



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Evidence-Based Decision Making  
Alternative Interventions Workgroup Minutes  
Monday, June 19, 2017

**Members Present**

Sam Benedict – Co-Chair  
Hon. Michael Aprahamian  
Duane Paulson  
Hon. Lloyd Carter – Co-Chair

Joan Sternweis  
Marla Bell  
Mary Wittwer

**Members Absent**

Sue Opper

**Others Present**

Rebecca Luczaj  
Andrea Will (for Sue Opper)

Janelle McClain  
Daniela Imig

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

**Approve Minutes from June 5, 2017 Meeting**

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Aprahamian, to approve the minutes of June 5, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update on Drug Court Sustainability Options Presented to Policy Team**

Benedict distributed and reviewed a document titled “EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup Drug Court Program Sustainability Options,” which was presented to the EBDM Policy Team on June 6 as a draft to inform them of the funding status of drug court, as well as various options for sustainability. Option #6 (private foundation funding) was added to the document after the presentation to the Policy Team.

Motion: Will moved, second by Aprahamian, to approve the document, which reflects the available Drug Court sustainability options. Motion carried unanimously.

This final version will be made available to the EBDM Policy Team.

**Review and Discuss Updates to Drug Court Recidivism Data**

Imig distributed and reviewed the updated Drug Court Recidivism Data. There is a 58% success rate for drug court graduates who do not re-offend within two years of graduation, which is lower than the national average of 75%; however, since Drug Court has only been operational since 2012, it is a very small sample of participants (22) from which to draw conclusions.

Will recommended, and the group agreed, to exclude driving offenses from the re-offense rate; they will be tracked separately.

Carter arrived at 12:21 p.m.

Benedict advised that the Drug Court staffing team should regularly review the recidivism data.

## **Discuss the CJCC Executive Committee's Request to Analyze the Day Report Center (DRC) Program for CJCC Budget Planning Purposes**

Benedict updated the workgroup on the June 12 CJCC Executive Committee meeting where the group discussed the structure of the upcoming RFP for CJCC programs, with services beginning January 1, 2018.

Will left at 12:27 p.m.

The Executive Committee decided to separate the DRC into its own category in the RFP as a 1-year contract, while the remaining programs will be 5-year contracts, with the potential for two, 1-year extensions. The Executive Committee has asked the workgroup to conduct an analysis of the DRC, which will help for future CJCC budget planning.

Benedict suggested reviewing old CJCC minutes from when the DRC program started to determine why it originated and then look at how utilization has changed over the years.

Imig distributed and reviewed a WCS summary report on the DRC.

Benedict asked the workgroup to review the summary report, and have Imig give a more formal presentation at the next meeting addressing the following:

1. What is the history of the DRC?
2. What is the legal structure of the DRC?
3. What services does the DRC provide and what are the outcomes?
4. What is the referral/utilization trend?

Luczaj reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow of the 180 Diversion Advisory Board to vote on dissolving the 180 Diversion program. The Case Manager, Rebecca Scott, has accepted a position elsewhere, and they do not intend to fill her position.

## **Discuss Production of an ATC and/or DTC Testimonial Video**

Imig and her husband, who works for Fox 6 News, had put together a pro-bono client testimonial video for the Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court. They are also offering their pro-bono services to Waukesha County to produce testimonial videos for our Alcohol and Drug Treatment Courts.

The group began initial discussions of the proposal. Due to technical difficulties, the video was not able to be played for the group, but McClain will distribute the following link to workgroup members to view the video on their own: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMgX8vEWE58>).

Sternweis suggested contacting the County Executive's Office for approval before moving forward with the video. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

## **Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

The July 3, 2017 meeting is cancelled; the group will next meet, as scheduled, on July 17, 2017.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.