



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Alternative Interventions Committee Minutes Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Members Present

Jeremy Perri (Chair)
Marla Bell
Hon. Brad Schimel

Kirk Yauchler
Shelby Maruszczak
Hon. Laura Lau

Duane Paulson
Mary Sweeney
Sue Opper

Members Absent

Tina Freiburger

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Tori Knoche (proxy for Freiburger)

Janelle McClain
Amanda Nimmer

Denise Rawski

Perri called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approve Minutes from September 1, 2020 Meeting

Motion: Paulson moved, second by Opper, to approve the CJCC Alternative Interventions Committee meeting minutes of September 1, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Maruszczak arrived at 12:04 p.m.

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." Maruszczak stated that there has been an increase in applications, with many of them being from prior Act 33-related cases.

Luczaj stated that Waukesha County is at approximately 55% of the enrollment goal for the grant.

Schimel arrived at 12:15 p.m.

Review Diversion/DPA Monitoring Outcomes and Discuss Changes to Monitoring Due to COVID-19

Rawski distributed and reviewed documents titled "Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – December 2020" and "Day Report Center (DRC) Diversion/DPA Program – January 2021."

Update on Project Evaluation

Knoche stated that interviews for project evaluation resumed in October 2020 with 7 participants and 6 staff interviewed, for a total of 21 participants interviewed, which is 26% (21 of 81) of those enrolled. She said that UW-M hopes to conduct additional interviews.

Knoche summarized the results of the interviews for the group. Interviewees had mostly positive comments about the project and most of the participants indicated that there were no unmet needs. The average time in the program has been 9 months, although some participants were involved for a longer time period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most participants did not think the program was difficult to complete; however, they said the program was time consuming. The primary motivator for participants to take part in the program was to avoid jail and felony charges. All the participants stated that the program was worth the effort and was helpful with their substance use disorders.

Knoche stated that stakeholder interview summaries should be sent out shortly.

Review and Discuss Treatment Court Enrollment

Sweeney stated that OWI Treatment Court (OWITC) currently has a caseload of 29, with a capacity of 40. There were no enrollments from March through August 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, 14 participants were enrolled between August and December 2020. Drug Treatment Court (DTC) has a caseload of 39, with a capacity of 60.

Schimmel stated that there is nothing the staffing team has changed to slow admissions to the program. He sees a need to reach out to the defense bar to encourage them to refer their clients to the program.

Follow-Up on Law Enforcement Joining OWI Treatment Court (OWITC) Staffing Team

Opper has not approached any other jurisdiction because Waukesha PD has turned down the offer due to time and staffing constraints. Lau will add the topic to the upcoming staffing team retreat agenda for this week Friday.

Announcements

Yauchler announced that Elizabeth (Liz) Aldred is the new Waukesha County HHS Director.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no additional agenda items discussed for the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Maruszczak moved, second by Yauchler, to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.