

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**Waukesha County Human Services Center  
Interagency Program for the Intoxicated Driver (IPID)  
Committee Meeting  
March 10, 2022**

**Present Committee Members:** John Kettler, Kirk Yauchler, Susan Andrews, Bernie Mangers, Mary Berg, Timothy Holloway

**Absent Committee Members:** Benjamin Jones, Sue Opper, Arlene White, Jennifer Holmes, Bob Menefee, Capt. Neil Dussault, Hon. JoAnn Eiring

**Guests:** Brea Lopez, Heidi Nunnemacher, Jean Corrao, Jamie Hauch, Amy West, Dan Bird

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 9, 2021**

Minutes from the December 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Andrews moved, second by Mangers, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

### **Provider Forum**

Mangers reported that Addiction Resource Council (ARC) saw 1,255 clients last year for operating while intoxicated (OWI) driver safety plan assessments and 243 clients so far this year. ARC does screenings using the Wisconsin Assessment of the Impaired Driver (WAID) tool, but they do not provide a diagnosis. The tool can be used for both alcohol and drugs in adults and adolescents. Referrals are then made on the outcome of the screening. Clients may choose where to go for treatment if treatment is recommended. ARC will help connect clients with services within their insurance network. Payment plans are also available to help clients pay for the assessment. In-person and virtual assessments continue to be offered and are both equally attended.

Discussion was held on clients and their availability to be seen by a psychiatrist. Many larger hospital systems require a referral from a primary care provider, and some are encouraging their primary care providers to provide behavioral health services. This is in part due to the low insurance reimbursement rates for psychiatry services and the lack of psychiatrists in general. Additionally, more facilities are switching to APNPs because of the shortage of psychiatrists. The Mental Health Parity Act of 2008 is a federal law that generally prevents group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide mental health or substance use disorder benefits from imposing less favorable benefit limitations on those benefits than on medical/surgical benefits however, this is not fully enforced in all states, including Wisconsin. Therefore, medical provider services could be reimbursed at a higher rate than a psychiatrist.

If a client should become non-compliant in treatment, a report of the non-compliance is sent to ARC as soon as possible. The report can be verbal, electronic or mail and does not have to be on an ARC follow-up form. ARC will then send a warning letter indicating the client has 7 days to contact ARC or the Department of Transportation (DOT) will be notified. If the client still does not contact ARC, their license will be suspended. When a client has successfully completed treatment, ARC should be notified as soon as possible so the final report can be forwarded to the DOT.

Discussion was held on barriers to treatment including insurance, work schedules vs. treatment times, residential funding and lack of providers. Waukesha County will fund room and board with some residential facilities and Medicaid would then pay for the treatment. Some insurances are also limiting the amount of urine drug screens that they will pay for. Molina is now limiting the number of drugs that can sent to a lab for confirmation testing.

How do we fix this so people don't reoffend? Legislation needs to change; someone needs to advocate and stand up. It was requested that the language that was sent to the Attorney General be shared with the committee. Roger Frings, chair of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) is another resource available to use. SCAODA work includes reviewing pending legislation, including state budget proposals, and developing plans to guide administration of the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Grant.

Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) holds Multiple Offenders and Group Dynamics programs. They will be working to change some of the curriculum to include other substances beside alcohol. Programs are all in-person which they have found helps people become more engaged and to be held more accountable. The Multiple Offenders program is an educational program and is not designed as a treatment program for persons addicted to alcohol or drugs. It is intended to benefit the irresponsible driver who is having continual problems with drinking and driving. The Group Dynamics program is designed to meet the needs of persons not addicted to alcohol or drugs who have been convicted for the first time of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI).

The Victim Impact Panel is ordered by a judge if an offender has 3+ OWI offenses. It can also be ordered by ARC as part of their Driver's Safety Plan. The panel consists of speakers who have lost loved ones due to a drunk driving crash and is designed to help change the drinking and driving behavior of offenders by realizing the dangers and consequences of their behavior. There is a \$20 fee to attend. A completion certificate is then e-mailed to the offender.

The lifetime revocation law can revoke an offender's license permanently if they have four or more OWI offenses (whether convicted, revoked, or suspended) and the fourth OWI offense occurs within 15 years of the previous offense. The offender may be able to reinstate their license after 10 years if they have not been convicted of certain felonies or misdemeanors related to motor vehicle operation during the 10-years before applying for reinstatement.

#### **Chair Report**

- Intoxalock pamphlets and coupons for free interlock ignition devices (IID) installation are available today.
- The Heroin Task Force has relaunched. The focus is a 12-18 month plan to address opiate issues and overdoses, intoxicated driving and prevention work. The task force is made up of 4 action teams: Data, Harm Reduction, Prevention and Treatment Support Services. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 15 at 3 p.m.
- The Women's Health and Recovery Project (WHARP) program has launched. The program provides care coordination and peer support services for women with substance use disorders and complex needs. More information can be found on the county website at [www.waukeshacounty.gov](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov).
- The Crisis stabilization program now provides case management and therapy services in an effort to prevent a potential crisis situation.
- Waukesha County has received funds from the Opioid settlement. Monies must be used for abatement. The State has proposed that counties apply for funding to offset room and board fees not covered by Medicaid for patients with opioid disorders.
- The DHS-75 re-write takes effect October 1<sup>st</sup>. HHS is currently examining how the re-write will affect licensing. A website and teleconferences are available for those with questions.

Kirk Yauchler left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

#### **HHS Board Liaison Update**

- Child and Family Services provided a report-out to the Board. See the posted minutes for more details.
- Virtual meeting discussions were held by the Board. Currently, virtual meetings are being piloted in room 271 at HHS.

- Standard language revisions were made to the Board by-laws.

#### Agency Updates

- ARC hired 2 new individuals to conduct outreach and prevention in schools.
- ARC is holding a Spare Some Care bowling fundraiser event on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at New Berlin Bowl. Detailed information can be found on their website at [Home \(addictionresourcecouncilwaukeshawi.org\)](http://Home.addictionresourcecouncilwaukeshawi.org).
- ARC will again be having their annual Celebrate Recovery at the Zoo, which takes place at the Milwaukee County Zoo on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Roger's is opening a new residential program in Brown Deer scheduled to open in June.
- Westgrove is opening a virtual evening intensive outpatient program (IOP) in Appleton.

#### Discussion of Committee Needs and Future Educational Segments

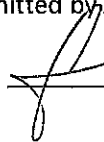
- Case study in Colorado on legalization of marijuana (presentation done by Kettler in 2016).
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and how it is used by providers.
- Wisconsin/Illinois border and legality of marijuana.
- WiNTIP Wisconsin Nicotine Treatment Integration Project: Mental Health, AODA and Tobacco Dependence.
- 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.
- Rebecca Lucaj – CJCC updates.
- TreeTop Counseling and Wellness (June 2022).
- Effects of the pandemic on OWI's and lack of services available.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison Ries.

Minutes Were Approved:

 MS, CAC, PI, FCS

Date:

6/14/22