



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Executive Committee Minutes August 13, 2018

Committee Members Present: Judge Jennifer Dorow (chair), Sam Benedict, Paul Decker, Paul Farrow, Sue Oppen, Antwayne Robertson, and Eric Severson

Also Present: Diane Ripple, Angela Mancuso, Rebecca Luczaj, Janelle McClain, Mike Giese

Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Presentation: Waukesha County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

Dorow stated that if the court system was going to be involved with the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, the involvement should be under the auspices of the CJCC, preferably as a separate workgroup or ad hoc committee.

Angela Mancuso, Executive Director of The Women's Center, reported that on June 11, a summit was held regarding human trafficking in Waukesha County. Diane Ripple, Director of Programs and Services for The Women's Center, added that an Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force is being established in Waukesha County, which will include a steering committee and four workgroups (Law Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment/Services, and Courts). Each workgroup would have a member serving on the steering committee. There would be a monthly commitment for at least two years.

Since 2013, The Women's Center has served 12 human trafficking victims and there are approximately 40 youth in child sexual abuse programming. The Care Center serves 350 children each year for forensic and medical interviews, the majority involving sexual abuse. Lad Lake has served 10 youth in trafficking situations, and 88 youth involved in sexual exploitation. Milwaukee County stated in a recent study that, from 2013-2016, there were approximately 340 sex trafficking victims aged 25 and under, female, and non-foreign born.

Dorow stated that the judges have been educated in recent years regarding the impact of trauma and being trauma-informed, and that trauma impacts offenders as well. While the number of victims may seem small anecdotally, there are others who have been impacted beyond the victim who are not reported. Benedict agreed, adding that a common situation is that there is an offender who is also a trafficking victim, and there can be a struggle to look past their offense history. Oppen agreed with Dorow, stating that human trafficking is grossly underreported.

Benedict stated that the human trafficking legal definition is very elusive. Ripple stated that the definition of "human trafficking" is "any commercial sex act or labor that is brought on by force, coercion, or intimidation." Mancuso added that prostitution would meet much of that definition. Oppen added that the challenge is determining whether women volunteer for or are coerced into performing sex acts; it is often difficult to sort out the facts in these cases. Oppen felt that the creation of a workgroup would be worthwhile.

Severson asked how this would be a fit with the CJCC, and prefers to see The Women's Center run it with representation from the CJCC. Dorow responded that the CJCC is a collaborative group, and that most of the stakeholders who should be on the Anti-Human Trafficking Workgroup are members of the CJCC Executive Committee.

Robertson expressed several concerns including:

- How will we connect with Anti-Human Trafficking Task Forces in other counties, to avoid working in silos?
- How will IMPACT 2-1-1 be involved?
- How will the task force be marketed – as a public health issue?

Robertson stressed that Waukesha County needs to be very methodical and strategic if taking on this initiative so that efforts are focused and not duplicative.

Benedict commented that if the CJCC takes on the initiative, the workgroup needs to follow the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) process, including mapping, identifying change targets, and being data-driven.

The committee discussed possible ways to incorporate the Anti-Human Trafficking initiative into the existing structure of the CJCC, including meeting on the initiative at the end of CJCC Executive Committee meetings, but agreed that further information is needed before a decision is made. Eric Calvino, HHS Permanency Services Supervisor, will be invited to the next CJCC Executive Committee meeting to give an overview of Kenosha County's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.

Approve Minutes from July 9, 2018 Meeting

Motion: Robertson moved, second by Farrow, to approve the minutes from July 9, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on NIC Gap Technical Assistance for Pretrial Pilot Project

Luczaj reported that the WI Department of Justice (DOJ) will be offering gap technical assistance from NIC to several EBDM Pretrial Pilot counties, as NIC has funds that need to be spent by mid-October. The technical assistance will be from national pretrial experts with experience implementing the PSA, who will provide on-site assistance. Two or three EBDM counties will be chosen to receive the assistance, based upon their answers to a short questionnaire that the DOJ has designed to gauge readiness for pretrial pilot implementation. Counties that are the closest to implementing the PSA will be considered. Luczaj will need to send the questionnaire back by Wednesday of this week. Waukesha County, if chosen as the lead county, would receive the most technical assistance, and would then need to share what was learned with those counties not receiving assistance.

Benedict and Opper agreed that this opportunity has great potential, especially with the recent addition of two new court commissioners.

Motion: Benedict moved, second by Decker, to allow Luczaj to apply to DOJ to be the lead county for gap technical assistance from NIC. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "Diversion Standards Training Agenda." Luczaj informed the group that the WI DOJ has recently developed statewide diversion standards and is offering free training on the standards at several locations throughout the state. There will be seven people from Waukesha County attending the training in Madison on 9/12-9/13: Luczaj, Opper and Kristi Gordon from the District Attorney's Office, Daniela Imig and Denise Rawski from WCS, and Benedict and David Herring from the State Public Defender's Office.

Other Items for Discussion

Dorow informed the group that she has been chosen as an alternate for the State CJCC, and also represents Waukesha County on the state Legislative Council Study Committee on Bail and Conditions of Pretrial Release.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.