



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making
Alternative Interventions Workgroup Minutes
Monday, April 10, 2017

Members Present

Sam Benedict – Co-Chair
Sue Opper
Duane Paulson

Joan Sternweis
Marla Bell

Members Absent

Hon. Lloyd Carter – Co-Chair
Mary Wittwer

Hon. Michael Aprahamian

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Kelsey Loshaw
Daniela Imig

Andrea Will
Janelle McClain
Tom LeBel

Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m., and the meeting began with introductions.

Approve Minutes from March 13, 2017 Meeting

Motion: Opper moved, second by Bell, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on Progress of BJA Grant Application

Luczaj stated that there is priority consideration given to grant applicants if a researcher is included in the proposal. UW-Milwaukee Associate Professor, Tom LeBel, has accepted the role. If we are awarded the grant, LeBel would be required to join the workgroup in the 6-month planning phase and throughout project implementation.

LeBel suggested that, for consistency, we should continue utilizing the risk assessment tool we currently administer- the Risk and Needs Triage (RANT). The RANT screening tool is meant for those with substance use disorders. We currently pay for a 5-user license for Drug Treatment Court, but do not utilize all 5 users. Luczaj suggested that low-risk individuals be considered for pre-charge diversion and moderate-risk individuals be considered for deferred prosecution, leaving the high-risk individuals to continue to be served through drug court. Much of the details can be finalized during the 6-month planning phase of the grant.

During the planning phase, the workgroup will need to determine what requirements to include in the pre-charge diversion contracts, as well as the deferred prosecution agreements.

The grant application requires identifying the need and why we are applying. Benedict commented that we should be clear in the application so that the grant reviewers do not assume we already have a diversion program in place. Data will also need to be included to support why we are applying.

Until the results of the grant are announced in September 2017, the workgroup should continue identifying and prioritizing other change targets.

Review Local Data Sources on Prevalence of Opiate Use and Mental Health Disorders

WCS Pretrial Screening Self-Report Data

Luczaj distributed and reviewed the Pretrial Jail Screening Stats from WCS for 1/1 – 3/17/17. Imig will find out if the statistics are duplicated or unduplicated counts, and will report back to the group. There should be an additional entry showing those who had no identified substance use or mental health issues.

PROTECT

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a copy of an e-mail from Julie Delain at the District Attorney's (DA's) Office showing the number of possession of narcotics cases, Statute No. 961.41(3g)(am), from 2014-2016. Based on the information given, Opper and Luczaj proposed serving a total of 200 people over the 3 year grant period, which would equate to approximately 30% of the total possession of narcotics cases coming through the DA's office. The number served would be broken down to 50 people in the first year, and 75 people in the second and third years of the grant.

Medical Examiner's Office

Luczaj distributed and reviewed the Waukesha County Drug Related Deaths for 2008-2016 statistics, as well as the Deaths by Type of Substances Identified statistics, from the Medical Examiner's office.

DTC

Will shared statistics from the DA's Office for Drug Treatment Court. There were 137 total referrals between February 2016 and February 2017. The DA's Office did not track approvals dating back to 2012 when the program started because those applications are sent to WCS, who tracks this statistic. Applications were open from 2/8 – 3/11/16, 8/12 – 9/30/16, 10/17 – 12/12/16, and 2/9 – 2/14/17. Luczaj will forward the e-mail from Will containing these specific statistics to the workgroup.

Continued Discussion on Risk Assessment Tools

While we have determined that we will continue using the RANT screening tool for the diversion grant, Sternweis would be interested in reviewing other options specifically for mental health risk assessment. LeBel will send information to Luczaj regarding the K-6 tool that is used to screen for mental health issues. Bell commented that dual diagnosis (often undiagnosed) is common in the criminal justice system, so it is worth the group looking into it.

Update on NIC Diversion Symposium May 31 – June 1

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a summary of the National Symposium on Pretrial Diversion in Washington, DC, that NIC is sponsoring two participants from each EBDM county to attend. Luczaj and Opper will be representing Waukesha County.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19, at 1:30 p.m., with NIC Consultant, Mimi Carter. We will have a grant application update and begin work on our change strategy objectives and priorities.

At a future meeting, we will discuss a review of the 180 Diversion program.

Adjourn

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Opper to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.