



Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Phase V Policy Team
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Presiding Judge & Policy Team Chair	CJCC Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
County Board Chair Paul Decker	WCS Administrator Sara Carpenter
State Public Defender Regional Attorney Manager Sam Benedict	HHS Director Antwayne Robertson
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell	Clerk of Circuit Court Kathy Madden
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn	District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
Sheriff Eric Severson	Captain Dan Baumann
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring	DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess
County Executive Paul Farrow	Menomonee Falls Police Chief Anna Ruzinski
District Attorney Sue Opper	

Others Present:

State Special Projects Coordinator Tommy Gubbin	NIC Consultant Mimi Carter
Janelle McClain	

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Dunn moved, Robertson second, to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016, and March 15, 2016.
Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider Workgroup Change Strategies

Pretrial Workgroup

Luczaj distributed the Pretrial Workgroup Change Strategy document.

Dorow reported that WCS has started to screen current OWI-2 program participants using a risk assessment tool chosen by the workgroup. At this point, the easiest way to implement the tool is as new defendants are referred into the program.

Carpenter will supply Carter with the data on the 365 OWI-2 defendants that were assessed by WCS, as well as the outcome information. Carter will have her staff run analytical information on them.

WCS is not asking for additional funding for the Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program. Implementing the tool to identify risk level allows WCS to maintain the existing staff, since a majority of the clients will most likely score low risk and will require minimal supervision.

The workgroup is looking into if there are known differences between supervising those under the influence of alcohol verses drugs.

In response to the workgroup's proposed dosage of supervision matrix, Carter said she would like to see if there is a way, over time, to lessen the level of supervision for low-risk defendants, as this does not sound very low-touch as-is.

The committee voted unanimously to move forward with the Pretrial Workgroup change strategy.

Case Processing Workgroup

Luczaj distributed the Case Processing Workgroup Change Strategy document.

Opper stated that the workgroup is trying to improve the efficiency of moving the cases along, eliminating a lot of delay due to "meaningless court appearances." After reviewing data, they determined that one of the biggest reasons for delay was not having counsel secured early on in the case.

Beginning Monday, April 18th, and running for an indefinite time period, those defendants who show up without an attorney to the 8am initial hearing on Monday or Tuesday will be sent for screening at the Public Defender's Office. The defendant is then to return for the 10am hearing on the same day, knowing if they qualify for a public defender. If they do not qualify for a public defender, they can ask the court to appoint an attorney.

Carter encouraged the workgroup to think about performance measures, and asked how could you quantify the positive impact for victims who do not experience the delays?

Benedict is concerned that there will be a strain on the staff at the Public Defender's Office, and hopes that there will be open communication and some filtering of potential clients.

The committee voted unanimously to move forward with the Case Processing Workgroup change strategy.

Mental Health Workgroup

Luczaj distributed the Mental Health Workgroup Change Strategy document.

Robertson commented that there are internal modifications happening at HHS to have a crisis worker on-site to do crisis assessments. The workgroup also knows that there are gaps in services in regards to a respite facility, and that there needs to be a place where a person be stabilized and released, instead of the current options of being hospitalized or trying to find a less-restrictive placement. The workgroup is also looking at how to coordinate services with offenders suffering from mental illness when they get reintegrated into the community.

Ruzinski also commented that several of the change strategies the workgroup is working on overlap with one another, such as with the mobile crisis and the CIT-trained officers.

The workgroup is considering having law enforcement complete a form for every Emergency Detention, which will track if the officer on scene had CIT training, in addition to other incident-specific data.

The committee voted unanimously to move forward with the Mental Health Workgroup change strategy.

Victim Issues Workgroup

Luczaj distributed the Victim Issues Workgroup Change Strategy document.

Dunn reported that the new Restitution bill, going into effect in July, creates new opportunities for victims, as there has been an issue with getting victims restitution in a timely manner. A possibility is to turn over restitution collection to the Department of Revenue, as they have collection authority the county may not. Although statutes mandate that fines are supposed to be paid after restitution, sometimes that does not happen since the offender may pay online or the judge will order that the fees have to be paid by a certain date. The workgroup also had the Department of Administration- Collections Division come in to discuss their restitution collection practices.

The workgroup is also discussing ways to make court more meaningful and convenient for victims to participate in. However, there is an additional issue when no one knows that victims are present in the courtroom. The committee discussed some option, such as a way to identify victims at the security entrance and to remind them to see the Victim Witness Office, or having the victims let the bailiff know that they are there.

Severson stated that he will talk to the Courts Captain about making sure bailiffs are aware of victims in the courthouse.

The committee voted unanimously to move forward with the Victims Issues Workgroup change strategy.

Next Steps

Carter informed the committee that the Phase VI application is coming out this month and is due sometime in July. NIC has determined that in order for an application to be considered, there needs to be at least 3 locals willing to go forward with the state. NIC will be reviewing the state application as a whole and the local applications individually, so they may take the state and all of the locals, or they may take the state and only certain locals. Carter will be back in September for the teams moving onto Phase VI. NIC will be providing information, webinars, and logic model support. Carter's role is to assist in providing the best application possible. Phase VI decisions will be made in August or the beginning of September, and Phase VI will start on October 1. Carter is not aware how long Phase VI will last.

The scorecard will be a required submission with the application. We will begin preparation for completing the scorecard by administering a survey in SurveyMonkey to the Policy Team, which will be sent out prior to the next meeting.

NIC is looking at putting together a workshop for interested parties to work collectively and address issues that multiple sites are working on.

A workgroup consisting of Dorow, Robertson, and Luczaj will work on the Phase VI application.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.