



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Mental Health Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**Team Members Present:**

Anna Ruzinski (Co-Chair)	Maura McMahon	Zachary Bosch
Antwayne Robertson (Co-Chair)	Danielle Birdeau	Sally Tess
Hon. Maria Lazar	Michelle Larsuel	Mary Madden
Dr. Isha Salva		

**Team Members Absent:**

Andy Dresang

**Others Present:**

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Kirk Yauchler
Jenny Wrucke		

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

**Approve Minutes from September 16, 2020**

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Madden, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of September 16, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

**Discuss Next Steps for Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Project Implementation**

***Planning and Implementation (P&I) Guide Submission***

Birdeau reported that the P&I Guide was submitted to the technical assistance consultant and both he and his supervisor were impressed at the amount of work put into the guide. Once Birdeau has made some of their suggested changes, the guide will be submitted to BJA for final approval.

Lazar and Tess arrived at 12:07 p.m. Larsuel left at 12:08 p.m.

***Crisis Stabilization Staff Hiring Process***

Birdeau and Yauchler will be determining the best avenue to hire the crisis stabilization workers (either through contracted or County LTE staff); however, the first hire would be the Clinical Therapist, to allow that person to get acclimated with Crisis Services, as well as participate in the onboarding process for the crisis stabilization staff. Birdeau hopes to have the Clinical Therapist hired by the end of 2020, and by the end of the first quarter of 2021, begin project implementation.

***12/16 "Virtual" Site Visit***

As part of the grant, there is a requirement by BJA for the Council of State Governments to conduct a virtual site visit. This will occur during the committee's already-scheduled meeting on December 16. The visit will include a nationwide overview of mental health in jails, the Stepping Up Initiative, and a broad overview of the JMHCP grant. After that portion of the visit, Luczaj and Birdeau will meet with the consultant and jail staff for an overview of the jail's process.

McMahon left at 12:17 p.m.

### **Review and Discuss January – September 2020 Crisis Services Statistics**

Birdeau distributed and reviewed a document titled “Waukesha County DHHS; Crisis Intervention Services; Summary Statistics; January – September 2020.”

### **Update on Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Opportunities**

Madden reported that there was a CIT Training for 32 officers during the week of September 28. The training had in-person components held at the Menomonee Falls Fire Department, and some components held virtually.

NAMI received a \$100,000 grant from IMPACT 100, which will allow for eight trainings for Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties over the course of two years for 250 officers.

Madden stressed that CIT training continues to be an important service alongside mobile crisis, as the training allows the officers to de-escalate situations prior to mobile crisis arriving on the scene.

### **Announcements**

Robertson is retiring at the end of this year.

Ruzinski is waiting for full Senate confirmation to be appointed as US Marshal for the Eastern District of WI, which should occur soon. At that time, she will be required to withdraw from all committees and boards.

Ruzinski stated that the ADRC is holding a caregiver event at the Menomonee Falls Library on November 12. During this event, the Purple Tube Project will be showcased, as the program is going live in November.

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

There were no additional agenda items discussed for the next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Madden moved, second by Ruzinski, to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.