



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making
Alternative Interventions Workgroup Minutes
Monday, September 25, 2017

Members Present

Sam Benedict – Co-Chair
Sue Oppen

Hon. Michael Aprahamian
Joan Sternweis

Mary Wittwer
Duane Paulson

Members Absent

Marla Bell

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Andrea Will

Janelle McClain
Daniela Imig

Kelsey Loshaw

Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes from August 28, 2017 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Aprahamian, to approve the minutes of August 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Revised Data/Outcomes “Dashboard”

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled “Alternative Interventions Workgroup Dashboard.”

The group agreed to make the following changes:

- Change “Total Served” to “Active Participants”
- Add a footnote that “Participants can be served over multiple years.”
- Add number/percentage of people who successfully complete their term at DRC
 - Obtain from WCS
- Add number of total clients and new clients, by month, to ATC and DTC charts on Page 2
- Add # of DTC deaths to “Types of Drug Related Deaths” chart
- Remove 2017 stats from “Types of Drug Related Deaths” chart
- Add a line with the total number of deaths each year to “Types of Drug Related Deaths”
- Add a chart on the bottom of “Types of Drug Related Deaths” graph with totals (similar to chart on Page 1)

Discuss Ideas for Drug Court Public Service Announcement

Luczaj reviewed the two Drug Court PSAs, recorded in 2014, that can be found on the Waukesha County CJCC website at: (<https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/HealthAndHumanServices/CJCC/programs/>). Luczaj gave the history on how these PSAs originated, and stated that the original intent was to raise money for drug court, which had uncertain funding at the time.

Kuhary had contacted Wittwer to find out if this is something that we would be interested in doing again. After some discussion, the group agreed that WCS would contact Kuhary and suggest that he coordinate his efforts with the CHIPP to produce these PSAs, as there is not a need to focus specifically on drug court at this time, as the County is just starting a 3-year SAMHSA grant.

Begin Drafting Workgroup’s Recommendations on the Utilization of the Day Report Center (DRC)

Benedict reviewed with the group the three main types of referrals to the DRC, which are direct court referrals, referrals as a condition of probation, and DOC referrals (as a formal or informal Alternative to Revocation). The workgroup discussed each type of referral to the DRC to determine whether to recommend its continued use moving forward.

Aprahamian likes the direct court referral option, but believes that part of the issue of this not being a popular option is because the attorneys are not asking for it at sentencing. Luczaj and WCS staff have previously done a presentation on the DRC to attorneys and court officials and would be willing to do so again. WCS suggested asking Judge Dorow to request that the judges consider using this option more. There is concern that getting rid of the direct court referral option would increase the jail population. In addition, there is confusion as to how to handle the day-for-day credit issue. In response to a question, Imig stated that the daily cost for SCRAM is comparable to the daily cost for Huber. The workgroup agreed that we would recommend continuing the direct court referral option for DRC, as well as the condition of probation option.

The workgroup discussed if the DOC referrals are an economically sound option. The benefits resulting from the *informal* Alternative to Revocations (ATRs) are not very clear. WCS will look into the total number of ATRs, and try to obtain the numbers of formal vs. informal ATRs for the next meeting. If we were to start charging the DOC for referrals to the DRC, they may stop making informal ATR referrals altogether, and it may have unintended consequences of increasing the number of formal ATRs, which may then increase the jail population if more offenders are being revoked. The workgroup agreed to recommend continued use of the DRC for DOC ATR referrals; however, if we were approaching capacity, this option would be the first to be suspended.

As an additional utilization option, WCS will be able to handle the Act 33 referrals from the DA's Office for Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) monitoring, with no changes to current staffing.

Imig and Wittwer stated that the maximum number of contacts that can be made per week at the current WCS staffing level at the DRC is 115; however, "contacts" is not the same as "clients." The higher the client's risk level, the more often they are required to report in weekly.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting with NIC Consultant

Luczaj and Benedict will create a document detailing the workgroup's recommendations on the utilization of the DRC moving forward, and will present it to the group for review at the next meeting on 10/9. Any suggested changes will be made prior to Benedict's presentation of the recommendations to the Policy Team on 10/10.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.