



Waukesha County
Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Evidence-Based Decision Making Mental Health Workgroup Minutes
Thursday, March 9, 2017

Team Members Present:

Antwayne Robertson (Co-Chair)
Dr. Gordon Owley
Mary Madden
Maura McMahan

Anna Ruzinski (Co-Chair)
Sally Tess
Robert Mueller
Laura Lau

Team Members Absent:

Hon. Kathryn Foster
Dan Baumann

Dr. James Rutherford
James Gumm

Others Present: Rebecca Luczaj, Janelle McClain, Andy Dresang, Jeff Lewis, Kristina Gordon, Julie Delain

Ruzinski called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. The meeting began with introductions amongst the committee members and guests present.

Approve Minutes from February 9, 2017

Motion: Mueller moved, second by Owley, to approve the minutes from February 9, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Updated Mobile Crisis Data

Owley distributed and reviewed three handouts: "January 2017 Emergency Detention Statistics," "Clinical Crisis 3-Month Rolling Call Statistics Summary," and "Clinical Crisis Call Distribution for December 2016 to February 2017." The busiest day appears to be Thursday, while the busiest times are from 9am-9pm.

The outpatient clinic is relying on Limited Term Employees (LTEs) in order to comply with 24/7 crisis staffing. They are looking to hire more Full Time Employees (FTEs), in particular during second shift. Since last June, the outpatient clinic has hired nine LTEs for mobile crisis.

The PDO grant that Waukesha County has received from WI DHS covers the cost of a FTE crisis worker.

Robertson and Owley will be at the April Police Chiefs' meeting to give an update on mobile crisis services.

Overall feedback is that the mobile crisis services have been improving over time.

Update on Presentation at Police Chiefs' Meeting Regarding Accidental Overdose Protocol

Robertson composed an accidental overdose procedure memo that Ruzinski distributed and reviewed with the Police Chiefs on March 7. The memo reiterated the workgroup's position that when a person "accidentally overdoses," the overdose was not really an accident, but rather a symptom of an underlying issue. The workgroup believes that a crisis worker should always assess the person to determine if the situation would qualify for an Emergency Detention (ED).

Robertson has made himself available for any of the Police Chiefs to contact him with questions or to explain the process further. Ruzinski also plans to ask for feedback from the Chiefs over time.

Mueller has also sent out a memo reiterating that not everyone is going to be ED'd, just that these situations are worthy of an assessment from a crisis worker.

McMahon commented that she has had clients who accidentally overdosed, received help, and are grateful for it. One of these clients is graduating from Drug Treatment Court on March 22.

The CIT Community Collaborative will review the memo at next week's meeting as well.

Update and Continued Discussion on Recent Subgroup Meetings Regarding Holding Initial Appearances by Video at the Mental Health Center (MHC)

Lewis reported that the Initial Appearances by Video at the MHC subgroup has met twice. Mike Neimon and Lewis tested the equipment between the MHC and G49, and it was successful. Now, the subgroup needs to address some of the logistics, such as court scheduling and HIPAA concerns.

If we have a victim, the hearings must be open. Mueller stated that the hearing could still be open if the defendant consents.

The workgroup members discussed possible alternatives to address Lau's concern of allowing the defendant access to their public defender during the hearing. The workgroup felt that there could be a public defender at the MHC with the defendant, and that paperwork can be faxed over via the MHC inpatient unit fax; however, there may still be logistics to work out with this idea.

Lewis has staff currently tracking the police holds to show how many there are and the types of crimes they are being charged with.

Felonies would be treated as they currently are; this process would only affect misdemeanors.

Generally, the clients know that something will be coming in terms of a hearing. The workgroup feels that by implementing this process, we can address the issue earlier on, work with the client, and address their anxieties, which will reduce harm to the client. Lewis will set up another meeting and include Lau and a representative from the District Attorney's office.

Mueller left at 1:27 p.m.

Review Other Old Business Items

Lewis reported that they are down to an average of 32 minutes for emergency detention doctor-to-doctor consultations. If there are outliers, they reviewed the cause.

Discuss Agenda Items/New Business for Next Meeting

The Emergency Room Doctors should be scheduled for the next meeting as a follow-up. Lewis suggested the MHC Multipurpose Room. The Initial Appearances by Video subgroup will meet before the next meeting.

Adjourn

Motion: Robertson moved, second by Owley, to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.