



# Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, March 1, 2022

## Members Present

Jeremy Perri (Chair)  
Hon. Brad Schimel  
Hon. Laura Lau

Shelby Maruszczak  
Marla Bell  
Kirk Yauchler

Duane Paulson  
Mary Sweeney

## Members Absent

Sue Opper

Tina Freiburger

## Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj  
Alex Klosterman

Janelle McClain  
Linda Gordy

Denise Rawski  
Lenard Simpson

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

## Approve Minutes from October 5, 2021 Meeting

Motion: Bell moved, second by Maruszczak, to approve the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of October 5, 2021. Motion carried without a negative vote.

## Discuss and Consider Designating Committee Co-Chair

Motion: Maruszczak moved, second by Lau, to vote Yauchler as the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee Co-Chair. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Yauchler arrived at 12:07 p.m.

## Presentation: WCTC Education, Training, and Work Opportunities for Justice-Involved Individuals

Simpson distributed a document titled, "The Prison to Apprenticeship and Housing Strategies" and gave an overview of the project.

WCTC is collaborating with local Community-based Organizations (CBOs) to offer transportation between the employers, WCTC, and the halfway house(s). Due to the lack of available workforce, employers are focusing less on whether charges are a felony, but rather what the specific charges are.

Individuals are assessed to determine if they are ready to return to the workforce. Employers will offer on-the-job training. By participating, the individual will receive four days a week of training and will then be permitted to enter the pre-apprenticeship program offered by the employer. WCTC will be involved in the process by providing the education so the individual can be certified. WCTC will not offer a certificate, but rather, a degree.

Milwaukee County is currently piloting the program, starting with three residential buildings in Milwaukee. After Milwaukee County has conducted the pilot for a year, WCTC will be looking to offer similar services within Waukesha County.

## Review Progress of Diversion Grant Implementation

### Review Screening and Enrollment Data

Maruszczak distributed and reviewed a document titled "Pre-Charge Diversion and Post-Charge Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA) Statistics." The information contained in the document represents the entire project, as the grant ended on February 28, 2022.

Waukesha County fell just short of the goal of enrolling 150 cases, with 134 cases that entered contracts; however, Maruszczak commented that this is still commendable and reasonable, considering the pandemic occurring during the grant period.

### **Review Diversion/DPA Monitoring Outcomes**

Rawski distributed and reviewed documents titled “Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – February 2022” and “Waukesha Day Report Center – Referral Trends – 2019-2022.”

Rawski stated that many of the missed appointments and missed drug screens are due to transportation issues, although DRC staff offer transportation assistance upon request.

Staff are still having difficulty connecting with defendants to schedule their initial screening.

### **Update on Project Evaluation**

Luczaj announced that a final project evaluation report will be presented to this committee at the next meeting.

Freiburger reported to Luczaj that since the in-person interviews have resumed, an additional 14 interviews with participants have been conducted, and their evaluations will be finalized by next month. The additional 14 interviewees spoke positively about the program.

### **Update on Diversion Program Operational Changes Effective March 1, 2022**

Maruszczak reported that from now through the end of the year, the diversion program will be sustained with tax levy. As such, the program will be enrolling only Waukesha County residents. However, eligibility will be broadened to include defendants who abuse opioids, methamphetamine, cocaine, and prescription drugs.

### **Update on WI Department of Justice (DOJ) 2022 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Award and 2023 Competitive Solicitation**

Luczaj reported that the WI DOJ TAD did not approve funding for the diversion program under the TAD grant application; however, Waukesha County did receive \$186,240 in funding for the Drug Treatment Court (DTC) program through 2026.

There will be another WI DOJ TAD grant solicitation released at the end of 2022 for an additional \$2.5 million in funding for 2023. Waukesha County will plan to apply for the Diversion program to be sustained with this funding.

### **Update on Treatment Court Caseloads and Pending Enrollments**

Sweeney reported the following statistics:

- OWI Treatment Court
  - Current caseload = 34 participants
  - 7 intakes in February
  - 7 pending graduations
- Drug Treatment Court
  - Current caseload = 38 participants
  - 8 participants approved for admission and waiting for their court dates
  - 7 participants in Phase 5, who are close to graduating
    - There have been some recent relapses; 3 consecutive months of sobriety is required prior to graduating
  - 3 new applications pending review

### **Overview of 2022 Treatment Court Staff Training Opportunities**

Luczaj provided information regarding the following upcoming treatment court training opportunities:

- State Conference
  - May 3-6, 2022
  - Wisconsin Dells
  - Sending incoming treatment court judges Carter (DTC) and Melvin (OWITC), as well as several members of the treatment court staffing teams
- National Conference
  - July 25-28, 2022

- Nashville
- Sending Judges Carter and Melvin
- DWI Court Foundational Training
  - Luczaj will be applying for this free, 3 ½ day training (facilitators would come here)
  - 20 teams will be selected from across the U.S.
  - Application response is anticipated by the end of March

### **Announcements**

Today was Paulson's last meeting with the committee before he retires. Members thanked him for his contributions to the committee.

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

- UW-Milwaukee presentation on final grant evaluation findings and recommendations

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Schimel, to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.