



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Pretrial Workgroup Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Team Members Present:

Judge Jennifer Dorow (Co-Chair)
Sara Carpenter (Co-Chair)
Sam Benedict

Sue Opper
Abbey Nickolie
Mary Wittwer

Laura Lau
JoAnn Eiring

Team Members Absent:

Craig Kuhary

Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj
Matt Richie

Anna Kees
Amy Rendall

Janelle McClain
Mimi Carter

Dorow called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Approve Minutes from December 6, 2016 Meeting

Motion: Benedict moved, second by Carpenter to approve the minutes from December 6, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Review & Discuss 6-Month Report on IDIP Risk Tool Data

Richie is an evaluator with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee who WCS has contracted with to compile and evaluate data from the IDIP risk tool.

Richie distributed and reviewed a handout titled *"An Evaluation of the OWI Pretrial Risk Assessment and a New Model of OWI Supervision: The First Six Months."* The report described data collected starting on June 14, 2016, and included a comparison between the old and new supervision models. Richie noted that race and gender bias was not a factor with this instrument. Addressing the concern of race and gender bias in risk assessment instruments, Carter stated that it is a controversial issue because there is inherent bias in that minority populations tend to live in areas that are policed more often, so there tend to be more arrests.

Richie will be conducting another focus group on January 30 to address how supervision has affected participants' lives. He hopes to have client feedback available to include in the 12-month report.

Richie will update the report to reflect that "Yes" is always "1" for the coding of "Residence Status."

The group agreed that the following should be added to the report:

- Violations
- Additional charges besides the OWI
- Failure to appear rates by risk level
- Raw numbers

Eiring stated that discretion is used with the courts if there is a concern that a participant's risk level has come back too low. The cases can be reviewed on an individual basis.

Dorow would like to see the following tracked by WCS:

- Criminal charge
- Whether the participant's level of supervision was increased

Carter, Richie, and Carpenter will discuss what needs to be added/changed in the report, and then will bring the information back to the workgroup.

Continue Discussion on Data Collection Project

Rendall distributed and reviewed a report with the first week of every month between 9/1/15 and 4/7/16, pulling information for each in-custody case on the specific court dates. The intention of the report is to see the correlation between the risk score and the outcome of the case.

Rendall will make the following changes and forward the revised document to Dorow:

- Insert a new column on the report for IDIP
- Primary sort by "Risk Score," and secondary sort by "Post Bail"

Review Work Plan to Assess Progress on Identified Activities

Luczaj distributed a document titled *"Expectations of Wisconsin EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites,"* which Carter reviewed with the group. The document, put together by the state EBDM Policy Team, is to be reviewed by the counties before being finalized. The intention of the state team is to have all of the EBDM counties providing similar pretrial services and reporting similar information.

If members have feedback, let Luczaj know, and she will forward it to the state team.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.