



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Members Present:

Sam Benedict (Chair)	Luke Hallmark	Mary Wittwer
Judge William Domina	Ron Pupp	
Linda Saafir	Abbey Nickolie	

Members Absent:

Kelly Haag	Sara Carpenter	Dick Farvour
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Also Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Alison Ries
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Chair Benedict called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2016

Domina moved, second by Hallmark to approve the minutes from January 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Member Updates

Ron Pupp introduced himself and stated he is the replacement for Pete Slesar who has retired. Nickolie reported that as of September 1, Brian Juech would be replacing her on the committee. Also as of September 1, Hallmark will be moving into a new position where he will no longer be the SRO for the high schools. Hallmark will speak with the new SRO about his interest in replacing him on the committee. Mary Wittwer will be replacing Sara Carpenter from WCS.

Review Recent Case Filing & Detention Statistics, Including Delinquency & Truancy Dispositions

Domina distributed handouts detailing Juvenile Court case filing statistics by type over the past year; 2016 charges filed thru 7/31/16; sanction hearings for the past 10 years; detention hearings for the past 10 years; and 2016 trends in dispositional hearings.

Domina reported that JIPS cases have gone up largely due to the increase in focus on truanancies. An increase in sanction hearings is trending, again most likely due to focus on truanancies. Delinquencies have also increased but the increase is in accordance with the rising national average of juvenile delinquencies. Domina believes juvenile mental health cases will decrease due to new legislation regarding triage efforts. Regarding types of charges for juveniles in Waukesha County, disorderly conduct is the most often charged offense, with criminal damage to property being the second most charged offense. Domina reported an increase in both

detention hearings and dispositional hearings, which could be due to the request for psychological exams/assessments and drug testing.

Benedict questioned what level of occurrence is the opiate epidemic at the juvenile level. Domina reported that he sees a lot of marijuana and alcohol use in teens with an average age of 13-14 years old. He stated marijuana is causing mental health breakdowns in these teens. Regarding opioids, Domina stated he sees it but it is rare. He feels it does not seem to be trending in the juvenile population yet and suggests the reason may be due to promoting community awareness in teens.

Update on Work of Committee to Improve Habitual Truancy

The Truancy Task Force came up with the idea of a community garden to be used as a sanction for poor conduct. The County helped fund the garden, which is located on Northview Road near the Huber facility and is operated by the UW-Extension Master Gardener. The program currently runs from June – September. A UW-Extension nutritionist is also involved to provide education. Currently, there are 15 juveniles in the program, which includes a mixture of truant and delinquent juveniles. They go to the garden 1-2 times per week to plant, weed, and harvest the crops. So far, there has been 408 pounds of produce harvested. All produce is donated to the food pantry. Domina feels the program is working because the juveniles actually feel like they are contributing and doing something worthwhile. Domina reported there is a celebration on September 24 at 10:00 a.m. where he will be handing out certificates to the juveniles for successful completion. Responding to Luczaj's question, Domina stated funding for the garden is in the budget for 2017. Saafir stated she hopes more social workers find the need to refer to the program eventually. Pupp stated there are definitely success stories associated with the garden.

Health & Human Services Department Updates

Pupp distributed a handout titled, "*Shelter Care at Lad Lake 7/1/15-7/31/16.*"

Shelter Care Services: Pupp reported that, effective this week, there is a revised visitation policy for social workers at Lad Lake. The new policy will track and record when a social worker visits their client. Under the new policy, the social worker will send an e-mail to shelter care staff advising them of their visit.

Residents Attending School: Saafir questioned what the current set up is for online schooling in shelter care. Pupp stated they must enroll in it; however, most juveniles are only in shelter care for 4-5 days, so by the time they enroll, they are back in their own community school. Domina feels the online schooling for those who stay longer than 4-5 days is important. He suggested conducting hearings/court via video so as not to disrupt the school day while a child is in shelter care.

Shackling Statistics:

Pupp reported that no juveniles are shackled (feet cuffed) during transport; however, some are handcuffed during transport. Benedict questioned why a child would be handcuffed if they have been assessed as low-risk. Domina stated no risk assessment tool is used. Benedict believes handcuffs should only be used on those who are at risk of harm to themselves or

others and says that sometimes the damage that happens from detaining low-risk juveniles is substantial. Hallmark stated that when transportation is in a police vehicle, they are already detained with or without handcuffs. Ultimately, the decision to restrain at this point is up to the discretion of the Sheriff's Department.

Pupp informed the committee on the Youth Leadership Teams program. The purpose of the program is to involve individuals between the ages of 14-24, who have had contact with the juvenile justice system, to share what worked for them in the system and what did not work for them. Pupp will forward more information via email to the committee.

Update on Current CJCC Initiatives

Luczaj updated the committee on the Drug Court funding. She reported that two grants currently fund the program; one is a federal grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the other is a state Department of Justice Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) grant. Luczaj stated the federal grant is ending September 30, 2017 and unless there is alternative funding, Waukesha County may reduce capacity to the 25 participants funded by the TAD grant.

The EBDM workgroups have wrapped up Phase V and funding for Phase VI will begin October 1, 2016, if awarded, and will last 1 year. Grants announcements are expected at the beginning of September. Phase VI, which is the implementation phase, provides continued technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections.

Benedict stated that meetings of the CJCC have been suspended due to the overlap with the work of the EBDM Policy Team and workgroups.

Set Next Meeting Date & Discuss Future Agenda Items

Benedict reported that there are staff changes in his area. Adam Schlais will be taking over the juvenile caseloads and Jean La Tour will be transitioning back to adult caseloads.

Wittwer stated that WCS has been experiencing some inconsistencies in after-hours intake. Domina suggested making the topic a future agenda item if issues continue to arise.

Hallmark reported that his department is dealing with a lot of juveniles and sexting. Currently, the police department handles it as a child pornography charge until they can gather more details.

The next meeting will be scheduled in January 2017. Luczaj will send out a Doodle survey to find a date that works best for everyone.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.