



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Mental Health Committee Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2021**

Team Members Present:

Antwayne Robertson (Co-Chair)	Dr. Isha Salva	Zachary Bosch
Andy Dresang	Danielle Birdeau	Mary Madden
Angie Wollenhaupt		

Team Members Absent:

Michelle Larsuel	Maura McMahon	Hon. Maria Lazar
Anna Ruzinski (Co-Chair)		

Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Nicole Ostrowski (proxy for McMahon)
Jenny Wrucke	Kirk Yauchler	

Co-Chair Robertson called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approve Minutes from December 16, 2020

Motion: Madden moved, second by Birdeau, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of December 16, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Review and Discuss 2020 Crisis Services Outcomes

Birdeau shared a document titled “Waukesha County DHHS Crisis Intervention Services Summary Statistics, January – December 2020.”

Waukesha County received 4,785 crisis calls in 2020, which is an increase from 2019. There were 1,155 assessments conducted and 544 emergency detentions (236 of these were dismissed).

Salva arrived at 12:06 p.m.

Due to the COVID pandemic, most crisis risk assessments were conducted by phone rather than in-person. Risk assessments remained comprehensive apart from in-person observation.

Emergency Detentions (EDs) continued to decrease in 2020 compared to 2019 and previous years, while ensuring that the ED determinations are necessary. Birdeau added that there were 1056 EDs in 2011. The large decrease demonstrates that the County’s crisis services has been extremely effective. The decrease is a testament to the CIT training, crisis services team, and community partners.

Youth versus adult calls and assessments continues to stay consistent at a 20%/80% rate respectively.

Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant

Feedback from 12/16/20 Virtual Site Visit

Birdeau shared a document titled “Waukesha County Virtual Site Visit Report.”

The technical assistance provider, Mark Stovell, acknowledged the diverse group of stakeholders, as well as the collaboration of all the stakeholders.

Recommendations to improve programming and processes included:

- Compare Wellpath's mental health screens with examples of validated screens for serious mental illness (SMI)
- Explore feasibility of collecting baseline data on SMI at the jail.
- Compare the County's Evidence Based Decision-Making (EBDM) mental health system map with additional services offered in the county since the map was compiled.
- Work with County leadership to pass a letter of support for the Stepping Up Initiative.

Birdeau and Luczaj hope to utilize the Spillman jail records system to create a baseline of data for the initiative.

No-Cost Extension Request ~AND~ Crisis Stabilization Services Implementation Plan

Luczaj reported that the CJCC plans to request a 1-year no-cost extension request through September 30, 2022, which will be due to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) by July 30, 2021.

Updates on Homeless Community Outreach Effort

Yauchler stated that, while various services are available at HHS, there are challenges with the homeless population obtaining those services. For example, there can be difficulties beginning the process if the requirement is for the person to call in, but they do not have a cell phone.

HHS has recently created a Homeless Services Coordination Workgroup with representatives from all HHS divisions. The goal is to present the homeless population with all the services available to them, no matter the division they come to first for help.

HHS staff, primarily from the ADRC and Clinic volunteers, have been conducting street outreach on Wednesday afternoons.

Announcements

Ruzinski was confirmed by the US Senate as a US Marshal on January 5, 2021. Luczaj will discuss a replacement for Ruzinski as co-chair of the committee with Judge Dorow.

Elizabeth (Liz) Aldred will be replacing Robertson as the HHS Director. She will be starting on Monday.

Wollenhaupt has been promoted to Jail Administrator.

Ostrowski left at 12:57 p.m. Dresang left at 12:58 p.m.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Update on Committee Membership/Leadership Changes
- JMHCP Grant Update

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Madden moved, second by Birdeau, to adjourn the meeting at 12:59 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.