



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Pretrial Workgroup Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Team Members Present:

Judge Jennifer Dorow (Chair)	Sam Benedict	Laura Lau
Mary Wittwer	JoAnn Eiring	

Team Members Absent:

Sue Opper	Craig Kuhary
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Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Daniela Imig
Abbey Nickolie	Monica Paz	

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

Approve Minutes from April 19, 2017 Meeting

Motion: Benedict moved, second by Nickolie, to approve the minutes from April 19, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on DOJ Pretrial Pilot Project

Luczaj reported that the DOJ is anticipating getting approval in the fall for use of the Arnold Foundation's PSA (Public Safety Assessment) tool. The DOJ would like all participating pilot counties to use the *MCPRAii R* tool for a 60-day baseline data collection, and will have everyone trained in how to administer the tool. Luczaj will know more after a meeting with the DOJ staff and other EBDM Coordinators on May 25 . We will be asked to switch to the Arnold Foundation tool in the fall, but can use both tools in the interim.

The workgroup discussed concerns about implementing the risk assessment tool for those defendants who are immediately booked and released. It may be a strain on resources to accomplish this task. Even if we determine that some defendants who are posting bail are medium- to high-risk, unless the bail laws change, there is not much we can do differently.

Benedict left at 12:22 p.m.

Continue Review & Discussion of February 20, 2017 Pretrial Services Observation Findings/Pretrial Protocol

This item will be tabled until the next meeting, when the NIC consultant can continue reviewing this protocol with the group.

Discuss Analysis of Data Collected on In-Custody Defendants from September 2015 through September 2016

Luczaj distributed a spreadsheet containing data that Rendall had collected on in-custody defendants from September 2015 through September 2016. Dorow stated that if and when we switch risk assessment tools, this information will become less significant to analyze. Once we start the Pretrial Pilot, the DOJ will provide the data analysis needed to evaluate program outcomes.

Paz commented that one of the columns on the spreadsheet could be further narrowed down by class code, which is a field within CCAP. Dorow will have her law clerks update the information. Lau stated that the lead charge is not always the most serious charge for a defendant, as previously thought, so we will want to look at that column on the spreadsheet to make sure the most serious charge is captured.

Discuss Next Steps

The next meeting will be on June 6, 2017, from 3-4 p.m. with NIC Consultant, Mimi Carter.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.