



## Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Thursday, October 25, 2018

### Members Present

Sam Benedict – Chair  
Marla Bell

Sue Opper  
Daniela Imig

Hon. Maria Lazar  
Duane Paulson

### Members Absent

Hon. Michael Arahamian

Joan Sternweis

### Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj  
Jeff Styka

Tom LeBel

Mary Wittwer

Benedict called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and began with introductions.

### Approve Minutes from September 17, 2018 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Imig, to approve the minutes of September 17, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

### Update on Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) “FY 2018 Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program” Grant Award

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled “Awards Made for Solicitation; Category 3: System-level Diversion Projects.”

Waukesha County, awarded \$631,019, was one of three counties to be awarded the grant in Wisconsin. The state DOJ was awarded the two grants that they applied for under this solicitation as well.

### Review and Discuss Grant “To Do” List

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled “Project Timeline.”

Luczaj stated that the project timeline submitted with the grant proposal could serve as the start of a task list of what needs to be accomplished by the committee to prepare for project implementation. The planning phase (Goal #1) will be from October 1 – December 31, 2018. The implementation phase of the project will be January 2019 through the end of September 2021.

The County Board has approved the position ordinance for the Diversion Coordinator as a County employee, with a start date of January 2019 and a sunset of September 30, 2021 at the end of the grant period. The Diversion Coordinator will be a paralegal position. The panel interview team will consist of Opper, Benedict, Luczaj, and a WCS representative.

The Diversion Coordinator will be located in the District Attorney’s Office, and will be screening for opiate-related cases that are referred to the office for charging decisions. Eligible cases do not have to be drug charges. After the initial screening is complete, the defendants who qualify will be referred to WCS, who will set up an appointment for the defendant to come in for RANT and UNCOPE Plus screening, administered by the Case Manager. A final eligibility determination will be made based on the outcomes of all of the screening.

In response to a question from Lazar, Opper stated that cases referred prior to January 1, 2019 would be screened for this project on a case-by-case basis. Luczaj stated that Waukesha County plans to serve 45 defendants in Year 1 of the project, and 55 defendants in Years 2 and 3, for 150 total individuals served by the end of the 3-year grant period.

The committee discussed how to start working on the implementation task list. Opper commented that topics like reviewing existing protocols and developing policies and procedures could be an initial project for the Diversion Coordinator; however, Benedict suggested having a few things set in place by the committee first, such as eligibility

requirements, how non-compliance will be handled, etc. Then, the Coordinator can assemble the policies and procedures using the information that the committee has worked on. Imig would also like the Diversion Coordinator to review the sanctions/incentives matrix that WCS previously developed.

### **Review RANT and UNCOPE Plus Screening Tools/Scoring**

Imig and Styka distributed and reviewed documents titled “Risk and Needs Triage- RANT (overview); RANT (screening tool); 5 example RANT reports with client names redacted; and the UNCOPE Plus: Substance Use Disorder Screen.”

Imig stated that they utilize two versions of the RANT – one for Alcohol Treatment Court (ATC), called the DUI-RANT, and one for Drug Treatment Court (DTC).

WCS will administer the LSCMI to determine clients’ needs at the Day Report Center once they are enrolled in the program as a pre-charge diversion or DPA.

This committee will need to determine what the eligibility cut-off level will be for the UNCOPE Plus.

### **Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Change**

Motion: Imig moved, second by Bell, to add Tom LeBel, UW-Milwaukee Department of Criminal Justice Associate Professor, to the Alternative Interventions Committee for the length of the BJA Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Overview of 9/24 Drug Court Staffing Team Retreat and Upcoming Program Operations/Structure Changes**

Lazar gave an overview of the agenda for the 9/24 Drug Court Staffing Team Retreat and accomplishments. Staffing team members are updating forms that are given to participants to ensure that all objectives are clear.

The incentives and sanctions matrices are in the process of being updated, with less emphasis on jail sanctions, which was one of the recommendations from the SAMHSA consultant who observed the program in June 2018. The program will be transitioning to a 5-phase model in January 2019, to maintain fidelity to best practice standards recommended by the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI).

Graduation procedures have changed to allow Lazar and staff to spend more time acknowledging the graduate. Lazar is encouraging everyone to make graduation an important event – inviting loved ones, preparing a speech to the other participants, etc.

### **Other Items for Discussion**

Imig announced that she is leaving WCS at the end of next week for another position; Sara Carpenter and Mary Wittwer will be our contacts in the interim while they find her replacement. Committee members expressed their well wishes for Imig and thanked her for her contributions to the committee.

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

- Amber Rumpf will be Benedict’s proxy at the next Alternative Interventions Committee meeting
- Opper will chair the next meeting

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Opper moved, second by Imig, to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.