



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair
County Executive Paul Farrow
SPD Attorney Manager Maura McMahon (proxy for Benedict)
DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess
HHS Director Antwayne Robertson
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn

Clerk of Circuit Court Gina Colletti
County Board Chair Paul Decker
Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter
District Attorney Sue Opper
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman

Team Members Absent:

City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly
UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Sam Benedict

District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring
Sheriff Eric Severson

Others Present:

County Business Services & Collections Manager Andy Thelke
Darryl Enriquez
Jail Administrator Mike Giese
Justice Planners Consultant Alan Richardson
Justice Planners Consultant Ben Crooks
WCS Program Director Mary Wittwer

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
Administrative Specialist Alison Ries
County Supervisor Larry Nelson
Citizen Ralph Schultz
HHS Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., and attendees and guests introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes from March 27, 2019

Motion: Decker moved, second by Robertson to approve the minutes from March 27, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Overview of Jail Safety and Efficiency Study

Farrow introduced Andy Thelke, who is replacing Norm Cummings as Director of Administration. Thelke stated that 2 Justice Planners' consultants, Alan Richardson and Ben Crooks, are on-site through Friday to conduct the study. Thelke stressed that the consultants are not here to conduct an audit but rather a study on jail efficiency. The study will look for opportunities for efficiency and new ideas for process and technological improvements. This week Justice Planners will be gathering data and taking facility tours. The information obtained will be compared to other jurisdictions in the area. An on-site meeting will be scheduled for the week of July 15th and a final report will be presented the week of August 5th. Richardson explained that both he and Crooks are former jail administrators who have worked every level of corrections. They have been consulting for 30+ years at both local and state facilities across the U.S. He reported they are here to identify efficiencies that generate cost savings.

Update on Recent CJCC Grant Applications

WI DOJ Pretrial Pilot Sites Grant

Luczaj distributed a handout titled "JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Grant Application Summary; May 2019." She explained the grant is non-competitive and designated for EBDM counties. The funding source is the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the grant runs from June 1 – December 31, 2019. Funding will be available for another 1-3 years at up to \$100,000/year. The total amount budgeted for is \$67,221. An award letter should be forthcoming.

WI DOJ Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Grant

Luczaj distributed a handout titled "JAG Crisis intervention Team (CIT) Training Grant Application Summary; May 2019." This is a competitive grant funded by the WI DOJ and runs for 4 months, June 1 – September 30, 2019. Funding available is \$20,000, which is less than in prior years. The CJCC will apply for the \$20,000 maximum allowable and will conduct one weeklong CIT training for up to 25 law enforcement officers from within Waukesha County, also offering \$400 stipends per officer to help offset costs of backfill. If the grant is awarded, flyers will be emailed to law enforcement agencies.

US DOJ Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant

Luczaj distributed a handout titled "BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Application Summary; May 2019." The project objective is to reduce the number of low-risk individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring disorders in local jails through a 2-phase process consisting of planning and implementation. This is a federal grant, due June 25th with a required 20% cash or in-kind match. The amount of funding available depends on the size of the county population; Waukesha County is eligible to apply for up to \$400,000. The grant length is 2 years and the CJCC plans to apply for Implementation and Expansion funding for up to \$750,000 for an additional 3 years to sustain the project.

Responding to Decker's question, Richardson stated that the grant objective is definitely a topic that Justice Planners has worked with in previous studies. Richardson said the topic is an issue that jail staff need to also understand.

Secure Courthouse Addition Update

Dorow stated that secure central holding demolition and construction is beginning. All departments are working well together through the process. There have been a few delays, but everyone has been able to work around the issues.

There is a rotation coming up August 5th and 19th. Two secure courtrooms (119 and 221) will be lost. Two court officials will be moved to full time courtrooms on the 3rd floor. The County Board Room is becoming a full time court room with no jury box. Room 360 is being used as a commissioner courtroom and sometimes as an overflow courtroom and will house a full time judge. Mental Commitment hearings will be moved to the Juvenile Court Judge in August.

Update on Upcoming Judicial Rotations

Effective with the August rotation, Judge Maxwell will be moving into the Family Division. Judge Lazar will take over as Presiding Judge for the Criminal/Traffic Division. Judge Schimel will take over Drug Treatment Court and Judge Bugenhagen will be rotating into the Criminal/Traffic Division.

5/31 Fundamentals of Bail Training Reminder

Dorow reminded the committee that The National Institute of Corrections will be conducting an all-day training for the judges, commissioners, and attorneys to review the fundamentals of bail. The court officials' calendars have been cleared to allow them to attend the training and reserve court officials will be brought in to conduct essential hearings. If anyone is unable to attend the entire day of training, the morning portion of the training is the most important part. Be sure to register for an accurate lunch headcount.

CJCC Committee Updates

Pretrial

Dorow reported that the committee continues to work towards implementation of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), which includes getting the private bar up to speed about how bail hearings will change as a result. The WI DOJ will be helping to organize another stakeholder training on the PSA and Release Conditions Matrix.

Case Processing

Opper stated that the committee is meeting tomorrow and hoping to improve driver's license reinstatement for defendants. Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) will be presenting on the Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability, which they operate in Milwaukee County. The committee will also be reexamining the pretrial conferencing case clearance rates. Decker asked what the biggest challenge is in reinstating driver's licenses. Carpenter said the biggest challenge was follow through on behalf of the individual, as there are often many steps that need to be completed to be eligible for reinstatement.

Alternative Interventions

Luczaj reported that at the last meeting, the committee examined drug court recidivism. WCS has been tracking both graduates and those who have been discharged unsuccessfully. They have been tracking individuals for 2 years post-completion of the program. As a standing agenda item, the committee is also examining data on the Diversion Program since it is important to stay on track with target numbers for grant purposes.

Mental Health

Ruzinski said the committee recently updated its work plan. WI Department of Justice (DOJ) analysts will be sending out a survey to police chiefs across the state regarding the Chapter 51 process and how much time is spent by officers throughout the entire process. The survey should be coming out within the next 2 weeks. Ruzinski reported there is a continuing lack of state inpatient beds for individuals with mental illness. Some counties have opted not to admit chaptered individuals and could be potentially referring them to hospitals in Waukesha County.

Robertson said the state Department of Health Services is looking at creating a regional crisis respite response program. He stated Waukesha County in conjunction with Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Jefferson, Walworth, and Washington counties are looking at creating a regional respite facility. The facility would be an expanded resource for individuals who do not need an inpatient level of care and mostly just need help stabilizing. Funding and how to share resources between counties will be examined at the next meeting. Decker asked what the cost would be and who would pay for an individual entering a respite facility. Ruzinski said the cost would be absorbed hopefully by non-profit funding and/or insurance. Decker's concern was that the cost to the individual could be a disincentive to receiving care.

Victims' Rights

Dunn said the committee has been reviewing and revising its work plan. The number of restitution hearings has been reduced by about two-thirds largely because the Restitution Specialist has been proactively working with victims to have them sign a Restitution Affidavit as opposed to having them appear in court.

Anti-Human Trafficking

Dunn reported that the committee has met twice and has formulated their goals and objectives. The committee will be examining what other counties have been working on in the Courts Pillar of their Anti-Human Trafficking Task Forces and trying to replicate those strategies.

Other Items for Discussion

Dorow stated that she and Luczaj were approached by the WI Technical College System to discuss education as an alternative to incarceration. They will be meeting sometime in June. More information to follow.

Adjourn

Motion: Ruzinski moved, second by Decker to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.