



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Evidence-Based Decision Making Victim Rights Workgroup  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 @ 12:00 PM

**Team Members Present:**

Public Defender Kelsey Morin	DOC Supervisor Marla Bell	Clerk of Circuit Court Kathy Madden
Judge Michael Aprahamian	Victim Witness Coord. Jen Dunn	

**Also Present:**

CJCC Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj	Admin. Assist Alison Ries	Circuit Court Division Coord. Amy Rendall
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Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Approve Minutes from June 24, 2016 Meeting**

MOTION: Bell moved, second by Morin to approve the minutes from June 24, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update on EBDM Phase VI Application**

Luczaj reported that she has not received an update from NIC regarding the grant awards for Phase VI. She informed the workgroup that grant decisions will be made tomorrow and recipients will be notified on Friday. Luczaj reported that the review committee has recommended Wisconsin and the 6 participating counties be chosen to move forward. However, if NIC does not have enough funding to provide technical assistance to the state and all of the 6 counties, they will pick the top 3 counties. Waukesha County was not ranked in the top three counties and therefore, would not be chosen to participate in Phase VI if that is the case. Luczaj explained that although the state ranked highest, Waukesha County did not rank in the top three primarily because we did not have ongoing collaboration and did not have the cohesion NIC is looking for at this point in the initiative. Luczaj stated the consultant feels Wisconsin and all counties will be moving forward and will be awarded Phase VI, which is from 11/1/16 thru 12/31/17.

Bell stated that regardless of if the grant is received, the commitment is still present to continue moving forward with the workgroups.

**Update on Work Plan Accomplishments Since Last Meeting**

Luczaj distributed the committee's final Work Plan.

Dunn stated the Restitution Specialist position grant, if awarded, will begin 10/1/16. The position has been incorporated in the budget for next year with grant funding. She stated she has been asked for more information on indirect costs and match requirements and feels optimistic that the grant will be awarded.

Dunn informed the workgroup that she has received grant funding for the Mobile Crisis Team and the department was able to hire a full-time Victim Witness Counselor. In addition, emergency funds for victims have been received as a supplement to the grant and have been disbursed to victims in the form of gas cards, bus passes, etc.

Discussion was held on the restitution bill that became law on July 1 and when restitution stops being a priority for payment by offenders. Discussion was also held on how much DOC can withhold from an offender to pay restitution. Morin stated DOC can take up to 50% of prison wages, but if the judge orders less than 50%, they will have to follow the judge's order first. Madden suggested creating legislation to require CCAP to interface with other systems to ensure restitution remains a priority. The committee discussed inviting State Representative Rob Hutton back for a meeting as a potential advocate for the legislation. Dunn suggested having Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth at the next meeting in an effort to provide guidance to the workgroup.

**Explore Workgroup Project Ideas**

Develop amendments for the current restitution legislation.

**Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Restitution legislation

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date**

Monday, September 26, 2016