



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman
Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski

Clerk of Circuit Court Gina Colletti
County Board Chair Paul Decker
DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter
District Attorney Sue Opper
HHS Director Antwayne Robertson
Staci Griffiths (proxy for Braatz)

Team Members Absent:

Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn
UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz
County Executive Paul Farrow

Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring
Sheriff Eric Severson

Others Present:

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
County Board Supervisor Larry Nelson
Citizen Ralph Schultz

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain
Citizen Bob Gibson
Citizen Kurt Roskopf

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Approve Minutes from July 24, 2019

Motion: Decker moved, second by Ruzinski, to approve the minutes from July 24, 2019. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Update on 10/24-10/25 Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Stakeholder Training

Dorow distributed and reviewed a flyer for the upcoming PSA Stakeholder training events.

Opper arrived at 8:34 a.m. Robertson arrived at 8:36 a.m.

Luczaj stated that included in the training will be a presentation on local data that has been collected, which includes the results of 200 PSAs for Waukesha County defendants, as well as their placement on the Release Conditions Matrix (RCM).

Update on Objectives Added to 2020 CJCC Budget Pages and Discuss Future Plans to Meet Those Objectives

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a document titled "Health and Human Services; Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC)."

The objectives that have been added to the budget are based on recommendations from the recent Jail Efficiency Study conducted by Justice Planners. Justice Planners will be presenting their final report at the next CJCC meeting on November 20. Decker requested that the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee attend the meeting, as well as the County Board Executive Committee. Luczaj will look into moving the November CJCC meeting into a larger room.

The CJCC Executive Committee will discuss strategies to meet the objectives in 2020, such as the formation of an ad hoc committee, or having an objective assigned to an existing committee.

Courthouse Construction Project Update

Dorow reported that the addition of Central Holding is nearing completion and should be ready for use by October 14. Once it is up and running, the bull pens will no longer be used.

Dorow commended the successful communication between all parties involved. Opper agreed that the process has been fairly smooth.

Update on Creation of Waukesha County Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Process

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a flyer for the Waukesha County OFR team, which will conduct its first official overdose death review on September 26. There are currently 9 states with legislation establishing and defining an OFR team; Wisconsin is currently not one of those states, but there are efforts underway to change that. Any recommendations or identified trends that come out of the OFR process will then be taken to the Heroin Task Force for further action.

CJCC Committee Updates

Pretrial

Dorow commented that the committee continues to work towards PSA implementation and is currently reviewing the Release Conditions Matrix (RCM).

Case Processing

Neimon reported that there continues to be a lot of success with pretrial conferencing. He commended all parties for their ability to gather data on a variety of areas impacting case processing. The committee is currently focusing on OAR cases, as many defendants do not realize it is a crime – they think it is just a fine. The committee recently had a presentation from WCS' Center for Drivers' License Recovery and Employability (CDLRE), as many Milwaukee County residents are charged with driving-related crimes in Waukesha County, so the committee is trying to identify strategies to increase drivers' license reinstatement.

Opper added that Monica Paz had distributed the pretrial conferencing schedule for 2020, which includes two sessions per month.

Alternative Interventions

Luczaj stated that the committee continues to review diversion grant outcomes. Waukesha County is on pace to meet or exceed grant goals for Year 1, which ends on September 30, 2019. The committee has also been discussing a plan for Drug Treatment Court sustainability, as the federal grant expires on September 30, 2020. OWI court currently has a waiting list, and has seen an increase in the number of drug-impaired drivers lately.

Mental Health

Ruzinski stated that the committee's bi-annual meeting with area emergency providers has ended, unless there is a future need. She added that Menomonee Falls is piloting the Purple Tube Project, which places medical, caregiver, and behavioral health information for those with dementia in a purple tube, which is located in the refrigerator. First responders will be alerted by a sticker on the front door jamb that there is a purple tube located in the refrigerator, giving them crucial information to help in an emergency situation. If successful, the pilot will then be rolled out to the rest of the county.

Robertson stated that Waukesha County is working with other southeastern WI counties to explore the creation of a regional crisis stabilization facility; meetings are ongoing.

Ruzinski added that CIT training is occurring this week at the Mental Health Center through a CJCC grant from the WI Department of Justice where 28 officers are being trained.

Victims' Rights

Bell stated that the committee is continuing to wait for results of the restitution bill that is being considered by state legislators. The committee is currently focusing its efforts on strategies to increase victim privacy.

Anti-Human Trafficking

Luczaj reported that the current focus of the ad hoc committee has been on mapping the intersection of human trafficking with the courts. The committee is also seeking guidance from the AHT steering committee to determine what change targets the group should be working on.

Reilly stated that the Waukesha County Business Alliance has been discussing advocating for expanding the types of cases eligible for expungement, due to the impact of criminal records on employment opportunities.

Discuss 2020 CJCC Meeting Schedule

The committee agreed that the fourth Wednesday of every other month continues to work for CJCC meetings in 2020.

Announcements

Decker commended the progress of the CJCC as a result of participating in the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative and how it has helped at the County Board level, as he sees Waukesha County ahead of the curve on many issues.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Adjourn

Motion: Decker moved, second by Reilly, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.