



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Juvenile Justice Committee Minutes  
Thursday, April 27, 2017

**Members Present:**

Sam Benedict (Chair)  
Dick Farvour  
Linda Saafir

Mary Wittwer  
Ron Pupp  
David Gawrisch

Michele Hulgaard  
Kelly Haag

**Members Absent:**

Judge William Domina

**Also Present:**

Rebecca Luczaj

Janelle McClain

Kristi Maglio

Benedict called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting began with introductions amongst the committee and guests present.

**Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2016**

On the bottom of page two, the minutes should read that *some* are handcuffed, not all.

Motion: Farvour moved, second by Haag, to approve the minutes, as amended, from August 17, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Changes**

Motion: Saafir moved, second by Farvour, to approve Dave Gawrisch, SRO, as a member of the CJCC Juvenile Justice Committee, replacing Luke Hallmark. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Saafir moved, second by Haag, to approve Michele Hulgaard, ADA, as a member of the CJCC Juvenile Justice Committee, replacing Abbey Nickolie. Motion carried unanimously.

Saafir recommends having Commissioner Sara Scullen take her place on the committee for future meetings. In addition, Judge Domina will be replaced with Judge Carter as of August, because of the rotation.

**Update on Current CJCC Initiatives**

Benedict gave a brief overview of the CJCC's history and Luczaj gave a brief overview of the EBDM Initiative, which was started by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), along with a few examples of the projects that the workgroups have been focused on. One of the projects that the EBDM Policy Team completed was a mapping of the adult justice system. System mapping has not been completed for the juvenile justice system; this could be a future project of the committee. The CJCC and EBDM Initiative show that the county is supportive of following evidence-based models and best practices.

**Review Recent Case Filing & Detention Statistics, Including Delinquency & Truancy Dispositions**

Haag distributed and reviewed a document titled "Juvenile Court Case Filings by Case Type," ranging from 2006 to March 2017. In 2016, the Juveniles in Need of Protective Services (JIPS) cases have begun to increase because of the opiate problem. Delinquency filings are down from 275 in 2006 to 119 in 2016.

CCAP is able to note the JIPS cases that have parental substance abuse involved. Domina has had his deputy clerk look up all JIPS and CHIPS cases from 2015 and 2016 to determine if there was any history of use. Haag will send the data to Luczaj to distribute to other CJCC committees/workgroups.

Haag distributed and reviewed a document summarizing detention hearings from 2005 to March 2017, shown separated by month. We have been averaging about 100 more cases each year since 2014, but Haag is unsure of the cause.

Haag distributed and reviewed documents titled "Sanction Hearings: 2006-2017 YTD" and "2016 Dispositions YTD" (which contains 2016 and 2017 YTD data). The sanction hearings include JIPS cases (truants and uncontrollables) and delinquencies. Haag has noticed the orders for mental health competencies and psychological examinations increasing. An exam can take up to 2 months to be completed. Haag can look into how many were deemed competent versus incompetent after examinations, and have that information available for future meetings. Luczaj believes it would be good information for the EBDM Mental Health Workgroup to have.

Haag distributed copies of a proposed bill, which allows the school attendance officer to notify the parent or guardian of a child who has been absent from school without an excuse for two full school days of the child's truancy, utilizing electronic communication instead of US Mail.

## **Health & Human Services Department Updates**

### **Shelter Care Services**

Pupp distributed and reviewed graphs showing the female and male shelter care readmissions for 2016. The graph shows the number of admissions each client had and the combined number of days from all admissions. Hulgaard suggested separating CHIPS, JIPS, and delinquencies on the chart.

Benedict would like to see the following data at a future meeting:

- Pretrial days versus post-disposition days
- Number of days in secure detention by gender
- Number of kids restrained from Waukesha County to non-secure shelter care
- Cost of having the Sheriff transport versus having the shelter care provide transportation

## **Committee to Improve Habitual Truancy**

Pupp gave a brief overview on the Truancy Task Force and its five subcommittees: Alternatives to Sanctions (which will become its own standalone committee with subcommittees), Public Service Campaigns, Involving Dads, Young Truants, and Medical Excuses. Currently, the most active is the Medical Excuses Subcommittee, focusing on doctors and nurse practitioners writing blanket excuses for students to get out of school (such as whenever they are feeling anxious, etc.), but then not providing additional help.

Pupp then reviewed the truancy rates from 2000-2016. There is lack of a consistent definition by schools for "truancy."

## **Set Next Meeting Date & Discuss Future Agenda Items**

The next meeting will be October 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.