



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Executive Committee Minutes of September 12, 2016

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

Committee Members Absent: Paul Decker

Also Present: Rebecca Luczaj, Janelle McClain, Mike Giese

Judge Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Approve Minutes from June 13, 2016 Meeting

Motion: Robertson moved, second by Farrow, to approve the June 13, 2016 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Consider CJCC Committee Membership Changes

Juvenile Justice Committee: Replace Abbey Nickolie, Assistant District Attorney (ADA), with Brian Juech, ADA. Luczaj reported that Nickolie moved out of Juvenile Court.

Motion: Robertson moved, second by Farrow, to approve the membership change. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on WI Department of Justice "2017 Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD)" Grant Award

Luczaj distributed the award summary, and reported that Waukesha County was awarded the full budget request of \$139,680 from the WI DOJ for Drug Court. The cap for applicants applying for treatment courts was \$125,000, but more could be awarded with justification. The DOJ received applications from 48 counties and tribes, and 45 were funded.

Benedict arrived at 8:39 a.m.

There is a 25% cash match requirement for the grant. Waukesha County satisfies this requirement by using any substance abuse and mental health services that TAD participants receive through HHS.

The length of the grant is 1 year, but those funded are eligible for 4 additional years of funding. The potential change in future years may be the funds the DOJ has available. For 2017, the legislature added \$2 million in additional funding, but it was a one-time appropriation.

The funding received will go towards a full time Case Manager, part time Recovery Coach Coordinator, drug testing supplies, client assistance, and staff training.

The federal grant is expected to end on September 30, 2017, but we are underspent, so we are anticipating a no-cost extension through the end of 2017.

Overview of 2017 CJCC Proposed Budget

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a portion of the CJCC proposed budget pages containing the financial summary chart and program highlights. The total proposed budget for CJCC in 2017 is \$1,359,820.

Due to federal funding ending in 2018, a decision will need to be made regarding the future of drug court.

Discuss Day Report Center Program Referrals

Dorow stated that Day Report Center (DRC) referrals are down. There are several reasons for this, including judicial preference and reduced referrals from the Sheriff's Department.

Opper arrived at 8:51 a.m.

There has been an informal policy in place regarding referrals from DOC, allowing them to send referrals if space allows, with no fee for the service. The WCS contract is in effect through 2017, and then will go out for bid for 2018.

Dorow does not think the DRC is requested often by defense attorneys, and is concerned about continuing a program that is being underutilized. The decline in referrals began at the end of 2015, but the DRC continues to have the largest CJCC program operating budget.

Severson stated that the Sheriff's Department has not referred many offenders to the DRC since the end of 2015. One of the primary reasons is because the Corrections Counselor positions, who had performed screening for DRC, were eliminated from the budget. In addition, they are underutilizing electronic monitoring due to the reduced jail population so they are returning equipment to reduce ongoing cost. Severson is not comfortable releasing mentally ill inmates, so this population is not eligible for DRC.

Giese offered historical information on the DRC, stating that it was created when the jail population was high. The Sheriff's Department was the primary referral source at the time (2007), and then the judges began referring as an alternative to incarceration. Referrals from the Sheriff's Department have dropped over recent years due to the declining jail population, as well as the fact that many inmates cannot afford to pay for electronic monitoring. The County does not operate a true "day report center" because they offer only a small array of services onsite.

Dorow stated that the Sheriff's Department should have a discussion with WCS about contracting with them for electronic monitoring, as it may be more cost effective. Severson said they have, and found that it would not be a cost savings.

Benedict commented that there is a tremendous unmet need for substance abusers. He also shared that Eau Claire County uses a diversion program for many moderate risk drug offenders who do not qualify for drug court.

Dorow reminded the committee that Waukesha County does not have to offer every type of program if there is a helpful one already in place in the community.

Luczaj stated that many of the CJCC programs are going out for bid in 2018, and how contracted service providers are reimbursed will possibly be changing. Currently, Waukesha County pays most CJCC contracts on a 1/12 basis. This may change to reimbursement based upon services rendered. A workgroup should be created if the committee wants to review the option of charging the DOC for probation referrals to the Day Report Center. Robertson agreed that the workgroup should include HHS and Fiscal staff.

Luczaj will bring updated DRC referral numbers, which will include the DOC referrals, to the next meeting.

Update on EBDM Phase VI Application

Luczaj reported that NIC has not announced decisions about Phase VI yet, but she is hoping to hear by this afternoon.

Review Agenda Items for 9/28 CJCC Meeting

- Linda Gordy from WCTC to present 2015-2016 Jail ABE/GED program outcomes
- Overview of 2017 budget
- TAD grant update
- EBDM Phase VI update

Motion: Farrow moved, second by Robertson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.