



**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2015**

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**Committee Members Present**

Judge Jennifer Dorow (Chair)	Antwayne Robertson	Shawn Reilly	Paul Farrow
Sue Opper	Marla Bell	Paul Decker	Joanne Huelsman
Sam Benedict			

**Committee Members Absent**

Kathy Madden	Russ Jack	Eric Severson	Jerry Braatz
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**Others Present**

Larry Nelson	Steve Trimborn	Sara Carpenter	Mike Neimon
Mike Giese	Ralph Schultz	Windy Jicha	Rebecca Luczaj

Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Approve Minutes from January 28, 2015 Meeting**

Motion: Decker moved, Farrow second, to approve the minutes of January 28, 2015. Motion carried 9-0.

**Presentation: 2014 Department of Corrections Statistics & Trends**

Bell distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Waukesha County* including probation admissions and discharges by case and offender. Bell noted that the number of people on supervision remains consistent while the department has seen a slight increase in the number of discharges, which is most likely attributed to changes in the discharge decision making process. Bell said the COMPAS tool is used to evaluate risk and need. Evidence-based strategies have revealed that supervision levels should be based on need and risk and that over-supervision can be harmful.

Bell distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Corrections at a Glance* including statistics related to offender risk level and criminogenic needs for the State of Wisconsin. The state is in the process of norming results where risk and need are the highest in hopes of getting more funding for programming. The state is also working on getting county specific data.

Decker asked is there a correlation between lower training and education levels and risk? Bell said low education and training levels do not correlate with being high risk. Employment is important but people need to take care of many other issues before they can get and keep employment.

Bell reviewed tools used by the Department of Corrections with clients including Soberlink, GPS, electronic monitoring, sanctions, etc. in an effort to reduce revocations. Bell said DOC tries to get clients out of jail as soon as possible to pursue alternatives and avoid revocation.

Benedict said revocations and the rate of revocation impacts the jail population. He would like to know how many people in jails/prisons are revoked broken down by offense type. Bell will work on gathering this data to present at a future meeting.

**Presentation: 2014 CJCC Program Outcomes**

Carpenter distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Waukesha County CJCC – 2014 Program Outcomes* for the following programs: Pretrial Jail Screening, Pretrial Supervision, Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention, Day Report Center, and Alcohol Treatment Court.

**Impact of Proposed State Budget Changes on Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program & Corresponding Plan for Program as of July 1st**

Dorow distributed and reviewed a handout outlining proposed changes for the Pretrial Intoxicated Driver Intervention Grant Program (IDIP). The governor's budget proposal, which transfers IDIP from the DOT to DHS and deletes the related DOT funding appropriation, was approved by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). The final opportunity to retain the funding comes June 4 when the JFC considers budget amendments. Dorow said she has been working with state legislators and to educate them on the importance of this program and funding. The CJCC Executive Committee met last week to consider program alternatives if state funding is eliminated such as reducing capacity or services, prioritizing admissions, shifting resources from other programs, etc. Dorow is not hopeful the funding will be restored.

Luczaj said there are some discretionary funds in the CJCC budget that could be reallocated to fund the program for three months if state funding is cut. Luczaj said she discussed the situation with the county's NIC EBDM facilitator Mimi Carter who feels strongly that there may be NIC funding available to analyze the IDIP to help the county decide how to best allocate remaining funding. Luczaj also met with Sara Carpenter yesterday to explore risk screening tools to make sure the program is serving medium to high risk participants.

Luczaj commented on the success of the program and its importance to keeping the county safe. This budget cut will be a huge loss for Waukesha and nine other counties. She will have more details at the next CJCC Executive Committee meeting.

Reilly asked could participant fees be increased? Dorow said participant fees are set by state statute and cannot be increased unless the statute is repealed. Participants are court ordered to the program as a condition of bail.

Decker said it is important to educate legislators on the importance of CJCC programs. Dorow said she reached out to members of the JFC and learned that the committee received budget numbers very late in the process. She will continue reaching out to legislators.

Farrow said he talked with "everyone he could" about a compromise to phase out funding over two years. Unfortunately, the timing did not work. Counties affected by this change do not have solid representation and state legislators do not understand the benefits of the program. Dorow thanked Farrow for his work on this.

### **Update on NIC Technical Assistance Grant Award for Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative, Current Work of the Policy Team, & Next Steps**

Dorow said at the last EBDM meeting several team members said that they did not understand the initiative or the need for the county to participate in it. The NIC facilitator then asked the group to decide whether or not they are committed to the process. Dorow said this initiative is not just about CJCC programming but rather a process to map and evaluate Waukesha County's entire criminal justice system in an effort to identify its strengths and weaknesses. The process is not intended to increase workloads or to target any of the system's organizations. No changes will be made during this phase of the initiative. Waukesha County competed against other Wisconsin counties to participate in this initiative. This county's willingness and readiness on issues concerning evidence-based practices and evidence-based decision making set Waukesha apart from other counties. Dorow said these views from team members are disappointing and discouraging. Waukesha County is a leader and going through this process will give the county an opportunity to impact the criminal justice system on county, state and national levels.

Benedict said the EBDM initiative is a rare collaborative opportunity that will provide the CJCC access to resources and high levels of expertise. Waukesha County will never have this opportunity with the NIC again if they disengage from the effort. He is hopeful the group will appreciate the experience, work together and complete the effort.

### **Update on WI Department of Justice CIT/CIP Training Grant Award**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) & Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Training Grant Award Summary, March 2015*. The CJCC applied for and was awarded a four month grant totaling \$50K from the Wisconsin DOJ to provide CIP (for up to 80 correctional officers, probation agents, social workers), CIT (for up to 28 law enforcement officers with \$1,300 stipends available per officer) and Advanced CIT training (for up to 25 officers). The CJCC contracted with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Waukesha to provide the training in May and June 2015. NAMI Wisconsin covered the cost of all meals and one stipend totaling \$1,300 for the CIT training course.

### **Update on Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Drug Court Enhancement Grant Application**

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Drug Court Enhancement Grant Application Summary May 2015*. Luczaj said groups that received BJA implementation grants qualified to apply for the enhancement grant and then she reviewed grant application specifics including project summary, amount requested, funding period, match required, and project budget. The CJCC applied for a two-year grant totaling \$200K with a 25% match requirement from the BJA. The proposed project would serve a minimum of 33 participants over the two-year grant period (October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2017) and would enhance drug court recovery support services and improve treatment outcomes with the addition of recovery coaching. The funding would also enhance the HHS clinic operations by providing consulting services to help transition to a same-day access model of care, which would increase the immediacy of treatment services for drug court participants and other HHS clients. Dorow said the CJCC is fortunate to have a good grant writer like Luczaj on board.

### **Next CJCC Meeting**

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 @ 8:30 AM, G55

Motion: Farrow moved, Benedict second, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.