



Waukesha County  
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Evidence-Based Decision Making Mental Health Workgroup  
Thursday, March 3, 2016

**Team Members Present:**

Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski (Co-Chair)	Outpatient Services Admin Gordon Owley
Inspector James Gumm	Assistant Corporation Counsel Robert Mueller
Attorney Maura McMahon	Andrew Hayes of Community Memorial Hospital
NAMI Executive Director Mary Madden	Honorable Kathryn Foster
DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess	

**Team Members Absent:**

HHS Director Antwayne Robertson (Co-Chair)	Captain Dan Baumann
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**Others Present:** Windy Jicha, Rebecca Luczaj

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

**Approve Minutes from February 4, 2016**

MOTION: Tess moved, Gumm second, to approve the minutes from February 4, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review Revised Mental Health System Map**

Luczaj distributed a mental health system map recently revised by Mueller and Owley. Mueller and Owley reviewed the changes which are mostly related to emergency detentions and crisis safety plans.

**System Pinch Points**

- The MHC will not accept patients from police who need help but lack elements of 51.15.
- Emergency detentions are denied when safety plans are in place.
- State legislation puts privacy in front of health by making it difficult/impossible to share information between law enforcement, mental health care providers and the courts. This issue needs to be passed along to the state EBDM team for consideration.
- Courts, police and jail decision makers lack appropriate mental health information needed to make evidenced based decisions.
- The criminal justice process takes precedence over mental health treatment which may cause people with mental health diagnoses to spiral.
- Medicine prescribed by mental health facilities may not be available at all or in the same form (pill versus injectable) in the jail.
- Medical and mental health services in the jail are affected by the nearly frozen tax levy.
- Providing frontend services using current funding levels would require money to be reallocated from backend services.
- The County Executive and board support for changes.

**Possible Solutions**

**Respite Facility**

The group discussed how a mental health respite/assessment facility similar to Calm Harbor in Washington County could meet needs in Waukesha County. Such a facility would provide short-term assistance to help

stabilize people with mental illnesses during/after crisis with the goals of: returning people to their former living situations as soon as possible; returning law enforcement officers to the streets faster; using resources more efficiently; providing an intermediate level of care; reducing potential cost of these services to the jail and mental health center; increasing personal and community safety, etc. The group acknowledged that the services provided by such a facility would need to be clearly defined. Several members plan to tour Calm Harbor and report findings to the group. One group member suggested researching similar models in Cincinnati, Ohio.

### **Mobile Crisis Team**

Changes to state law effective July 1, 2016 make it mandatory for Waukesha County to be able to administer a 24/7 mobile crisis team, however how the process is implemented is up to each county. The law also mandates that the crisis team conducts crisis assessments before emergency detentions can proceed. Waukesha County is developing a plan and training needs for all partners. Antwayne Robertson will be presenting the plan to the Police Chief's Association in June. The committee briefly talked about contracting out for services, as some other counties do.

### **CIT Training**

The best community outcomes come from agencies that support CIT training. Programs offering stipends attract more students but unfortunately this type of funding is quite limited. Different versions and hours of the training can be designed to provide meaningful in-service and police recruit school training. Strategies need to be developed to intervene with students who exhibit negative attitudes during training. NAMI Wisconsin is putting together a law enforcement officer refresher video featuring de-escalation role play scenarios. Madden and Ruzinski offered to put together a list of local law enforcement departments that support CIT training and the number of officers per department that have attended the training. Ruzinski will talk to her contacts about the possibility of state funding for the training.

### **Review & Discuss Workgroup Guidance from NIC Consultant & Timeline**

#### **Continue to Discuss Workgroup Change Targets & Data Availability**

Luczaj said the workgroup's change strategies will be presented to the CJCC EBDM Policy Team on April 12, 2016. Once the Policy Team approves the strategies, committees will develop logic models outlining how to implement strategies. Logic models and work plans need to be developed in time for the CJCC to apply for the sixth phase of NIC's EBDM initiative in July 2016.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Report on the Department of Corrections, Division of Community Corrections strategies for dealing with the mentally ill and the number of people with mental health issues released from prisons into Waukesha County (Tess)
- Presentations by representatives from counties with mobile crisis units
- Report on Calm Harbor tour
- Review emergency detention data (Mueller)
- Review list of police departments that support CIT training (Madden and Ruzinski)
- Report on psychiatric medications available in the jail (Gumm)

### **Discuss Next Steps**

The next meeting will be March 17, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., Room G55.

Motion: Madden moved, Owley second, to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.