



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Evidence-Based Decision Making  
Alternative Interventions Workgroup Minutes  
Monday, January 8, 2018**

**Members Present**

Sam Benedict – Co-Chair  
Marla Bell

Duane Paulson  
Hon. Michael Aprahamian

Sue Opper  
Daniela Imig

**Members Absent**

Joan Sternweis

**Others Present**

Rebecca Luczaj  
Amber Rumpf  
Mireya Casarrubias

Janelle McClain  
Andrea Will  
Denise Rawski

Mary Wittwer  
Hon. Maria Lazar

Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**Approve Minutes from December 4, 2017 Meeting**

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Imig, to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

The group discussed adding Hon. Maria Lazar to the Workgroup, since she has begun presiding over drug court in January.

Motion: Aprahamian moved, second by Bell, to approve Hon. Maria Lazar as a member of the CJCC EBDM Alternative Interventions Workgroup. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review and Discuss Revised Data/Outcomes Dashboard**

McClain distributed and reviewed the "Alternative Interventions Workgroup Dashboard."

The workgroup agreed upon the following changes:

- For "Types of Drug Related Deaths," add total for each year at the bottom
- Add total to the end of the bars for "Total Enrolled" for Alcohol Treatment Court (ATC), Drug Treatment Court (DTC), and Day Report Center (DRC)
- For "DTC Total Enrolled," take deaths out of "Unsuccessful" and put them as "Other"

Luczaj reported that Sternweis contacted the Medical Examiner's (ME) Office. The ME only reports on drug-related deaths after there is a definitive result. The ME informed Sternweis that they would be willing to present to the workgroup, if requested.

**Discuss Impact of the Texas Christian University (TCU) Drug Screen Score on Drug Court Eligibility**

Will distributed and reviewed a packet of documents titled "Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court Staffing Team Review." Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "TCUDS V – TCU Drug Screen V."

When the TCU Drug Screen was updated to its current version V, it resulted in a different scoring system and scale. Rumpf commented that the RANT and TCU Drug Screen tools measure two different things: one measures risk to reoffend and the other measures drug dependency indicators. Rumpf stated that the TCU score addresses the severity of the disorder to aid in measuring the intensiveness of the addiction. Aprahamian added that the RANT and TCU are also used for ATC, and that specific cut off criteria was established. Luczaj commented that the two tools help to determine and prioritize those who are most in need, since there is such a high demand for DTC.

Benedict stressed that ATC and DTC should not only be consistent within their specific treatment courts, but between the two treatment courts.

ATC participants must score a 4 or above on the TCU Drug Screen and score high risk/high need on the DUI-RANT in order to qualify for the program. The workgroup agreed that the DTC staffing team, instead of this workgroup, should handle the final decision about eligibility criteria.

#### **Update and Discuss Status of Act 33 DPAs**

Opper stated that there are currently ten cases pending where a DPA would be appropriate; however, staff is still waiting on a decision by the defendant. In addition to the ten pending cases, one case was approved for a DPA and is currently being monitored by the DRC, and a defendant rejected one DPA offer. The judge decides if there will be a specific timeline for defendants to respond to DPA offers.

Rawski gave a brief background on the cognitive restructuring program “Thinking for a Change.” It is a 13-week, twice-weekly class offered at the DRC. The 1.5-2 hour lessons allow the participants to learn various life skills. The class begins with a review of the previous class lesson and going over homework, and then a new skill is presented, modeled, discussed, and role-played prior to clients receiving homework to practice the new skill. The program provides consistency and structure. The program is a 13-week commitment from start to finish; it is not operated on an open entry-open exit model. The maximum enrollment is 8-12 participants, and will be offered to high-risk participants – not only Act 33 participants.

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

- DRC monitoring options
- Judicial interest in the DRC
- Dashboard review

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.