josh Court, the person presenting from Gundersen

Link to the public posting of meeting information:

Meeting Purpose and Content

1. Josh Court from Gundersen-Lutheran regarding Behavioral Health Services: Key points:

-30 Adult beds in locked unit most often full and need for more

-8 adolescent beds that seems to be adequate

-Not enough staff for the mental health needs in our area. Short on psychiatrists-1 year wait
Short on therapists as well.

-Backlog of psych evals as well

Concern then that people end up in crisis and enter the criminal system when can't get services

How solve? Ideas:

move to having primary care physicians take care of right away or go back to after psychiatrist sets up med schedule

talk of incentive programs to entice professionals to our area-like waiving state inc. tax

use of virtual provider program-like Texas doc doing online with patients here

having professionals as part of a team of primary care providers

new model in the cities called "mental health urgent care" that would provide a healing calm area for people in crisis.....like a triage. A trip to ER, although still place to go, does not always get someone in crisis help immediately.

educate community what to do in crisis and how to help those get to services need

Other Info: school district has partnership now with Gundersen-provides 2 full-time providers where students can get 5 sessions for free called "Student Assistance Program"

teen center at YMCA also where Gundersen staff is embedded in program

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2. Monica Kruse, county board chair, informed group that the study committee on policing has been selected and will most likely be approved by the county board Thursday night.

Identify issues that the League may want to follow for further study or advocacy:

Note any additional comments or feedback regarding this meeting:

Items in this section of the form are provided for the observers' benefit. They do not need to be a part of the report, but they provide a checklist of WI Open Meetings Law requirements and good practice for public meeting accessibility. Notable observations about these practices could be included in your feedback comments.

WI Open Meetings Law Checklist

☐ Public notice (time/date/location/content) was readily available no later than 2 hours prior to the meeting.

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- ☐ The meeting was held in a location that was open to the public and readily accessible to members of the public who wished to attend.
- ☐ The agenda provided enough specific detail to inform interested members of the public about the content of the meeting.
- ☐ A quorum was present to conduct business.
- ☐ Meeting content was limited to only noticed agenda items, including business discussed in closed session.
- ☐ A record of motions, seconds, and roll-call votes from the meeting will be (was?) created and preserved.

Good Practice for Public Accessibility Checklist

- ☐ The meeting was available to view or listen to on-line.
- ☐ Copies of the agenda and handouts were available to the public. Important information was available for viewing via handouts, web links, or projector.
- ☐ Roll call was conducted, and the public could identify members who were present or absent
- ☐ Speakers were identified and could be easily heard.
- ☐ The public was given an opportunity to speak at the meeting.
- ☐ Minutes and/or a recording of the meeting will be made available to the public.

Thank you for participating in the LWVLA Observer Corps. Your responses will help us ensure transparency in local government and assess the need for future LWVLA actions!