



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes
Monday, July 8, 2019**

Members Present

Hon. Maria Lazar	Joan Sternweis	Sam Benedict
Sue Opper	Shelby Maruszczak	Mary Wittwer
Tina Freiburger	Duane Paulson	Marla Bell

Members Absent

Hon. Laura Lau

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Amber Rumpf
Denise Rawski	Bob Gibson	

Benedict called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes from June 10, 2019 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Bell, to approve the Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of June 10, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on SPD Regional Attorney Manager Succession Planning

Benedict is retiring on September 1. His replacement, Jeremy Perri, will be assuming the role of Chairperson of the Alternative Interventions Committee.

Benedict will not be at the August 12 meeting.

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 "Unknown" category is comprised of risk scores from Act 33 cases that were updated prior to Maruszczak receiving information. For the cases that were denied for multiple reasons, Maruszczak places the tally in the most current or severe charge. Maruszczak does not track the applications she receives that are not opiate-related.

Sternweis arrived at 12:10 p.m. Lazar arrived at 12:13 p.m.

Review Diversion/DPA Monitoring Outcomes

Rawski distributed and reviewed a document titled "WCS Day Report Center: Diversion/DPA Grant and Act 33 Only."

"BITS" stands for Brief Intervention Tools, and are cognitive intervention tools that are often used as sanctions. They consist of one, 2-sided page, so they are much shorter than the Carey Guides.

Rawski explained that the "No-Go" category is defined as those who never started the program for various reasons. Rawski is concerned about how long it is taking clients to be enrolled in treatment, which is often due to clients' own procrastination. She has seen positive results from clients who have completed the Thinking for a Change curriculum. Participants start out not wanting to participate in the program, but by halfway through, it is apparent that there has been an improvement in their actions and thought processes.

Update on Project Evaluation

Freiburger stated that she met with Luczaj, Maruszczak, Rawski, Wittwer, and Opper prior to this meeting so that she could be briefed on the diversion project. She stated that an amendment would be submitted to UW-M's IRB (Internal Review Board) indicating that the Freiburger has replaced Tom LeBel as the Evaluator for the project. Freiburger plans to tour the Day Report Center soon and then will begin setting up client interviews.

Follow-Up on Drug-Impaired Drivers in OWI Court

Luczaj distributed and reviewed an e-mail string with Mark Stodola, Probation Fellow/Consultant, and James Eberspacher, Director of the National Center for DWI Courts.

Stodola and Eberspacher confirmed that, based on research, drug-impaired drivers are best served in OWI Treatment Court versus Drug Court.

Lazar stated that if there are defendants who would qualify for both Drug Treatment Court (DTC) and OWI Treatment Court (OWITC), the defendants have been placed in OWITC in the past, but are now being placed in DTC. This currently applies to two participants.

Other Items for Discussion

Luczaj reminded the committee that the federal SAMHSA grant expires September 30, 2020. She does not anticipate having unspent grant funds to extend it beyond that date. Luczaj is working on securing funding for the 4th quarter of 2020, as well as the potential for DOC to help fund the program in 2021 so that the program capacity can remain unchanged. A meeting with DOC will be held in the upcoming months to begin this discussion.

Paulson thanked Benedict for his service to the CJCC and this committee.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Sustainability of DTC
- Vote to replace Sam Benedict with Jeremy Perri as a committee member

Adjourn

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 p.m.