



Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Case Processing Workgroup Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2017

Team Members Present:

Sue Opper
Michael Neimon
Sam Benedict (on behalf of Katie Bricco)

Amy Rendall
Hon. Ralph Ramirez

Team Members Absent:

Katie Bricco
Kathy Madden

Chris Ehrfurth
Robert Dehring

Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj
Kristi Gordon

Janelle McClain

Opper called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

Discuss Outcome of 1/17 Pretrial Conferences

Ramirez distributed and reviewed statistics from the January 17, 2017 pretrial conferences.

The State Public Defender's (SPD) office, as well as the District Attorney's (DA) office, remained optimistic about the pretrial conferencing program, citing that, while 44 pretrial conferences were held, 15 cases would now not end up going to trial, and only 2 of the cases were set for trial.

Rendall arrived at 7:40 a.m.

Gordon felt that part of the issue in not being able to resolve more cases, is that for the OARs, the defendants have too short of a period to get their license. We may see more OAR cases get resolved if we push those cases further out.

During this last pretrial conferencing, having two ADAs in the courtroom helped to move things along quicker, and would allow more cases to be handled.

When defendants check-in with the bailiff, the bailiff will then communicate to the ADA that the defendant is there.

Currently, the February 21 pretrial conferencing date has 44 cases scheduled with 31 defendants. We will increase that to 80 cases (20 cases per time slot).

Benedict will send information to Opper regarding how defendants can find information online for obtaining a license. Opper will have her staff type something up for distribution with the pretrial offers.

Rendall distributed and reviewed the updated spreadsheet containing data on the pretrial conferencing pilot.

Rendall will let the G49 clerk know how many non-Branch 3 cases can be scheduled for Ramirez for each pretrial conferencing. That way, if an attorney asks for a case to be set for pretrial, it can be, and then the clerk can contact Rendall to update the schedule.

The April pretrial conferences were scheduled for April 18.

Approve Minutes from January 12, 2017

Motion: Ramirez moved, Neimon second, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discuss New Workgroup Activities to Add to Work Plan
Audio/Video Recordings that Delay Discovery**

Opper received a proposal from the Waukesha Police Department (WPD). Due to the time required to burn discs, the WPD approached Opper about having a shared file where the video is loaded onto the Cloud, and then interested parties would receive a link and password to obtain the video within a certain period (typically, 3-5 days).

Other Wisconsin counties are also interested in this technology, but the State DA's IT department has been unable to look further into it, due to other projects. Waukesha County's IT department has been willing to help with what they can, but have run into an issue with lack of storage space.

If there were a video that would be needed as an exhibit for trial, we would then burn it to a disc or thumb drive at that time.

Opper would be interested in piloting the program with the WPD before opening it up to the other county municipalities.

Luczaj will bump this issue up to the state team for consideration, as it is a statewide issue.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next meeting will be on February 9, at 7:30 a.m.

Motion: Neimon moved, Rendall second, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.