



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making
Alternative Interventions Workgroup Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2017

Members Present

Hon. Lloyd Carter – Co-Chair
Hon. Michael Aprahamian
Duane Paulson
Mary Wittwer

Sam Benedict – Co-Chair
Joan Sternweis
Marla Bell
Sue Opper

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Kelsey Loshaw

Andrea Will
Janelle McClain

Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes from January 30, 2017 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Sternweis, to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Criminal Justice System Map

Luczaj distributed copies of the criminal justice system map, and Benedict reviewed where the drug and alcohol treatment courts fall on the map – about halfway through the process. The group agreed that it would be beneficial to add where entry into the treatments courts may occur.

Will stated that she has been getting DTC applications shortly after the initial appearance, but before the preliminary hearing.

Carter arrived at 12:16 p.m.

It would be beneficial to insert the Drug Treatment Court flowchart Luczaj created, that details the process from referral through discharge, as well as create 2 tracks for Alcohol Treatment Court: one that leads to jail after completion of the program, and one that leads to probation. Also, it would be helpful to identify the average number of days it takes to move between steps, since it appears as though it may be a long time span, but it could actually just be a few days.

Luczaj will update the system map in Visio, and we will review it at a future meeting.

Update on the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) “Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program” Grant for System-Level Diversion and Alternatives to Incarceration Projects

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled “Diversion/Alternatives to Incarceration Grant Application Overview, February 2017.”

There is a \$400,000 budget ceiling with no match required. The grant is up to 3 years, starting October 1, 2017, and must include a 6-month planning phase. For a sustainability plan, we could look at the Eau Claire model, and eventually implement program fees to sustain the Diversion Coordinator position.

This morning, the CJCC Executive Committee approved moving forward with the grant application, which is due April 25, 2017.

Luczaj will work with Opper to sketch out the details of the proposal, and then it will be presented to this workgroup for discussion and approval before submission. Will also suggested including the Sheriff's Department in the discussion as well.

Finalize Workgroup Goal Statement(s)

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup Goal Statement Brainstorming," which listed the short- and long-term goals discussed at the last meeting for consideration.

The workgroup discussed the wording of the goal statement.

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Aprahamian, to approve the goal statement to read "Identify, explore, and promote opportunities to divert or defer prosecution of participants involved in the adult justice system to sustainable programs that reduce expense, facilitate effective treatment and rehabilitation, and reduce recidivism for the protection of our community." Motion passed unanimously.

The workgroup discussed various objectives, and made changes to ensure cohesion with the new goal statement.

Luczaj will update the document to reflect the changes made by the group and will redistribute it at the next meeting for review and adoption.

Begin Drafting Workgroup Change Targets

Luczaj distributed a document titled "EBDM Case Processing Workgroup Recommended Change Strategy" as a sample, and reviewed the document with the group.

Luczaj, Benedict, and Carter will work on a draft of the workgroup's change strategy, and will then update the group on their progress at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.