HISTORY OF DANE COUNTY PRETRIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1989

- Jail Diversion Coordinator position was created under the Clerk of Courts, which was ultimately used for electronic monitoring
- This established the Alternatives to Incarceration Program (ATIP)
- Although it was under the Clerk of Courts, it was staffed by social workers and functioned mostly autonomously

1991

- Pretrial services are added to a broader office to create the Bail Monitoring Program
- The Custody Alternative Monitoring Program (CAMP) program is created by the Dane County Sheriff's Office

2010

- Pretrial services began a program called Assess, Inform, Measure (AIM)
- This program used the Compass risk assessment tool
- The Compass tool is still used by the Department of Corrections today

2012

- Dane County stopped using the Compass risk assessment tool due to concerns about racial disparities and bias, in addition to it being labor intensive
- Post-conviction monitoring program was ended due to the expansion of CAMP

2014

- Five Criminal Justice Council representatives attended the Pretrial Justice Policy Forum in Washington, D.C.
- Dane County Pretrial Services Subcommittee releases a report to the Criminal Justice Council

2015-16

- Dane County began its partnership with Arnold Ventures to explore the use of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), a standardized pretrial risk assessment tool
- Dane County began its collaboration with Luminosity

2017-2018

- Dane County began its partnership with the Access to Justice (A2J) Lab at Harvard Law School to evaluate the use of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) through a randomized-control trial
- Two PSA risk assessors and full-time clerk were hired under the Clerk of Courts

2019

- Pretrial Services becomes the formal name for all pretrial programming
- Pretrial Services moves from the City-County Building to the Courthouse
- Pretrial Services collaborate with AutoMon for data management
- The PSA randomized-control trial ends
- Formal analysis of the PSA randomized-control trial begins

2021

- Pretrial Services began examining dosage/what degree of services is appropriate for people on pretrial monitoring as participants in MDRC study
- Start of changing Pretrial Services to stand alone entity, rather than continue to be housed under the Clerk of Courts. It was structured similarly to Family Court Services.
- Ongoing analysis of the PSA randomized-control trial

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Pretrial Services Department becomes a stand alone department in Dane County

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