



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Mental Health Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

**Team Members Present:**

Anna Ruzinski (Co-Chair)	Chris Morgan	Dr. James Rutherford
Antwayne Robertson (Co-Chair)	Maura McMahan	Danielle Birdeau
Andy Dresang		

**Team Members Absent:**

Sally Tess	Mary Madden	Hon. Michael Maxwell
Dan Baumann	Michelle Larsuel	

**Others Present:**

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Joan Sternweis
Hon. Laura Lau (Proxy for Maxwell)	Marla Bell (Proxy for Tess)	

Robertson called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Approve Minutes from April 17, 2019**

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by McMahan, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

**Update on Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Application**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Application Summary; June 2019."

Lau arrived at 12:07 p.m.

The project will include an 8-month Planning Phase, where a consultant will be hired to work with the Mental Health Committee on completing a required Planning & Implementation Guide, followed by a 16-month Implementation Phase. The Implementation Phase will involve hiring a Clinical Therapist and 2.5 FTE contracted Crisis Stabilization Workers to fill a crisis stabilization service gap within the County. This will allow individuals with mental illness or co-occurring disorders to avoid arrest and be diverted from the jail. It will also allow for earlier discharge of patients from the Mental Health Center as they will have stabilization services in the home once they are discharged. The work that results from the grant project would help to establish the infrastructure for a crisis respite facility in the future.

In 2021, at the end of this 2-year grant, Waukesha County would then plan to apply for Category 3 Implementation and Expansion funding from the JMHCP grant, which would allow for an additional 3 years of funding for up to \$750,000. For that project application, the focus would be on the implementation of a crisis respite facility, which would be more feasible considering the funding and length of time available.

Rutherford arrived at 12:15 p.m.

Committee members signed a letter of support to commit to participating in the project as the planning team, if funded.

**Discuss and Complete *Stepping Up County Self-Assessment Tool***

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a copy of the “Stepping Up County Self-Assessment Tool.”

Committee members participated in completing the tool, which was required as one of the priority considerations for the JMHCP grant.

Lau left at 1:05 p.m.

**Discuss Agenda Items for 7/17 Meeting with Emergency Department Providers**

- Discuss Creation of Overdose Fatality Review Team

McClain will e-mail the providers to see if they have any agenda items they would like to add.

**Other Items for Discussion**

There were no other items for discussion.

**Adjourn**

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Dresang, to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.