

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**Waukesha County Human Services Center  
Interagency Program for the Intoxicated Driver (IPID)  
Committee Meeting  
March 9, 2023**

**Present Committee Members:** Susan Andrews, Timothy Holloway, John Kettler, Bernie Mangers, Robert Menefee, Daniel Michaels, Kirk Yauchler

**Absent Committee Members:** Shaun Cuevas, Capt. Neil Dussault, Hon. JoAnn Eiring, Jennifer Holmes, Sue Opper

**Guests:** Kate Garcia, Jaimie Hauch, Christopher Olson, Kellie Simmons, Amy West

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

### **Introduction of Guests and Committee Members**

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2022**

Minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Yauchler moved, second by Michaels to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

### **Provider Forum**

Guests participated in the discussion of the offender process including challenges, barriers, and expectations for the future. Bernie Mangers, Addiction Resource Council (ARC) distributed a handout and explained trends the ARC is seeing in assessments monthly throughout the year. Additionally, operating while intoxicated (OWI) charges are no longer specific to alcohol and are now trending toward other substances such as marijuana, fentanyl, heroin, and prescribed medications. Mangers briefly explained the driver safety plan (DSP) process including assessment cost (\$280), and the use of the Wisconsin Assessment for the Impaired Driver (WAID) screening tool. After the offender is screened, they are directed to connect with a therapist who will then determine a diagnosis and any treatment recommendations. Offenders must go to the county they live in for an assessment, but they have the option to seek counseling services at the location of their choice. If an offender lives in another state and gets charged with an OWI in that state but then moves to Waukesha County, ARC will do the assessment in Waukesha and send it to the state the offender previously lived in. Most states accept Wisconsin assessments. If an offender lives out of state and obtains the charge in Wisconsin, an out of state packet is sent to the state the offender resides in with specific Wisconsin requirements, including paying a license reinstatement fee to the State of Wisconsin. An offender's license is suspended once the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) is received by the Department of Transportation (DOT). This is 6-month administrative suspension issued by the DOT but the offender is eligible for an occupational license. An offender is put into non-compliance if the ARC is notified that they are continuing to use substances while in treatment.

Barriers include finding ways to engage offenders in treatment, offenders being referred incorrectly or being given incorrect information, and attorneys not fully informing offenders of the process. It was suggested that the committee develop a frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet that can be given to public defenders/attorneys, detailing the offender process.

### **Reports**

- Kettler reported that a new law will require a camera feature on interlock ignition devices (IID) for drivers whose IID is required and have an end date of 2024 or later. Drivers will be contacted by their IID vendor/manufacturer and given instructions on how/when they will be getting new equipment.
- The IPID Committee is currently seeking a new Department of Transportation (DOT) representative to sit on the committee.

- HHS has awarded prevention grants to the 4 licensed prevention agencies in Waukesha County to increase substance use prevention in schools and the community.
- Waukesha County has taken action in creating fentanyl awareness by placing signage on city buses, at shelters, online advertising, and distributing posters at all middle and high schools. The county is currently working on developing a video/trailer to be shown in theaters, increasing naloxone training, and setting up automated dispensing machines. An awareness toolkit is also available on the county website.
- Waukesha County will be testing clients for Xylazine, a powerful tranquilizer that does not respond to Narcan.
- The Alcohol Policy Forum was held in December. They remain focused on targeting efforts on reducing drunk driving by ordinances and the place of last drink data.
- Menefee reported the Child and Family Action Committee conducted a survey on high school intoxication and alcohol/drug abuse. Menefee will send the data to Alison for distribution to committee members.
- Yauchler updated the committee on the Mental Health Center (MHC) redesign. The inpatient unit will be scaled down to 16 beds to allow for the addition of a crisis stabilization unit. Construction will begin in July and the 14-bed unit is slated to open before the end of the year. The Crisis team and the court monitoring team will be relocating to MHC once the unit is completed.
- Crisis and law enforcement have collaborated and added a crisis clinician and a therapist to the Waukesha Police Department. ~~In addition to the crisis clinician and therapist currently at the Waukesha County Sheriff's~~ Department. A crisis counselor has also now been embedded in the 911 Comm Center to help intervene on mental health and/or other substance use related calls. Some issues may be resolved over the phone which could eliminate the need for law enforcement to be deployed to the scene.
- Currently Wellpath has expanded the scope of their medically assisted treatment (MAT) services in the jail from treating only pregnant women with opiate use disorders to continuing to treat MAT for anyone that comes into the jail that is currently receiving MAT. The next step, which will begin in 2024, is for Wellpath to begin inducting individuals on MAT that come into the jail with an active opiate abuse disorder but are not prescribed MAT currently. Wellpath will also be partnering with one of our local methadone clinics to be able to provide dispensing services to the jail. Also, in the works is a plan to provide inmates that are released from jail with naloxone.

Menefee left the meeting at 9:50 am.

Yauchler left the meeting at 10:03 am.

#### **Agency Announcements and Updates**

- ARC welcomes Cassie Heeps as an OWI assessor.
- Public Health added a new social worker position to focus on the opioid crisis including bereavement counseling in Waukesha County.
- West Grove Clinic has added both in-person and virtual IOP groups. Also, all prescribers are now prescribing MAT.
- WCTC is working on redoing the curriculum for the Group Dynamics course and customizing it for trends occurring in the State of Wisconsin. Also the Multiple Offender program now requires participation of a "concerned other" for completion of the course.

#### **Topics for Next Meeting's Agenda**

- Case study in Colorado on legalization of marijuana (presentation done by Kettler in 2016).
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and how it is used by providers.
- Wisconsin/Illinois border and legality of marijuana.
- WINTIP Wisconsin Nicotine Treatment Integration Project: Mental Health, AODA and Tobacco Dependence.

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- DOT and New Campaigns for Intoxicated Drivers...What happens after OWI.
- New State OWI laws and how they are affecting OWI numbers (OWI Court).
- OWI prevention in schools.
- Continue discussion with Amy Miles, Forensic Toxicology Section Director at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.
- Effects of the pandemic on OWI's and lack of services available.
- Types of medication assisted treatment (MAT) and how they work.
- Create a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for attorneys (June).
- Meet with local attorneys or a representative from their office to discuss the OWI process.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was presented.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Ries.

Minutes Were Approved: MS, CAE, AC, FCS Date: 12/14/23

