

Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Executive Committee
Minutes of February 8, 2016

Judge Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Judge Jennifer Dorow (chair), Paul Farrow, Paul Decker, Antwayne Robertson, Eric Severson, Sam Benedict, Sue Oppen.

Also Present: Rebecca Luczaj, Pete Slesar, Joan Sternweis, Steve Trimborn, Mike Neimon, Alison Ries.

Approve Minutes from January 11, 2016 Meeting

Motion: Decker moved, second by Robertson, to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016. Motion carried.

Overview of Programs & Alternatives Committee Member Survey Results

Slesar was present and reported that a survey was created and distributed to the Programs & Alternatives Committee in December. He stated that the survey was developed for the committee at the request of the Executive Committee due to some attendance issues and ongoing challenges the committee was facing. The survey consisted of 17 questions including questions pertaining to meeting locations and times, membership, attendance, goals, purpose and future direction. Slesar stated the results concluded that committee members are unclear of what the purpose of the committee truly is and if they are doing what is required of them. The results also showed the committee had a lack of direction and that they were unsure of what should be done with the information that is reported to them.

Further Discussion on Plan for Programs & Alternatives Committee

Following Slesar's report of the survey, the committee discussed in detail the future direction of the Programs & Alternatives Committee. Dorow stated a weakness of the committee is that they aren't endowed with the ability to make decisions because they are a body that was created to make recommendations. Decker stated a challenge he sees is if the committee is serious about reducing recidivism and putting the dynamics in place to do so. Dorow stated there are many different aspects of recidivism and it would be helpful to define which part of it is in question. Robertson questioned if the purpose and intent of the committee needs to be redefined and then examine how it fits within the current structure. Dorow responded by agreeing that strategic planning is needed to determine if the committee should be re-purposed versus replaced. Benedict stated strategic planning should occur within all of the standing committees to examine how they all fit together, ensure effectiveness and then potentially revise the structure. Luczaj stated that because Waukesha County has comprehensive programs available, it is hard for the committee to come up with ideas to create better alternatives. She stated that CJCC is due for strategic planning but it has been put off because of the EBDM initiative. Benedict suggested asking the committee what they feel needs to be addressed and what they see their role is and then ask them to report any suggestions back to the Executive Committee. Severson suggested the Executive Committee provide the P&A committee with some direction of what is expected of them. Oppen stated that due to changes within the community (i.e. opiate epidemic) since the committee was started, the efficiency of the committee is not there. The Executive Committee agreed to temporarily suspend the activities of Programs & Alternatives Committee at this point until a decision can be made to re-purpose or replace the committee. The committee will continue to receive reports electronically and may attend other CJCC meetings if they wish to do so.

Update on Proposal to Present at Mental Health & Substance Use Recovery Training Conference October 26-27, 2016

Luczaj stated that she will submit a proposal to present at the annual Mental Health & Substance Use Recovery Training conference in October with and Human Services Supervisor John Kettler. The presentation would include an overview of the 10 Key Components of Treatment Courts and incorporate Waukesha County's Alcohol Treatment Court and Drug Treatment Court into the presentation. Luczaj further stated that this will be a good opportunity to have the Department of Justice (DOJ) provide an update on the Treatment Alternatives & Diversion (TAD) grant. She is also hoping to invite the state Problem-Solving Courts Coordinator, who has not been assigned yet, to present on the types of treatment courts that are available in Wisconsin.

Update on EBDM Workgroups Status & Preparation for 2/16 Policy Team Meeting

Luczaj reported that the EBDM workgroups are working on developing goal statements and, once completed, she will e-mail the finalized goal statements to all committee members. The workgroups are also working on reviewing system mapping. They will then develop an implementation plan with any suggested changes to bring to the Policy Team for consideration. After approval, workgroups will then proceed with the logic model and action plan. Workgroups will be presenting to the Policy Team in April/May.

Next CJCC Executive Committee Meeting

March 14, 2016 @ 8:30 AM, Room G55

Next CJCC Meeting

March 23, 2016 @ 8:30 AM, Room C179

Motion: Robertson moved, second by Oppen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried.