



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Members Present

Jeremy Perri (Co-Chair)
Sue Opper

Joel Gaughan
Marla Bell

Kirk Yauchler (Co-Chair)

Members Absent

Mary Sweeney

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Kristy Gusse

Janelle McClain
Denise Rawski (proxy for Sweeney)

Hon. Lloyd Carter

Yauchler called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes from June 7, 2022 Meeting

Motion: Bell moved, second by Gaughan, to approve the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of June 7, 2022. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Update on Diversion Program Sustainability Plan and Introduction of New Diversion Coordinator, Kristy Gusse

Opper introduced Gusse, who replaced Shelby Maruszczak at the end of June as the new Diversion Coordinator.

Luczaj reported that opioid settlement money has been approved to be utilized to sustain the diversion program, effective January 1, 2023, which includes the Diversion Coordinator and Case Manager positions, as well as drug testing expenses.

Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Changes

Motion: Perri moved, second by Bell, to replace Hon. Brad Schimel with Hon. Lloyd Carter as a member of the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion: Perri moved, second by Bell, to replace Hon. Laura Lau with Hon. Jack Melvin as a member of the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion: Perri moved, second by Bell, to replace Shelby Maruszczak with Kristy Gusse as a member of the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Review Diversion Program Outcomes

Review Screening and Enrollment Data

Gusse distributed and reviewed a document titled, "Pre-Charge Diversion and Post-Charge Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Statistics."

Gusse will be reaching out to defendants to encourage them to contact WCS to be screened for the program in hopes of increasing referrals. Gusse may eventually handle all program screening to reduce the back-and-forth defendants are currently required to do.

Review Diversion/DPA Monitoring Outcomes

Rawski distributed and reviewed documents titled, "Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – August 2022" and "Waukesha Day Report Center – Referral Trends – 2019-2022."

There has not been any new diversion or DPA clients for the last 3+ months, mostly due to the DA's Office preparing for a lengthy trial.

Attendees discussed some strategies to increase diversion/DPA clients, including Gusse handling more of the tasks to lessen confusion of all the parties involved, as well as holding a lunch and learn for attorneys to offer a refresher on the program.

Update on Day Report Center (DRC) Relocation

Luczaj reported that currently, the DRC is co-located at the Huber facility, which will be phased out by the end of 2023. WCS has some space in their office building that the owner was willing to lease at a very reasonable cost. Therefore, the DRC will be relocating to the WCS offices across from the courthouse on October 4. This will be more convenient for clients who currently must report to both DRC and WCS, as transportation can be an issue.

Review Day Report Center Program Outcomes

Rawski reported that enrollments are low for the DRC.

Luczaj recommended having a DRC overview for the criminal/traffic judges, as well as providing a lunch and learn for attorneys.

Opper left at 12:45 p.m.

Update on 8/15 – 8/18 DWI Court Foundational Training and Plan for Follow-Up Retreat on 11/18

Luczaj provided a brief overview of the foundational training that occurred in August with facilitators from the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC). The OWI Treatment Court staffing team came up with a list of items to follow up on at a staff retreat scheduled for November 18. Judge Aprahamian agreed to attend the retreat as well to help smooth the transition of information to Judge Melvin.

Review Treatment Court Caseloads and Pending Enrollments

Rawski provided the following statistics for Drug Treatment Court:

- 36 currently enrolled
 - 17 are in phases 4 or 5
 - 2 graduations are scheduled for September
- 4 are on the waiting list

Rawski provided the following statistics for OWI Treatment Court:

- 37 currently enrolled
 - 2 graduations are scheduled for this week
- 2 graduations just occurred in August
- There is no waitlist, but they are only taking those with recent OWIs

Gusse suggested having a deadline for defendants to respond to the Drug Treatment Court offer, like what is done for OWI Treatment Court. This may increase the number of participants because they have a sense of urgency to decide.

Announcements

The 2023 CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting schedule will remain as is.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Program Enrollment Update – progress on strategies identified to increase enrollments

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Gaughan moved, second by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.