



# Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, December 5, 2023

## Members Present

Jeremy Perri (Co-Chair)  
Marla Bell

Kirk Yauchler (Co-Chair)  
Mary Sweeney

Hon. Jack Melvin  
Kristy Gusse

## Members Absent

Hon. Lloyd Carter

Sue Opper

Joel Gaughan

## Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj

Janelle McClain

Denise Rawski

Perri called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

## Approve Minutes from September 5, 2023 Meeting

Motion: Yauchler moved, second by Bell, to approve the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of September 5, 2023. Motion carried without a negative vote.

## Review and Discuss Diversion Program Outcomes

### *Review Screening and Enrollment Data*

Gusse distributed and reviewed a document titled, "Pre-Charge Diversion and Post-Charge Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Statistics (as of 11/30/23)." Gusse reported that 23 defendants were screened in the last quarter.

Attendees discussed the option of texting defendants to help increase the response rate to potential offers from the DA's Office.

As of January 2023, program eligibility was expanded to include out-of-county defendants. To date, there have been 22 defendants from out-of-county enrolled in the program, three defendants in the past month. Gusse will track the success rate for these defendants to be able to determine if transportation is a barrier to successful completion.

### *Review Diversion/Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Monitoring Outcomes*

Rawski distributed and reviewed documents titled, "Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – as of 11-30-23" and "Waukesha Day Report Center – Referral Trends – 2019-2023."

Melvin has not had the opportunity to discuss DRC referrals yet at a C/T Judges' meeting; however, he has been talking with the reserve judges individually about the program. Sweeney stated that WCS will be presenting on the DRC to the C/T Judges at their meeting on 12/19/23.

## Review and Discuss Program Outcomes

Sweeney distributed and reviewed documents titled, "OWITC 10-31-2023" and "DTC 10-31-2023."

Luczaj reported that John Kettler, the HHS Clinical Services Division Integrated Services Supervisor, has a grant that will renew in January and will allow the CJCC to utilize grant funds to translate all of the treatment court documentation to Spanish, as there has been an increase in Spanish-speaking participants enrolled in the treatment courts lately.

## Update on 11/30/23 OWITC Observation/Evaluation

Luczaj attended the OWI Treatment Court (OWITC) observation/evaluation with Heather Kierzek, Statewide Problem-Solving Court Coordinator, on 11/30/23. Kierzek will provide a written report with recommendations and feedback on the OWITC. Luczaj hopes to schedule a retreat for the OWITC staffing team to review the recommendations when they are available. Luczaj reported that Kierzek was overall impressed with the program.

Melvin left at 12:48 p.m.

### **2024 Budget Updates Related to CJCC Programs**

Luczaj reported that the Diversion program will continue to be funded in 2024 with opioid settlement funds. In addition, Luczaj requested to utilize opioid funding to send one representative from each stakeholder organization on the treatment court staffing teams to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) annual conference in May in Anaheim, CA., which was approved.

### **Review and Update Committee Workplan**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed documents titled, "Waukesha County EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup Recommended Change Strategy," "EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup Goal Statement Draft," and "Waukesha County EBDM Mental Health Committee." Luczaj stated that a workplan had never been developed previously for this committee through the EDBM process, so this group will need to start from scratch. The group agreed to utilize a majority of the next meeting to begin developing the committee's workplan.

### **Discuss 2024 Committee Meeting Schedule**

Attendees agreed to maintain the current meeting schedule through 2024 – quarterly meetings, the first Tuesday of the month, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **Announcements**

Luczaj reported that Waukesha County will be funding three new positions in the District Attorney's Office, as the sixth criminal court will be continuing in 2024. Due in part to the DA's Office needing this additional funding to be able to continue to staff the treatment courts, Gaughan sponsored a budget amendment to move this forward and it passed the County Board in October.

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

- Review/Update Workplan

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Bell moved, second by Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Were Approved March 5, 2024.