



Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Case Processing Workgroup
Thursday, May 26, 2016

Team Members Present:

District Attorney Sue Opper
Attorney Katie Bricco
Judge Ralph Ramirez

Clerk of Circuit Court Kathy Madden
Commissioner Robert Dehring
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon

Team Members Absent:

Attorney Dan Fay

Others Present:

Courts Division Coordinator Amy Rendell

Janelle McClain

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

Discuss Progress of Public Defender Screening Pilot

Neimon has not talked to Commissioner Pieper yet. Upon talking to Commissioner Lau, Neimon was informed that the offer for people to go over to the Public Defender's on Tuesdays is not being made, as these cases do not seem to warrant or need an attorney. When Neimon speaks with Commissioner Pieper, he will find out the reasoning for not sending people on Tuesdays, and will look into whether there is validity to not sending people. Right now, we don't have enough information because people aren't being asked/sent.

It appears that those who are sent on Mondays, all seem to qualify.

When reviewing the intake court records, adjournment for counsel is not happening just on Mondays and Tuesdays. Ramirez stated that Mondays and Tuesdays are walk-ins, whereas the other days are primarily lock-ups. The workgroup should review how efficient this process is on Mondays before considering expanding it to every day of the week. If there were changes in days of pilot implementation, the Public Defender's Office would need notice for staffing requirements. Right now, they are staffed accordingly for Mondays and Tuesdays.

The workgroup discussed possible confusion for the defendants with OARs and OWLs. Defendants view it as just a ticket. Opper suggested that if it is a CT court number, it would be a sign to send someone to the Public Defender's Office. OARs and OWLs are primarily citations, so they would not be eligible for an attorney.

Madden commented that there are standing interpreter arrangements for Tuesdays.

How to Get an Attorney Fliers

Rendell distributed two maps to the Public Defender's Office, one more detailed than the other.

The workgroup discussed the two versions of maps. The more general map shows streets further out such as I-94 and HWY 164. The detailed map is similar to what people would find using a maps app on their phones.

Opper does not feel a separate map is needed at all because people will use their phones. A QR code will be added towards the top of the attorney information letter for people to use. The code will direct the person to a broader view on the map.

Rendell will distribute, via e-mail, an updated version for final approval.

Continue Review and Discussion of Draft Logic Model

Neimon distributed the Case Processing Logic Model that has been started.

The workgroup reviewed the Case Processing Logic Model draft. There was a discussion regarding if the diversion program should be included on this. Neimon stated that when the group worked on it, they started at Outcomes, worked left, and then went to Impacts. Ramirez commented that we want to look at the Outcomes, and if those Impacts happen, even better.

Madden was concerned about the Outcome “Reduce the overall age of disposition in the criminal division by 25%,” as that is a very large amount. Neimon confirmed that we are at approximately 56% in 180 days. Madden would like the standard in there. Neimon will rephrase the section so that it makes more sense.

If there are any other changes, let Neimon or Opper know.

Begin Discussion of Pretrial Conferencing Pilot Implementation

Neimon will talk with Luczaj, Opper, and Madden about data gathering. Ramirez will also talk to the other judges.

Bricco reminded the workgroup that we do not just want good feedback, but the bad feedback as well.

Case flow is being discussed with other EBDM groups throughout the state. Neimon will follow-up with Luczaj regarding this.

Begin to Review Draft of Workgroup Work Plan

The workgroup will review the 5/19/16 draft to discuss at a later meeting.

Discuss Next Steps and Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th; however, it may need to be rescheduled due to members' availability.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.