



Minutes Treatment Court Subcommittee February 13, 2015

Committee Members Present

Judge Lloyd Carter- Chair	Sam Benedict	Joan Sternweis	Sara Carpenter
Sue Oppen	Dick Manke	John Wirkus	Dan Lomen
Judge Kathryn Foster			

Committee Members Absent

Kathy Madden	Eric Severson
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Others Present

Torin Misko	Rebecca Luczaj	Jim Gumm	Windy Jicha
John Kettler	Andrea Will	Kathy Mallory	Nicole Masnica

Judge Carter called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approve Minutes of December 8, 2014 Meeting

Motion: Benedict moved, Foster second, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014. Motion carried 9-0.

Review Current Treatment Court Program Outcomes

Carpenter distributed and reviewed two handouts titled *2014 Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court* and *Drug and Alcohol Treatment Court – WCS Program Outcomes January 2015*, including funding sources, high-level program procedures and statistics, graduations and discharges, jail days saved, etc.

Update on Drug Court Technical Assistance from American University

Luczaj said she worked with American University to set up technical assistance to help the CJCC identify ways to improve DTC's program outcomes. The process will be two part:

- The DTC staffing team will review five to six discharged cases step-by-step with American University consultants via conference call on March 11, 2015 to better understand the team's decision making process.
- American University will schedule a site visit to further discuss programs concerns.

Luczaj noted that this process will enhance the county's drug court grant application, due in April.

Update & Brainstorming on Federal Drug Court Enhancement Grant Application

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a handout titled *Category 2: Enhancement. Grant Maximum: \$200,000. Project Period 24 months*, which outlines grant application considerations, and asked the group for suggestions for Waukesha County's DTC upcoming grant application to sustain program funding at the current capacity. Luczaj said enhancement funding could be used to address the following:

- Expand the number of participants served that meet the existing target population description
- Expand the target population description and serve additional participants who meet the expanded description
- Enhance court operations
- Enhance court and/or supervision services
- Enhance recovery support services

Ideas from committee members on program enhancement include:

- Housing assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Drug test ATC participants and provide appropriate and corresponding treatment
- Shift ATC drug addicted participants to DTC
- More mental health care
- Additional support for participants who fear going off of Vivitrol
- Assemble a more cohesive treatment model to provide continuity of treatment
- Add a benefit specialist to give participants information on resources such as insurance, community services, treatment options, etc.

Discuss Recovery Groups for ATC & DTC Participants

Kettler distributed and reviewed a handout titled *ATC and DTC Specific Support Groups* including reasons to start recovery groups for ATC and DTC, logistics, pros/cons, etc. Kettler recommended holding closed meetings for program participants and graduates in the HHS building using the services of AODA Volunteers of Waukesha County. Kettler provided information on the organization (<http://www.waukeshaaodavolunteers.org/>).

Carpenter recommended making support group participation mandatory for ATC and DTC participants in hopes that participants will continue attending meetings after graduation. Kettler said he hopes that graduates could eventually become recovery group volunteers after demonstrating sobriety for a set amount of time. Carter said participating with people who have graduated from the programs would be a huge incentive.

In response to Manke and Carpenter's questions, Kettler said these would not be 12 step programs. He does not know if participation in a peer specialist modeled support program can be part of treatment plans.

Foster said many participants in both programs have transportation issues that may make participating in recovery groups challenging. Perhaps providing sentence reductions would increase participation. Wirkus said recovery group participation would be a "creative carrot" for those on supervision. Manke suggested finding younger volunteers who could better relate to DTC participants.

Carter said it sounds like the idea has merit and should be pursued. Masnica agreed it is a great idea. There could be incentives or prizes for attending. Luczaj said we could give the program a try and evaluate its progress. Kettler said he could have the programs "online" in a month.

Motion: Benedict moved, Manke second, to support the creation of recovery groups for the ATC and DTC programs. The motion carried unanimously.

Update & Brainstorming on Trinity Broadcasting Segment Featuring Drug Court

In response to Luczaj's request for ideas for an upcoming Trinity Broadcasting segment about DTC, the group suggested a mock staffing, molding a bunch of short clips together and interviews of a program graduate and/or their family, Judge Domina, or Sue Opper.

Future Agenda Items/Other Business

- Progress on sanctions matrix (Benedict)
- ATC and DTC handbook rewrite workgroups (Foster)

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.