



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Pretrial Committee Minutes Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Members Present

Hon. Jennifer Dorow (Chair)	JoAnn Eiring	Monica Paz
Jeremy Perri		

Members Absent

Michelle Larsuel	Craig Kuhary	Kevin Costello
Sue Opper		

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Abbey Nickolie (proxy for Opper)
Mary Sweeney	Brittany Marin	Anna Kees
Christine Olsen		

Dorow called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Approve Minutes from October 28, 2020 Meeting

Motion: Eiring moved, second by Perri, to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2020 meeting of the CJCC Pretrial Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Review and Discuss Status of Pretrial Supervision and Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program (IDIP) Caseloads and Waitlists

Eiring stated that currently, there are 69 defendants on pretrial supervision (the capacity is approximately 130 defendants), and she has given staff an additional 25 defendants to schedule for intakes.

Dorow stated that if the caseload approaches capacity again, the committee can consider removing defendants from supervision who do not have additional conditions (i.e. no drug/alcohol testing) and have been compliant with their weekly check-ins with WCS.

The pretrial IDIP's capacity is 170 defendants. Currently, IDIP's caseload is at 164 defendants, with another 55-60 defendants on the waitlist. Eiring has given staff an additional 3 defendants to contact this week to schedule for intakes.

WCS has begun administering the risk tool on OWI 2nds on the waitlist to determine if they are low-risk, and if so, the defendant will be placed on SCRAM for 30 days. Moderate and high-risk OWI 2nds will be placed on SCRAM for 60 or 90 days respectively. If the defendant is compliant, they can have SCRAM removed; if the defendant is not compliant, SCRAM monitoring can be extended by the court.

Attendees discussed establishing a 90-day standard for defendants to be on SCRAM in Pretrial Supervision, since we have standards in the IDIP. For new cases moving forward, the bonds will include this statement: "The defendant ordered to SCRAM monitoring through Wisconsin Community Services for 90 days, absent further order by the court. The defendant to pay costs associated with SCRAM monitoring." Existing cases will require a letter to be sent to the court requesting a hearing before removal of SCRAM. Dorow suggested that if all parties, including victims, agree, a note could be attached to the case stating as such and the hearing be removed from the court's calendar. If commissioners want defendants to be on SCRAM longer than 90 days, they will need to specify that on the bond.

Update on PSA Software

Luczaj met with the Business Application Support (BAS) team for HHS to discuss using Avatar to administer the PSA and track data. Due to concerns of additional liabilities associated with the County subcontracting for Pretrial Services, HHS will not permit usage of the Avatar system. La Crosse and Chippewa Counties, who both use Avatar, utilize county staff to operate their pretrial services.

Luczaj has two other options that she is looking at:

- Automon
 - BAS would need to conduct a risk analysis prior to use
 - Cost would be approximately \$5000/year
- NorthPointe/Equivalent
 - Cost prohibitive
 - User fees of \$6,500/year
 - Cloud data hosting fee of \$6,000/year (optional)
 - 1-time implementation fee of \$22,000

At Dorow's request, Luczaj will set up a meeting with Dorow, Randy Setzer, Sandra Masker, and herself to discuss the BAS unit's concerns with Avatar, as that appears to be the best of the three software options.

In the meantime, WCS continues to utilize a PSA scoring calculator in Excel, as well as an Excel spreadsheet for data tracking, which is not ideal.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional agenda items discussed for the next meeting. Agenda items 1 and 2 will be repeated.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Paz moved, second by Nickolie, to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.