



STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON OFFENDER REENTRY ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024

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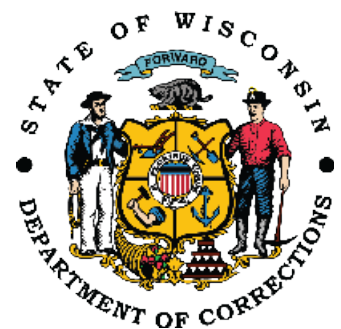
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COUNCIL STATUTES AND MEMBERS



FISCAL YEAR 2024 MEETING DATES

The Council is directed to hold meetings at least four times a year. All meeting notices are posted via the DOC public website and members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings. In FY24, the Council met on the following dates:

- September 20, 2023
- December 13, 2023
- March 20, 2024
- June 25, 2024* Rescheduled to July 30, 2024

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNCIL ON OFFENDER REENTRY

The Council was created by 2009 Wisconsin Act 28. The statute articulates the purpose of the council, as well as its membership. It also illustrates the meaning and content of the Annual Report, which is distributed to the legislature.

Creation of Council on Offender Reentry:

[Wis. Stats. 15.145 \(5\)](#)

Purpose of Council on Offender Reentry:

[Wis. Stats. 301.095](#)

Membership to the Council on Offender Reentry:

[Wis. Stats. 15.145\(5\)](#)

COUNCIL MEMBERS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024

Chairperson	Ray Woodruff, Reentry Director, DOC
Department of Corrections	Melissa Roberts, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Department of Workforce Development	Michele Carter, Administrator, Division of Employment and Training
Department of Health Services	Emily Propson, Director, Bureau of Community Forensic Services
Department of Children and Families	Vacant
Department of Transportation	Corey Kleist, Director, Bureau of Driver Services
Attorney General	Winn Collins, Assistant Attorney General
Parole Commission ¹	Shannon Pierce, Parole Commission Member
Department of Public Instruction	Paul Manriquez, Assistant State Superintendent
Judge	Honorable Carl Ashley, Branch 33, Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Formerly Incarcerated Ex-Offender	Jerome Dillard, Lead Organizer, EXPO (Ex-Prisoners Organizing)
Law Enforcement Officer	Nicole Miller, Patrol Sergeant, UW La Crosse
Victim Services	Elizabeth Lucas, Director of the Office of Victim Services, Department of Corrections
Faith-Based Organization	Andrew Murphy, Board Member, Wisconsin Inmate Education Association
County Department of Human Services	Sharlene Lopez, Behavioral Health Admin, St. Croix County Health & Human Services
American Indian Tribe / Band	Eric Boulanger, Chief of Police, Oneida Nation
Non-Profit Organization	Jeanne Geraci, Executive Director, Benedict Center
District Attorney	Emily Hynek, District Attorney, Jackson County
State Public Defender ²	Adam Plotkin, Director of Government and Public Affairs, State Public Defender's Office
Academic Professional, Criminal Justice	Dr. Marguerite Burns, Professor, UW-Madison, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work
Wisconsin Technical College System	Jo Ann Hall, Dean of Economic Workforce Development, Moraine Park Technical College

¹ Parole Commission: Shannon Pierce served through 12/2023. The position was vacant for the remainder of FY 2024.

² State Public Defender: Adam Plotkin was appointed to the Council 03/2024. The position was previously vacant.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



September 30, 2023

New Appointments to Council on Offender Reentry

- Emily Propson, Director of the Bureau of Community Forensic Services, Department of Health Services
- Jo Ann Hall, Dean of Economic and Workforce Development, Moraine Park Technical College

The first quarterly meeting of the Council in Fiscal Year 2024 welcomed two new members to the Council. Members of the council reported out on agency projects and initiatives that support a reduction in recidivism and improved outcomes for justice involved persons, as well as discussing opportunities for increased collaboration for the Council to consider.

December 13, 2023

New Appointment to Council on Offender Reentry

- Andrew Murphy, Board Member, Wisconsin Inmate Education Association

The Council invited Zach Baumgart, Research and Policy Director at the Department of Corrections, to present to the Council on DOC's process for collection, storage, and dissemination of data. The DOC tracks numerous data points and encourages the Council and the public to review [DOC's Interactive Dashboards](#)¹ and [Reports](#)² found on DOC's website. Research and Policy collaborates with numerous external organizations and the Research Review Committee at the DOC reviews all research proposals, which include employees and persons in our care as research subjects. For more information about conducting research at the DOC, see here: [Conducting Research at DOC](#).³

Chair Ray Woodruff discussed with the Council a data-sharing agreement between the Department of Corrections and Department of Workforce Development to assist in the case management of clients and the tracking of employment related outcomes alongside recidivism outcomes. Ray discussed with the Council considerations of additional data sharing opportunities to assist correctional clients and how data sharing could be mutually beneficial for all stakeholders to review and evaluate outcomes to better serve clients.

March 20, 2024

Chair Ray Woodruff discussed with the Council that the DOC can provide support for Grants Solicitations, letters of support, and/or data points to assist partners with grant solicitations. The DOC recently hired a Grants Coordinator position to assist the DOC (and partners) navigate the grant solicitation process.

The DOC introduced to the Council a client-provider information sharing application called Wisconsin Reentry Access Portal (WRAP) that the DOC has been developing. This application would allow for information sharing between clients on DOC supervision, community-based providers, and the DOC and can act as a reentry planning tool and resource for clients to assist reintegration upon release from incarceration. This application is still in the development stages.

June 25, 2024* Rescheduled to July 30, 2024

New Appointments to Council on Offender Reentry

- Adam Plotkin, Director of Government and Public Affairs, State Public Defender's Office
- Marlon Skenandore, Councilman, Oneida Nation

The Council invited Bonnie Macritchie-Titze, Opioid Initiatives Director, Department of Corrections to present to the Council on the Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Recovery Program at Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF). The program seeks to increase and continue access to medication for those incarcerated with OUD at MSDF, reduce overdoses, and increase MSDF DOC staff knowledge and mitigation strategies. The DOC has expanded the OUD Recovery program to the Women's System starting July 1st and plans for systemwide expansion and working with county jails to ensure continuing medication.

1 DOC Interactive Dashboards, <https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/DataResearch/InteractiveDashboards.aspx>

2 Data and Reports, <https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/DataResearch/DataAndReports.aspx>

3 Conducting Research at DOC, <https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/DataResearch/ConductingResearch.aspx>