



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Members Present

Jeremy Perri (Chair)
Marla Bell
Hon. Brad Schimel

Kirk Yauchler
Shelby Maruszczak
Hon. Laura Lau

Duane Paulson
Mary Sweeney
Sue Opper

Members Absent

Tina Freiburger

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Joel Gaughan

Janelle McClain
Amanda Nimmer

Denise Rawski

Perri called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes from February 2, 2021 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Bell, to approve the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of February 2, 2021. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Review Progress of Diversion Grant Implementation

Review Screening and Enrollment Data

Maruszczak distributed and reviewed a document titled "Pre-Charge Diversion and Post-Charge Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Statistics."

The outcomes will be negatively impacted soon due to the backlog of cases created by the pandemic. "Unsuccessful Cases" will increase. "Successful Completions" will also increase, but at a slower pace, since contracts were unable to be started due to COVID.

Lau arrived at 12:06 p.m.

Review Diversion/DPA Monitoring Outcomes and Discuss Changes to Monitoring Due to COVID-19

Rawski distributed and reviewed a document titled "Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – March 2021."

Update on Project Evaluation

Luczaj reported that 18 program participants have been interviewed.

All the participants expressed positivity about the program, and nearly all of them would participate again and recommend the program to others.

Freiburger will be scheduling more participant interviews in the coming weeks.

Update on 2/5/21 OWI Treatment Court (OWITC) Staffing Team Retreat

Lau stated that they are still looking into having a law enforcement representative join the staffing team. Opper added that she will bring it up at the Police Chiefs' Association meeting this week.

Lau reported that the OWITC census is growing each week.

Schimel arrived at 12:19 p.m.

Update on Closeout of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant for Drug Treatment Court (DTC)

Luczaj reported that the federal grant that funded DTC for 3 ½ years has been officially closed out. Waukesha County fell short of the enrollment goals, with 78 of 150 participants enrolled (52%). The caseload has averaged around 54-55 participants, although our capacity is up to 60 participants. We had hoped to increase enrollments in 2020 to get closer to our enrollment goal, but that effort was unsuccessful due to the pandemic.

The WI Department of Corrections (DOC) has been funding the DTC since January 1, 2021, replacing SAMHSA grant funding for the program. Participants who were enrolled under the SAMHSA grant and who were also on probation were transferred to DOC funding. Participants who were not on probation were transferred to WI DOJ TAD grant funding.

Announcements

Luczaj reported that the WI Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) annual conference will be held in-person and virtually April 28-30. At least one person from each stakeholder group is attending the conference, with registrations paid for with TAD grant funding.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional agenda items discussed for the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Maruszczak, to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.