



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Mental Health Committee Minutes Monday, September 12, 2022

Team Members Present:

Elizabeth Aldred (Co-Chair)	Michelle Larsuel	Maura McMahon
Chris Bailey	Vicki Seibel-Garvey	Mandie Reedy
Mary Madden	Sonia Schneider (proxy for Thompson)	

Team Members Absent:

Dan Thompson (Co-Chair)	Jon Martin	Hon. Maria Lazar
Angie Wollenhaupt	Danielle Birdeau	

Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Jennifer Wrucke	Kirk Yauchler
Hon. Laura Lau		

Co-Chair Aldred called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes from July 11, 2022

Motion: Madden moved, second by Seibel-Garvey, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of July 11, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Change

Motion: Madden moved, second by Larsuel, to replace Judge Maria Lazar with Judge Laura Lau. Motion passed without a negative vote.

McMahon arrived at 12:09 p.m.

HHS Crisis Services Updates and Discussion

Wrucke reported the following statistics on the JMHCP grant:

- 56 people have been enrolled in the crisis stabilization program since inception
- 21 people are actively being worked with currently
- Of those discharged, 50% had a discharge reason of “Goals met – stabilization no longer needed/improvement shown”
- 34% (12 people) have withdrawn consent; this means that the participant no longer wishes to be in the program, so they have disenrolled themselves when Waukesha County has wanted to continue to work with them.

Bailey arrived at 12:12 p.m.

The overflow shelter is not in operation for the season yet; however, when it does open, referrals must come from a shelter.

Madden stated that Jeremy House ~~may be changing their designation of Hebron House from a shelter to a safe haven.~~ is changing from a Safe Haven to a transitional housing program.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will allow an additional crisis worker to be embedded at the Sheriff's Department, as well as new positions with the Waukesha Police Department and with the Waukesha County Communications Center. Wrucke hopes to have all the embedded crisis worker positions filled by November.

Yauchler stated that Waukesha County received a Regional Crisis Stabilization grant, which is a 5-year multimillion dollar grant to create a crisis stabilization facility. One year has passed thus far. Grant requirements dictate that the facility must be up and running by January 1, 2024. Next week, there will be a kick-off meeting with other county stakeholders. 20-25% of Waukesha County's patients are from other counties. The grant ends December 31, 2026.

Process Follow-Up: Initial Appearances via Video for Chapter 51 Clients at the Mental Health Center (MHC)

McMahon and Bailey do not think that the process we established for initial appearances to be conducted via video from the MHC is occurring. Luczaj will follow-up with Liz Arndorfer at the MHC and with the District Attorney's office.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) / Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Training Update

Madden reported that CIT training is occurring this week, although with a smaller class of 22. The Sheriff's Department pulled their staff out due to staffing needs.

Froedtert will be funding the spring CIT session. Stipends continue to be provided by NAMI Wisconsin.

No dates have been scheduled for CIP training.

CIP training for DOC staff has been on hold since COVID; however, prior to that time, DOC agents were encouraged to attend the CIP training with jail staff. Madden stated that DOC would be invited to join a future session again.

McMahon also expressed an interest for the State Public Defender staff to attend a future CIP training.

Discuss 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule

The 2023 committee meeting schedule will remain as-is on the second Monday of every other month, odd months, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Follow-up on Chapter 51 Initial Appearances by Video from the MHC
- Update on change of MHC's reduced capacity to 16

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Madden moved, second by McMahon, to adjourn the meeting at 12:54 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.