

# Circuit Court – Q3 2019

<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b>	
Use of State Certified Interpreters – Benchmark is 70%	92%
Number of languages requested	Seven (7)
Number of appearances via videoconference	2,165
Number of cases open	13,407
Number of felony cases open	2,272
Number of jury trials held	32
Number of jury trial days	57
<b>SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mandated services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Judicial assistant per judge</li> <li>○ Court-Appointed Attorneys</li> <li>○ Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem</li> <li>○ Interpreter Program</li> <li>○ Transcription Services</li> <li>○ Court-ordered Medical Evaluations – process claims</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Treatment Courts (4)</li> <li>▪ Reporting - State                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CS-148 Quarterly Report for Interpreter Payment Request</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Reporting – County                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quarterly Report for Administration</li> <li>○ Quarterly Report for Judiciary &amp; Law Enforcement Committee</li> <li>○ Prepare for performance measurement discussions with Judiciary &amp; Law Enforcement Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Except for judicial assistant, mandated services are administered by Clerk of Courts/Probate All reports are completed by the Clerk of Circuit Court</i></p>	
<b>ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continued reporting – beginning January 2020 there will be an increase in the cost of court-appointed attorneys – the rate will increase from \$70/hour to \$100/hour.</li> <li>▪ Continued reporting – Branch 6 – Addition of Circuit court judges (AB470/SB468). The County Board has allocated the space and money and are ready to begin construction/renovation of the space to accommodate a jury trial courtroom.</li> <li>▪ Expungement of records – anticipate a great many requests if legislation passes. AB33/SB39</li> <li>▪ OWI(1<sup>st</sup>) becoming criminal if legislation passes. AB18/SB9 This would result in mandatory appearances. AB15/SB7</li> <li>▪ Proposed legislation that under certain circumstances allows for OWI expungement. AB211/SB198</li> <li>▪ Digital Audio Recorders will be installed in each courtroom in the state of Wisconsin within the next year.</li> <li>▪ Expediting criminal proceedings when an elderly person is a victim. (AB348/SB430)</li> </ul>	

### **CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)**

- Clerk of Courts office is using State Debt Collection (SDC) to collect debt not otherwise being paid. Although there has been a significant increase in collections over the past year, the trend in total amount collected is yet unclear. Portions of these revenues are allotted to the Circuit Court budget.
- Committees
  - CJCC
  - EBDM
  - Security & Facilities Committee
  - Adult Treatment Court Committee
  - Juvenile Justice Collaborating Committee

### **GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER**

- Prepare courtrooms for installation of DAR equipment.
- Review of interpreter program.

# Clerk of Courts – Q3 2019

<b>SELECTED PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b>	
Total Collections:	\$3,696,896
Debt turned over to SDC:	\$2,149,823
Debt Collected from SDC:	\$1,631,583
Number of Court hearings clerked:	31,889
Number of docketed events:	261,718

*NOTE: Information includes January through September 2019*

## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

- Mandated services
  - Deputy clerks (includes all positions within office)
  - Fiscal
  - Court-appointed attorneys
  - Jury Management
  - Receive electronic court reporter notes and keep them in a secure electronic file
  - Administer mandated services for the Circuit Court
- Reporting - State
  - CS-147 Wisconsin Court System Annual Reporting
  - CS-148 Quarterly Report for Interpreter Payment Request
  - Jury Evaluation
  - Juvenile Legal Fees Recoupment
  - Restitution Report
  - Unclaimed Funds Report
  - U.S. Attorney eFiling Report
- Reporting - County
  - Quarterly Report for Administration
  - Quarterly Report for Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
- Committees
  - CJCC
  - EBDM
  - Security & Facilities Committee
  - 10<sup>th</sup> District Meeting / Clerk’s Institute
  - WCCCA Legislative Committee Meetings
  - Communications Project Committee
  - Criminal Court Review Committee

- Staffing
  - Fully Staffed
  
- *The Brief* – publication sent to court partners regarding changes, procedures, information related to the court system.

#### **ISSUES ON THE HORIZON AND SIGNIFICANT TRENDS**

- An increase in firearm record checks via the Department of Justice
- Expungement of records – anticipate a great many requests if legislation passes. AB33/SB39
- OWI(1<sup>st</sup>) becoming criminal if legislation passes. AB18/SB9 This would result in mandatory appearances. AB15/SB7
- Proposed legislation that under certain circumstances allows for OWI expungement. AB211/SB198
- Requesting modification to AB27/SB33 providing option for courts to order either Department of Corrections or Clerk of Courts to collect restitution. For Eau Claire, this would mean that Clerk of Court can collect restitution even if individual is on supervision.
- Digital Audio Recorders will be installed in each courtroom in the state of Wisconsin within the next year. In the event that neither a court reporter nor a certified DAR reporter is available, the expectation is that our court clerks will be required to operate the equipment.
- Addition of Circuit court judges (AB470/SB468) would require additional court clerks.
- CCAP information opens up the categories to search records (makes more fields searchable), but does not change the information provided. AB322/SB301

#### **CURRENT COLLABORATIONS (INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL)**

- State Debt Collection – although there has been a significant increase in collections over the past year, the trend in total amount collected is yet unclear. Portions of these revenues are allotted to the state of Wisconsin, Eau Claire County, Circuit Court budget, and Clerk of Courts budget.
- Verify cases that have a statute requesting DNA collection for Department of Justice
- Work with Sheriff Office on Fingerprint reviews
- Provide statistics to CJCCC and data analyst
  - Pretrial Program
  - Initial Appearances and cash bond ordered
  - Other requests
- Work with CourtOps and CCAP for hardware and software
- Collaboration with Child Support Agency – a Cooperative Agreement was signed end of March. We maintain timekeeping spreadsheets and provide them quarterly to Child Support Agency for reimbursement of funding from the state relative to IV-D cases. Also per that agreement, we provide them with weekly reports regarding restraining orders.
- Collaborate with IS for connectivity between state and county computer systems
- Collaborate with IS for all courtroom technology issues
- Participated in ALICE Training
- Work directly with many other court partners on a daily basis

#### **GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER**

- Prepare for mandatory eFiling of all case types by the end of December – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be available for voluntary eFiling.
- Review interpreter program.
- Create a process to review old cases relating to restitution owed.