



CJCC Treatment Court Subcommittee Minutes August 2, 2016

Committee Members Present

Hon. Lloyd Carter- Chair
Sue Opper
Eric Severson
Sara Carpenter

Sam Benedict
Marla Bell
Kathy Madden

Joan Sternweis
Lou Hernandez
Hon. Kathryn Foster

Committee Members Absent

John Wirkus

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Alison Ries

Andrea Will

Kelsey Morin

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes from May 2, 2016

Motion: Sternweis moved, second by Hernandez to approve the minutes of May 2, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Benedict introduced Kelsey Morin who will be assigned to the treatment courts and attending these meetings in place of Jorge Frago, effective 9/1/16.

Review Year to Date Treatment Court Program Outcomes

Carpenter distributed a handout entitled, *Waukesha County Alcohol Treatment Court Program Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. June 2016 3rd & 4th Offense*. She explained the report in detail and stated that by August 12, there will be a total of 40 participants in the program. There were 2 graduates during the month of June and 13 graduates year-to-date.

Carpenter distributed a handout entitled *Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court Program Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. June 2016 (BJA & TAD)*. She explained the report in detail. The current caseload is at 38, with a capacity of 50. The reason for the currently low caseload is due in part to the large number of graduates in June. Staff are working diligently to get potential participants off the waitlist and enrolled. The number of participants year-to-date is 61 and there were 5 graduates for the month of June, with 18 year-to-date.

Update on Status of Drug Court Waitlist

Will indicated that there were lower than usual admissions for the month of July because some people chose to stay longer in inpatient treatment, and others opted out of enrolling in the program, which contributed to reduced enrollments. Additionally, some moved out of the county and some people with OWI cases need to finish their condition time before they can be enrolled in the program. Will stated the waitlist was re-opened yesterday and they have already received nearly 20 applications. She stated there are 12 openings currently and, depending on the number of people who qualify and the amount of applications, she will decide when the waitlist will be closed again. Will would like to see only 10 people on the waitlist at a time because it becomes problematic when individuals are on the waitlist for too long and eventually lose interest in the program. Benedict would like the group to discuss the application

process, specifically the open enrollment period. He stated there really is not a clear, accurate picture of the demand for the program. Responding to Luczaj's question, Benedict suggested leaving the application process open and applying a harsher set of criteria in the screening process in an effort to track the amount of applications received. Will stated that she does not have the capacity to continuously process applications. Regardless, it is important to have a true representation of what the actual demand is. Benedict speculates the true demand is probably 5 times more than what is available. Foster said the need can't be accurately judged by the number of applications because people may see the waitlist and choose not to apply.

Severson suggested distributing a survey to the Waukesha County Bar Association asking how many people they would have referred but did not because of the waitlist. Madden stated it would be easy to develop such a survey. Benedict stated the same data could also be obtained when screening individuals at the jail and through the Pretrial Screening Program. Opper stated it is also important to ask who actually wanted to get into drug court but could not because of the waiting list (as some individuals may not want to participate in drug court). Luczaj said she could develop a draft survey and distribute it to the workgroup for review. Benedict stated the advocacy for the program will ultimately come from the workgroup. Severson feels that there would be no capacity challenge from the County Board or the CJCC; however, even though statistical data is gathered, there most likely will not be an outpouring of funding from the county. If there were to be public funding, the data would be instrumental. Madden suggested obtaining input and direction from the CJCC. Carter suggested pulling existing data on substance abuse for the next meeting and decide what should be on the survey based upon the data. Luczaj will add the drug court waitlist issue to the agenda for the next CJCC meeting in September.

Update on 2017 DOJ Treatment Alternatives & Diversion (TAD) Grant Application Submission

Luczaj distributed a handout titled, *2017 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Application Summary*. She reported the current TAD grant ends 12/31/16 and there is new funding available in 2017. If funding is granted in 2017, continuation funding is available for grantees in 2018-2021, but funding levels may not be the same, as the legislature added \$2 million to the 2017 TAD budget, but it was a one-time appropriation. Awards will be announced September 1, 2016. To enhance our existing drug court program, Luczaj stated a part-time Recovery Coach Coordinator would be added. The Recovery Coach Coordinator would be trained and certified once the training becomes available through the state in the spring of 2017.

Luczaj received an update from DOJ on the status of TAD grant applications, indicating that 48 applications were received from counties and tribes within the state, requesting a total of 60 programs. The total dollar amount requested by counties/tribes exceeds the \$6 million that is available. Any funding cuts will most likely come from counties that requested funding for 2 programs (a treatment court and a diversion program).

Luczaj reported the federal grant is expected to expire on September 30, 2017 with a potential no-cost extension through at least December 31, 2017 using underspent grant funds.

Follow-Up on May 13th Staffing Team Retreat

Benedict stated the ATC and DTC teams split into breakout groups and discussed strategies to address the changes that were recommended during the retreat. One change that has already been implemented is reducing the required length of sobriety to 90 days in order to be eligible for graduation. Will stated that an incentive/sanction grid is still needed. Benedict said a major recommendation from the consultants was to find a way to increase the capacity of the drug court program. More work is needed, so teams will be scheduling ongoing, periodic retreats.

Future Agenda Items/Other Business

Luczaj will send out a Doodle survey for the next meeting, which will most likely be in November.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.