



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Evidence-Based Decision Making Treatment Court Workgroup  
Thursday, January 12, 2017 Minutes

**Members Present**

Hon. Lloyd Carter – Co-Chair  
Sue Opper  
Duane Paulson  
Mary Wittwer

Sam Benedict – Co-Chair  
Joan Sternweis  
Hon. Michael Aprahamian  
Marla Bell

**Others Present**

NIC Consultant Mimi Carter  
Rebecca Luczaj  
Kelsey Loshaw

Janelle McClain  
Andrea Will  
Paul Decker

Benedict called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and gave background information on the creation of the workgroup, which was followed by introductions.

**Overview of Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative**

Luczaj distributed a handout from NIC detailing what the EBDM Initiative is, and Benedict gave a brief overview and history of Waukesha County's participation in the initiative since 2015.

EBDM is a statewide initiative with high-level state participation, including a statewide team that is working with the six local teams. We are currently in Phase VI.

This workgroup was not part of the initial change targets identified by the Policy Team; therefore, the group will need to develop their own change targets to work towards as there are with the other EBDM workgroups.

One of the goals of the committee is to develop a sustainability plan for drug court, as well as explore other diversion and deferred prosecution opportunities.

Decker arrived at 4:19 p.m.

**Overview of Policy Team Change Target Selection Process**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled *"Waukesha County EBDM Decision Point Opportunities."*

Bell suggested utilizing the recommendations from American University when they conducted a drug court site visit in December 2015.

Decker expressed a concern that, in order to fund drug court with tax levy, monies would need to be taken from another program.

Aprahamian arrived at 4:28 p.m.

Will has reached out to Rebecca Scott about the 180 Diversion Program. In the past, there have been concerns about mixing low and high-risk populations, so they are open to a program evaluation. The workgroup may want to consider adding Rebecca Scott to its membership.

When discussing the name of the workgroup, members agreed that having only “Treatment Court” in the name of the workgroup is too narrow. The group will continue to brainstorm better workgroup name options at the next meeting.

Carter arrived at 4:34 p.m.

The workgroup will also begin discussing change targets at the next meeting. Benedict is concerned that if the change targets are too broad, the workgroup may lose sight of its purpose and not make any progress towards reaching objectives.

#### **Review NIC Workgroup Process Document**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed NIC’s workgroup process steps.

The workgroup will be completing each step in the process at future meetings.

#### **Discuss Workgroup Membership**

Workgroup membership will be revisited, as the workgroup will base its membership on the change targets once they are finalized.

#### **Discuss 2017 Meeting Schedule**

Members discussed available schedules and times. Mondays at noon works best. The next meeting will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> at noon, and then every 2 weeks thereafter. Luczaj will send out a recurring notice in Outlook.

#### **Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

The group will review steps 1-3 from the NIC workgroup process document, as well as finalize the workgroup name.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.