



Waukesha County  
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Evidence-Based Decision Making Mental Health Workgroup  
Thursday, February 9, 2017

**Team Members Present:**

Dr. James Rutherford  
Dr. Gordon Owley  
Mary Madden  
Maura McMahan  
James Gumm

Anna Ruzinski (Co-Chair)  
Dan Baumann  
Robert Mueller  
Hon. Kathryn Foster

**Team Members Absent:**

Antwayne Robertson (Co-Chair)  
Laura Lau

Sally Tess

**Others Present:** Rebecca Luczaj, Janelle McClain, Joan Sternweis, Andy Dresang, Michelle Larsuel

Ruzinski called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. The meeting began with introductions among the committee members and guests present.

Rutherford arrived at 12:34 p.m.

**Review Updated Mobile Crisis Data**

Owley distributed and reviewed a document titled "*Mobile Crisis Intervention Data for 2016.*"

Only incoming calls are counted towards the total number of calls. Owley estimates the number should eventually stabilize around 275-300 calls received per month; however, January had 400 calls and 155 assessments.

In response to a question from Ruzinski, Owley responded that all assessments are administered in-person. Owley stated that Crisis Services should be all electronic by April 1.

Madden arrived at 12:38 p.m.

Gumm stated that he is seeing a trend develop: crisis staff are telling officers that if the person has a P.O. hold or will have pending criminal charges, they will not authorize an Emergency Detention (ED). Owley responded that this issue be discussed at a crisis staff meeting later today.

Mueller arrived at 12:43 p.m.

Ruzinski stated that Robertson sent her a draft of the accidental overdose procedure memo discussed at the last meeting. She will present it to the Police Chiefs at their next meeting on March 7.

In response to a discussion about whether officers should be present during crisis assessments, Mueller stated that he would like to have an officer present, as law enforcement are the primary fact-gatherers in most cases. Rutherford stated he always wants law enforcement to be present because clients can be unpredictable.

Gumm raised another issue that the Sheriff's Department has been seeing more of lately: crisis workers asking deputies to transport clients' longer distances. The workgroup discussed transportation of clients, both to obtain a relevant safety plan with family members outside of Waukesha County, as well as transports within the county. Baumann stated that the Waukesha Police Department transports from WMH to the MHC, but restricts transports to within the city limits. Madden stated that Thriving Waukesha has a Transportation Collaborative, so she will address the issue with that group. Madden also stated that there are a group of retired officers on the state CIT committee who are putting together a transportation service.

McMahon left at 1:20 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes from January 12, 2017**

Motion: Baumann moved, second by Gumm, to approve the minutes from January 12, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Discuss Progress on Holding Initial Appearances by Video at the Mental Health Center (MHC)**

Rutherford reported that a very productive sub-group meeting was held yesterday at the MHC. The group discussed developing a flow chart/map because there are many factors involved in the ability to conduct video appearances at the Mental Health Center. Having the initial appearances held while the client is at the MHC will help tremendously with the client's discharge planning process and overall mental health.

Mike Neimon is handling a lot of information gathering with Kathy Madden, as well as the Sheriff's Department, which will include how to handle the booking procedure. Neimon has confirmed that technology is not a problem: G49 at the courthouse and the conference room at the MHC are equipped to handle initial appearances via video.

Due to privacy concerns, we do not want to comment that the client is appearing "by video at *the Mental Health Center.*" In addition, we may need to turn the monitor away from the public area of the courtroom.

The workgroup discussed the liability issue between the MHC and courts. In addition, there is a CMS rule forbidding the use of Tasers in the MHC, which the Sheriff's Department will use if they feel it necessary. If MHC staff feel the need to contact the Sheriff's Department, they are contacting them as law enforcement, and the Sheriff's deputies will respond to the situation as they normally would if they were in the community.

Another meeting of this sub-group is scheduled for February 22 at the MHC.

### **Review Other Old Business Items**

Dresang updated the group on the status of the CHIPP, which just met the previous day. Thus far, they have 12 representatives from various sectors, but have not yet prioritized mental health. Once it does become a CHIPP priority, the group is anticipating they will add a county respite facility as one of their goals.

### **Discuss Agenda Items/New Business for Next Meeting**

NAMI Waukesha has announced their list of 2016 honorees. From Waukesha County, they include:

- Department of Health and Human Services, Excellence in Community Service
- Honorable William J. Domina, Special Recognition Award for work with Chapter 51s
- Rebecca Luczaj, Special Recognition Award for work with CIT and EBDM

In response to a question asked by one of the workgroup members, the next judicial rotation is August 1, 2017, where Judge Carter will be rotating into Juvenile Court.

Molly Jasmer from Corporation Counsel will be replacing Commissioner Dehring, who was appointed judge in Jefferson County, in March.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Baumann moved, second by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.