



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Evidence-Based Decision Making Pretrial Workgroup Minutes Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Team Members Present:

Judge Jennifer Dorow (Chair)	Daniela Imig	Frank McElderry
Sam Benedict	JoAnn Eiring (via phone)	

Team Members Not Present:

Sue Opper	Abbey Nickolie	Laura Lau
Craig Kuhary		

Also Present:

Mary Wittwer	Janelle McClain	Rebecca Luczaj
Karla Gabor	Monica Paz	Anna Kees
Bob Gibson	Sara Scullen	

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

Approve Minutes from March 21, 2018 Meeting

Motion: McElderry moved, second by Imig, to approve the minutes from March 21, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on DOJ Pretrial Pilot Project

Luczaj reported that the Pretrial Essential Elements training is scheduled for May 21 and 22. Waukesha County is sending Judge Bugenhagen, Maura McMahon, Kevin Osborne, Ted Szczupakiewicz, Scullen, Kees, Imig, Wittwer, Gabor, and Luczaj to the training.

We are still working on obtaining NCIC access, as our application for the CJCC to receive its own ORI was denied by the FBI. The WI DOJ has stepped back in to assist us, and is looking at another avenue to obtain the access.

The WI DOJ is making progress on securing software for the EBDM counties to use in the implementation of the PSA. They may be able to utilize a sole source contract with a software vendor, which means that the EBDM counties would get faster access to the software.

The LJAF has released two technical assistance RFPs – one RFP is for a national technical assistance provider to assist with implementation of the PSA, and the second RFP is for research teams to evaluate data. Contracts will be awarded by August 1.

Update on Progress of PSA Testing

Imig reported that WCS has been conducting and reviewing 5-10 PSAs per week. The concurrence rate thus far is approximately 80%. Screeners are coming up with a variety of questions about the PSA, so it will be helpful to have a designated technical assistance provider in place to consult with these questions. In the meantime, Luczaj has forwarded our questions to a contact at JusticePoint in Milwaukee, and they have been very receptive and helpful.

If a charge is amended by the DA's Office at the initial appearance, the Assistant District Attorney (ADA) should contact WCS to determine if the change would affect the PSA score.

Screeners should now ask the jail each day if anyone was extradited to Waukesha County. They should also ask this of every defendant as part of the interview.

Discuss and Consider Implementing the UNCOPE Plus Substance Use Disorder Screen

Imig distributed and reviewed a document titled “UNCOPE Plus: Substance Use Disorder Screen.”

The UNCOPE is currently being used for the Pretrial Supervision program and the Day Report Center (DRC). The UNCOPE Plus appears to add questions regarding alcohol use. It is a self-report tool and is not mandatory. The score on the UNCOPE determines the frequency of drug screens required for participants. The alcohol use scores could be used for SCRAM recommendations. The workgroup needs to decide whether to implement the use of this tool as part of pretrial screening. Imig recommends implementing this screening tool in conjunction with the implementation of the PSA.

Benedict commented that he does not fully support using this screening tool unless it is used after supervision is already ordered.

The workgroup will review this topic at a future meeting when the District Attorney’s Office can have representation available at the meeting.

Benedict would like more information on how the screen is used in Milwaukee, as well as what the State team recommends.

Motion: Imig moved, second by Dorow, to continue use of the UNCOPE in the Pretrial Supervision program and the Day Report Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The May 16 meeting is cancelled.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.