



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Monday, September 17, 2018

Members Present

Sam Benedict – Chair
Marla Bell
Joan Sternweis

Sue Opper
Hon. Michael Aprahamian

Hon. Maria Lazar
Duane Paulson

Members Absent

Daniela Imig

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Amber Rumpf

Janelle McClain
Kurt Roskopf

Mary Wittwer

Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes from June 25, 2018 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Bell, to approve the minutes of June 25, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

View New Drug Court Testimonial Video

Committee members viewed the new Drug Court testimonial video (<https://youtu.be/4ETB-KwzSeU>), produced by Imig and her husband.

Opper and Lazar arrived at 12:08 p.m.

Committee members were very impressed with the video participants and the video as a whole. Benedict added that the length of the video was the perfect amount of time. Luczaj stated that a link to the video will be placed on the CJCC internet page.

Review and Discuss SAMHSA Drug Court Site Visit Report

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "Preliminary Onsite Implementation Report; TA371/TI080167 Waukesha County Drug Court; Waukesha, Wisconsin; Dates of Site Visit: June 13-14, 2018."

Overall, the feedback was positive. The consultant was impressed with the HHS Clinical Services, as well as the peer support component. Peer support is new to drug courts in general, so he was impressed that Waukesha County was already implementing this best practice.

After the report came out, SAMHSA announced that the technical assistance contract with JBS International had ended, so Waukesha County will likely not be receiving a follow-up to this report.

Luczaj reported that the reason Waukesha County did not include an evaluator with this grant application was because Matt Hiller from Temple University evaluated the program from 2012-2017, the first five years of the Drug Treatment Court (DTC). Hiller offered to do pro bono work, should the county need additional program evaluation.

Lazar reported that the staffing team reviewed some alternative incentives and sanctions matrices at their meeting on July 25. They will follow-up on this, and other operational issues, at their DTC staffing team retreat scheduled for September 24.

Update on DHHS Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Efforts

Sternweis reported that the DHHS MAT efforts continue to expand, thanks in part to many federal and state grants that have recently been awarded to Waukesha County.

Genoa Pharmacy was added on-site 3-4 years ago, and has allowed quick access to Suboxone and Vivitrol prescriptions, once the patient has been verified to be abstinent, due to a risk for health or withdrawal issues that could result if they are not. Beginning in fall 2017, Suboxone was made available to uninsured and underinsured Waukesha County residents at the outpatient clinic. An addictions-trained and certified practitioner will be starting at the outpatient clinic 2-days per week. Intensive outpatient treatment has also been expanded.

John Kettler has been working with Mike Giese, Jail Administrator, and others on a pilot program to administer Vivitrol in the jail 5 days prior to an inmate's release from custody, in an effort to reduce the frequency of overdoses. Currently, parties are reviewing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Benedict stated that open access hours are not the same every day, which is confusing to clients, and open access hours cannot be easily located on the DHHS website. In addition, staff have turned clients away if they arrive shortly after the end of open access hours. Sternweis acknowledged that staff are addressing the varied hours issue and she will follow-up on this at the next meeting. MAT is part of open access, and when a prescriber is available, medication can be distributed same-day.

Update on 9/12-9/13/18 Diversion Standards Training

Benedict stated that seven people from Waukesha County attended the 2 days of training: Luczaj, Opper and Kristi Gordon from the District Attorney's Office, Imig and Denise Rawski from WCS, and Benedict and David Herring from the State Public Defender's Office. This was the first of three regional trainings being offered throughout the state by the DOJ.

Benedict observed that many counties are interested in a diversion program, but few have a program in place.

All of the attendees agreed that the diversion standards were not clearly stated by the presenters. Opper added that this could be due to differences in how each county operates their diversion programs.

Luczaj commented that she enjoyed the smaller team breakouts, but found that the material presented seemed to be too basic for the EBDM counties in attendance.

Other Items for Discussion

Aprahamian reported that the Alcohol Treatment Court staffing team recently held a retreat where they voted to change the name of the program to "Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) Treatment Court," which is a common name for this type of court. The name change also helps to clarify that the court is not only focused on alcohol-related driving offenses, but also those involving a controlled substance. Judge Lau will be presiding over OWI Treatment Court after the judicial rotation at the end of the year. Aprahamian has documented all operational changes over the last 3 years to allow for a smooth transition.

Motion: Aprahamian moved, second by Lazar, to change the name from "Waukesha County Alcohol Treatment Court" to "Waukesha County Operating While Intoxicated Treatment Court." Motion passed unanimously. The name change will be voted on at the next CJCC Executive meeting.

Citizen member Roskopf gave a brief public comment.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Sternweis will provide follow-up on Open Access, such as hours and flexibility
- Overview of DTC staffing team retreat

Adjourn

Motion: Aprahamian moved, second by Lazar, to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m.