



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Members Present

Sam Benedict
Tom LeBel

Sue Opper
Marla Bell

Duane Paulson

Members Absent

Hon. Laura Lau
Joan Sternweis

Hon. Maria Lazar

Shelby Maruszczak

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Amber Rumpf

Janelle McClain

Mary Wittwer

Benedict called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approve Minutes from April 8, 2019 Meeting

Motion: Bell moved, second by LeBel, to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Progress of Diversion Grant Implementation

Luczaj distributed, and Opper reviewed, a document titled "Pre-Charge Diversion and Post-Charge Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Statistics."

Wittwer stated that the Day Report Center staff are now administering the GAIN-SS assessment to potential drug court-eligible defendants in order to eliminate the need to have individuals go to another WCS location to be assessed.

In response to a question by Paulson, Luczaj stated that information on individuals who identify as a veteran is forwarded to Mike Johannes, the Veterans Services Officer at Health and Human Services.

Benedict would like to know how many of the current contracts have resulted from new applications versus existing cases.

Opper stated that a primary reason for denials is that the defendants are not responding when they receive a letter or call from Maruszczak or DRC staff. Wittwer agreed that it is an issue; therefore, WCS has started to contact people a few days later in the process than they were, allowing the defendant time to receive the letter and have an opportunity to respond.

LeBel commended the process, saying that the screening and enrollment numbers are on track where they need to be for the grant. He also complimented Maruszczak for her level of organization and keeping detailed data at all screening points in the process.

Review Drug Court Recidivism Data

Wittwer distributed and reviewed a document detailing DTC graduate recidivism data and information, noting dates and their status at 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months post-graduation.

Benedict would like to see the number of graduates who make it 2 years post-graduation without reoffending.

Wittwer distributed and reviewed another document detailing DTC discharged participant recidivism data and information, noting dates and their status at 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months post-discharge.

Update on 5/8-5/10 WI Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) Annual Conference

Luczaj stated that, on the first day, Dr. Mee-Lee presented on co-occurring disorders. During his presentation, he had stated that dishonesty should not be sanctioned, which is a contradiction to NADCP best practice standards. The State DOJ later made the distinction between responses by treatment courts versus treatment providers.

Bell commented that the graduates who presented had commended the accountability aspect of treatment courts.

The WI DOJ will be providing treatment court standards training for new staffing team members later this year, as well as another team-based standards training in the spring of 2020.

Bell stated that one of her take-aways from the conference is that staffing teams need to be cognizant of not causing participants any additional trauma. The committee agreed that this information might provide support for having separate treatment court tracks for men versus women.

Update on 6/26 TAD Drug Court Site Visit

Luczaj reported that the WI DOJ would be coming to observe DTC on June 26 pursuant to TAD grant requirements. Currently, they have only expressed an interest in observing staffing and court. She is not sure if they will want to conduct stakeholder interviews as they have in the past.

Other Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Add Wittwer as a committee member.
- Benedict is unable to attend. Luczaj will contact Lazar to chair the meeting, as Opper will also likely be unavailable.
- Rumpf will be Benedict's proxy.

Adjourn

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Opper, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m.