



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, October 5, 2021

Members Present

Jeremy Perri (Chair)
Hon. Brad Schimel

Shelby Maruszczak
Marla Bell

Duane Paulson
Mary Sweeney

Members Absent

Hon. Laura Lau
Sue Opper

Kirk Yauchler

Tina Freiburger

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Amanda Nimmer

Janelle McClain
Joel Gaughan

Denise Rawski

Perri called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes from June 1, 2021 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Maruszczak, to approve the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of June 1, 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."

Maruszczak stated that there has been an increase in 6-month contracts, and she has seen a decrease in defendants declining offers lately.

Review Diversion/DPA Monitoring Outcomes

Rawski distributed and reviewed documents titled "Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – September 2021."

Rawski expressed a continued concern that defendants seem to be misinformed about program requirements, especially about the frequency of drug testing.

Attendees discussed ways to eliminate the misinformation, including providing defendants with a letter up front detailing the program requirements, making the program handbook available up front, or condensing the handbook into 1-2 pages.

Nimmer asked if self-help meetings can be added to the contract. Rawski responded that self-help meetings are only required if the defendant cannot get into treatment immediately, but she will add this requirement to the contract as a possibility.

Update on Project Evaluation

Luczaj reported on project evaluation in Freiburger's absence. UW-Milwaukee has resumed in-person interviews as of September. 12 additional participants have been interviewed since the last committee meeting. In total, 32 (28%) of the 116 diversion participants have been interviewed thus far.

Freiburger will try to summarize the participant interviews prior to the next committee meeting.

Update on Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Diversion Grant No-Cost Extension Request

Waukesha County was approved for a five-month grant extension due to being under budget. This moves the grant end date to February 28, 2022 and allows more time to reach project enrollment goals.

Update on 2022 WI Department of Justice Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Application

Luczaj stated that the TAD grant application was due on September 23. The WI DOJ has funded the drug court program through the TAD grant since 2014. Luczaj requested funds for both Drug Treatment Court (DTC) (\$143,745) and the Diversion program (\$158,959).

Luczaj is not sure that the County will receive everything she requested because the TAD budget will not be increased until 2023. DTC will likely get funded, and Luczaj requested tax levy to sustain the Diversion program through 2022, in case TAD funding is not awarded. The DOJ will be putting out a competitive application next year for the additional funding in 2023, so Luczaj will reapply at that time.

Grant awards should be announced by the end of this month.

Update on Treatment Court Caseloads and Pending Enrollments

Sweeney reported that OWI Treatment Court currently has 37 participants (the capacity is 40). Four intakes are scheduled for October, and two intakes are scheduled for November. There are two tentative graduations scheduled for November. Four applications have been approved but still need to complete the intake process.

DTC currently has 36 participants. One graduation is currently scheduled. Five applications have been approved, but the defendants still need to sign the Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) contract.

Update on Day Report Center (DRC) Caseload and Referral Trend

Rawski distributed and reviewed documents titled "Waukesha Day Report Center – Referral Trends – 2019-2021." Rawski reported that referrals to the DRC are down. The DRC has a capacity of up to 125 contacts per week but has been averaging 80-85 weekly contacts. The DRC success rate is 79.8%.

Schimmel will talk to the C/T judges about DRC referrals at their next meeting.

After the sixth judge begins in the C/T Division in January, WCS will hold a presentation on the DRC at a future C/T Judges meeting.

Paulson left at 12:55 p.m.

Discuss 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion: Schimmel moved, second by Maruszczak, to move the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meetings to be held quarterly in 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Future goals of committee/programming ideas
- Training for treatment court teams

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Schimmel moved, second by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.