



Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Case Processing Workgroup Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Team Members Present:

Monica Paz	Sara Scullen	Frank McElderry
Sue Opper	Michael Neimon	Kathy Madden

Team Members Absent:

Hon. Ralph Ramirez	Katie Kegel	Chris Ehrfurth
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Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Janelle McClain	Sam Benedict
Mimi Carter		

Opper called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Approve Minutes from September 28, 2017

Motion: McElderry moved, Scullen second, to approve the minutes of September 28, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Existing Data to Determine What to Include on Workgroup Dashboard

Paz distributed a document titled "Criminal & Traffic Division Statistics," and Luczaj distributed a document titled "Case Processing Workgroup Dashboard." The workgroup determined that it would be best to review the workgroup goals so that the dashboard reflects those accordingly.

The group agreed on the following changes:

- Graphing Age of Disposition (AOD) of cases prior to the implementation of the pilots through present day, noting when the State Public Defender (SPD) and Pretrial Conferencing pilots began, perhaps using the monthly average
- Remove all graphs from "Case Processing Workgroup Dashboard" *except*:
 - Pretrial Conference Pilot; Cases Resolved
 - Appearances With and Without Attorneys
- Utilize the graph from Paz's handouts for the Failure to Appear (FTA) rate
 - Determine if we can show numbers as well as the percentages
- Establish goals for FTA and AOD rates
 - Carter commented that 6-9% is ideal for a FTA rate
- Graph the average total number of adjournments from the initial sample week in February 2016, and compare it to the number of adjournments for a more recent week
- Graph the number of cases resolved before jury trials

Scullen left at 8:09 a.m. Benedict left at 8:13 a.m.

A FTA is recorded in CCAP when the defendant is not in the courtroom when their case is called. The clerks do not go back into the record to change it if there was a valid excuse as to why the defendant was not there, such as going to the wrong courtroom, etc.

Continue Discussing OARs and Potential for New Pilot Project

Luczaj distributed and reviewed Spillman data on the number of OARs/OWLs in custody in 2016 and January through September 2017, which was queried by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. Paz reviewed the number of OAR/OWL cases in Waukesha County over the same period, which was queried from CCAP.

Opper feels that this is not a workgroup topic, but rather a charging decision for her as the Waukesha County District Attorney. She requested that this topic remain on the agenda for a future meeting for continued discussion with the State Public Defender's Office, as well as Judge Ramirez.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The group will review pretrial conferencing outcomes from 10/24/17. In addition, the group will continue to discuss the significant amount of resources expended on OAR/OWL cases.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.