

# Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Evidence-Based Decision Making Pretrial Workgroup Minutes Wednesday, March 21, 2018

**Team Members Present:** 

Judge Jennifer Dorow (Chair) Daniela Imig Frank McElderry

Laura Lau Sue Opper

**Team Members Not Present:** 

JoAnn Eiring Abbey Nickolie Craig Kuhary

Sam Benedict

**Also Present:** 

Mary Wittwer Janelle McClain Rebecca Luczaj

Karla Gabor Monica Paz Anna Kees (proxy for Benedict)

Gina Colletti

Dorow called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

## Approve Minutes from March 7, 2018 Meeting

Motion: McElderry moved, second by Kees, to approve the minutes from March 7, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Update on DOJ Pretrial Pilot Project**

Luczaj reported that the Pretrial Essential Elements training dates are still tentative for 5/21-5/22, as there is funding uncertainty with NIC. NIC is under the Bureau of Prisons, which was fully funded; however, NIC is slated to have a 50% budget cut. If the budget cut goes through, the EBDM Initiative may risk elimination. Last week, Rock County gave an EBDM presentation to their federal representative, Rep. Paul Ryan, explaining what was happening and advocating for continued funding of the Initiative.

Luczaj stated that she is attempting to get the CJCC approved for NCIC's Portal 100 access. The FBI states that whichever agency has the Portal 100 access also has to be the pretrial services contract holder. For Waukesha County, the departments currently with access are the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department. The CJCC was formed by ordinance, is a division of Health and Human Services, and all of the CJCC activities are criminal justice activities, which should qualify it for Portal 100 access. The DOJ believes that this would be an acceptable workaround, so Luczaj has been gathering the necessary paperwork to submit for approval.

# **Review and Score the PSA Using Sample Cases**

Imig distributed and reviewed the following documents: "Milwaukee County Pretrial Risk Assessment Report," "Public Safety Assessment, Case Study Exercises," "Public Safety Assessment, Staff Training, Case Study Exercise Worksheet," "Public Safety Assessment: Points and Flags," "Steps to Apply the PSA Results to the Decision Making Framework," "Wisconsin Pretrial Decision Making Framework," "Case Details for 2018CF000xxx in Waukesha County," and "Public Safety Assessment Report."

Imig stated that the screeners will likely have to utilize NCIC for all cases, as opposed to only those who did not "max out" on points when the screener utilized CCAP. When considering whether an offenses is violent, the charges must match the statutory definition exactly.

Opper arrived at 12:16 p.m.

Dorow commented that defendants may be booked in on different charges than what they are ultimately charged with at their initial appearance. Dorow suggested the concurrence rate be tracked.

Opper expressed a concern that screeners may not know if a defendant was extradited *to* Waukesha County, as this information is not in NCIC nor CCAP. Luczaj will contact JusticePoint for follow-up.

Lau suggested having an inservice for the stakeholders to have training similar to that which the screeners received so that it can be better understood how the tool works and what additional information could be given by defense or prosecution that would affect the outcome of the case pretrial.

McElderry left at 12:55 p.m. Imig left at 1:00 p.m.

# Discuss and Consider Implementing the UNCOPE Plus Substance Use Disorder Screen

This agenda item has been tabled until a future meeting.

# **Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

The April 4 meeting is cancelled. McClain will send a Doodle survey to the committee to reschedule the April 18 meeting.

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.