



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #41**

**Relating to the Re-Creation of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

**WHEREAS**, fostering safe communities and a fair criminal justice system is paramount;

**WHEREAS**, to improve our criminal justice system, we must use data and sound, evidence-based practices to focus our resources on programs that are effective;

**WHEREAS**, we must move away from solely punitive criminal justice programs that have been shown to do little to rehabilitate offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, improving Wisconsin's criminal justice system must be done in a holistic manner by connecting the dots between siloed entities.

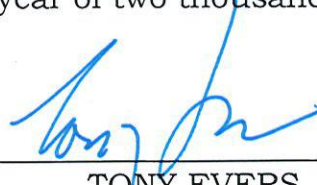
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, including Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby re-create the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, attached to the Department of Justice, for the purpose of advising the Governor on matters related to the administration and reform of Wisconsin's criminal justice system, and order the following:

1. The Department of Justice shall provide support staff and pay the expenses of the members of the Council.
2. Members of the Council shall include the following:
  - a. The Attorney General;
  - b. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections;
  - c. The Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development or a designee;
  - d. The Secretary of the Department of Children and Families or a designee;
  - e. The Secretary of the Department of Health Services or a designee;
  - f. The Executive Director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority or a designee;
  - g. The State Public Defender;
  - h. The Director of State Courts; and
  - i. The Chair of the Committee of Chief Judges.
3. Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor. The Council will be composed of a diverse group of individuals who interact with the criminal justice system.
4. The Council shall be co-chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and the Attorney General.

5. The co-chairs may create subcommittees as they deem necessary and engage other stakeholders and public members to participate in subcommittee activities. Each executive branch agency with membership on the Council shall, upon request of the Council, designate agency staff to aid the Council.
6. All executive branch agencies shall aid the Council to the greatest extent possible, including providing information and data needed by the Council to perform its duties.
7. The Council shall collaborate with the judicial branch. At the request of the Council, the Director of State Courts Office shall provide, to the extent the Director determines practicable, information and data that is needed by the Council to perform its duties under this Executive Order.
8. The Council shall do all of the following:
  - a. Facilitate interagency collaboration in assessing current criminal justice practices and in the development and implementation of criminal justice reforms across the system.
  - b. Identify gaps in data collection and analysis in the criminal justice system and recommend solutions to address these gaps.
  - c. Identify factors that are increasing jail populations, prison populations, and criminal justice costs, and identify strategies to reduce them.
  - d. Consider data, evidence-based practices, and the goal of reducing and ultimately eliminating racial disparities when offering policy recommendations.
  - e. Provide strategic planning and guidance for the management of federal block grant or federal formula grant funds.
  - f. Interact with county or multi-county criminal justice coordinating committees to ensure statewide communication and effectively receive information from local stakeholders.
  - g. Periodically submit reports to the Governor, to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for dissemination to the judicial branch, to any relevant state agencies as identified by the Council, and to the Chief Clerk of each house of the Legislature for distribution to the Legislature that provide information on the progress of the Council's work. The first such report should be presented no later than March 1, 2020, and should include recommendations regarding:
    - i. improving data collection and data sharing across criminal justice system partners; and
    - ii. updating the administration of the Treatment Alternative and Diversion program to maximize the program's effectiveness with a goal of ensuring statewide availability of treatment alternatives and diversion resources, whether funded by TAD or other sources.
  - h. Engage in other activities consistent with the responsibilities of the Council.
9. This Executive Order supersedes in part Executive Order #6 signed on January 28, 2019, supersedes and replaces Executive Order #180 signed on November 18, 2015, supersedes in part Executive Order #150 signed on January 26, 2015.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-second day of August in the year of two thousand nineteen.

  
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TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State