



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making
Alternative Interventions Workgroup Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2017

Members Present

Sam Benedict – Co-Chair
Hon. Michael Aprahamian
Mary Wittwer
Duane Paulson

Hon. Lloyd Carter – Co-Chair
Marla Bell
Joan Sternweis

Members Absent

Sue Opper

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Kelsey Loshaw

Andrea Will (for Sue Opper)
Janelle McClain

Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approve Minutes from February 27, 2017 Meeting

Motion: Will moved, second by Paulson, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss & Consider Final Workgroup Goal Statement

Luczaj distributed and reviewed the updated EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup Goal Statement Draft.

Motion: Aprahamian moved, second by Will, to approve the EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup Goal Statement and Objectives. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Workgroup Change Strategy Draft

Luczaj distributed and reviewed the document titled "EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup Recommended Change Strategy." This document follows the same structure as the other EBDM workgroup's change strategies.

The sections that will need to be completed are "Recommended Change Strategy" and "Objectives." The recommended change strategy section needs to contain quantifiable data to justify the need for pre-charge diversion and deferred prosecution agreements (DPA).

We are initially looking for data regarding the number of possession of narcotics cases; however, Benedict stated that the data could consist of anything that would support the issue of unmet needs for opiate users. If we look at possession of narcotics cases through the DA's Office PROTECT database, the DA's Office can pull out cases that have been charged under a specific statute. Will is unsure how the reports would be able to be broken down beyond that point.

Benedict stated that a sampling of Pretrial Screening reports where drug abuse is self-reported by inmates screened by WCS after arrest would give an approximation of the prevalence of the problem and add value. Wittwer will get the statistics for January-March 2017 for the next meeting.

Statewide data could be obtained from the Attorney General's office as well.

While we have information for the Drug Treatment Court, the fact that the program is only open to referrals for a few days a year may be a stronger statement than how many referrals we get.

Once the data is collected and able to be reviewed, the workgroup can determine the objectives for the Change Strategy document.

Carter arrived at 12:17 p.m.

Benedict asked the workgroup to review the draft, and let him and Luczaj know of any changes.

Luczaj will research some data for review at the next meeting.

Sternweis would like to see the workgroup look at mental health statistics as well; it would be beneficial to have WCS gather this self-reported information as well from the Pretrial Screening reports. Wittwer will add this data to the report for the next meeting.

Continue Discussion of Content for Grant Proposal

Luczaj distributed and reviewed three documents explaining the diversion process for Milwaukee County, WI; Eau Claire County, WI; and Collin County, TX.

The workgroup discussed what other counties do in terms of their diversion and DPA programs. Benedict reminded the workgroup that we need to be aware that the name alone (diversion versus deferred prosecution) does not demonstrate the model that is being used.

Luczaj will speak to other CJCC Coordinators within the Wisconsin EBDM counties, as well as with Mimi Carter, NIC Consultant, to determine what programs and risk assessment tools other counties use and are available.

The workgroup discussed Day Report Centers. Milwaukee follows a traditional Day Report Center model with all services being provided on-site.

Currently, HHS assesses treatment needs by using the ASAM tool and clinician feedback. With clients seeing multiple providers, it would be beneficial and consistent to have a network pool of providers that all use the same tools.

We need to ensure that HHS will be able to handle the workload as a preferred provider. Otherwise, we will have to look at a network of preferred providers.

Waukesha County can also consider other agencies to do the assessments. HHS assessments cost approximately \$90-\$200, based on a variety of factors.

It would be beneficial to streamline the assessment process.

Joe Muchka from Addiction Resource Council (ARC) has spoken with Luczaj, and expressed an interest in being a part of any diversion program that we offer at Waukesha County. Luczaj said they will be invited to a future meeting.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The March 27 meeting will remain on the schedule, but may be cancelled.

The NIC Consultant, Mimi Carter, is coming April 19 and 20, so there will be a meeting scheduled on one of those dates.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.