



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Members Present

Jeremy Perri (Co-Chair)

Hon. Lloyd Carter

Mary Sweeney

Kirk Yauchler (Co-Chair)

Joel Gaughan

Hon. Jack Melvin

Kristy Gusse

Members Absent

Marla Bell

Sue Opper

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj

Amanda Nimmer

Denise Rawski

Yauchler called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approve Minutes from June 6, 2023 Meeting

Motion: Perri moved, second by Carter, to approve the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of June 6, 2023. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Review and Discuss Diversion Program Outcomes

Review Screening and Enrollment Data

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

As of August 1, Gusse is conducting all the assessments.

In response to questions from Nimmer, Gusse responded that she will follow up with Opper regarding those defendants with a significant treatment history and whether they could have a reduced DPA contract length or a designated pre-charge diversion.

Review Diversion/Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Monitoring & Day Report Center Outcomes

Rawski distributed and reviewed documents titled, "Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – August 2023" and "Waukesha Day Report Center – Referral Trends – 2019-2023."

Carter recommended a presentation on the DRC to judges. Melvin added that he could update all new Criminal/Traffic judges about the DRC, since he is presiding judge for the C/T Division.

Review and Discuss Treatment Court Program Outcomes

Sweeney distributed and reviewed documents titled, "Waukesha OWI Treatment Court" and "Waukesha Drug Treatment Court."

OWI Treatment Court currently has two Spanish-speaking clients. The translators needed for anything on the record is a significant cost. Luczaj will investigate options to reduce this cost and will look for opportunities to have program related documents professionally translated.

Continue to Discuss Efforts to Increase Program Enrollments

This topic has been tabled until a future meeting.

Update on Upcoming National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) Operational Tune-Up Training on 9/20 – 9/21/23

Luczaj stated that approximately 7-12 Drug Court staffing team members will attend the training in Watertown, along with teams from Dane and Jefferson counties. A follow-up staff retreat has been scheduled for October 13 to discuss any programmatic changes or best practices that should be incorporated into the program.

Update on 11/30/23 OWI Treatment Court (OWITC) Observation/Evaluation

Luczaj commented that since OWITC is funded by tax levy and not a grant, there is not a standard program evaluation requirement. As such, there has not been a formal evaluation of OWITC in over 10 years. Luczaj connected with the statewide Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator, Heather Kierzek, to conduct an observation and evaluation. Kierzek will sit in on staffing and court on November 30 and will then prepare a written summary/evaluation of her observations and recommendations for improvement of the program.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Review/Update Workplan
- 2024 Budget Updates Affecting Committee

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Gaughan moved, second by Carter, to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.