

## Criminal Justice Coordinating Council 2023 Subcommittee Goals and Accomplishments

### Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee (TAD)

**Goal #1: Review/analyze proposed legislation and 2023-2025 budget provisions impacting TAD-funded treatment court and diversion programming.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will coordinate with DOJ staff to provide updates/assistance with tracking and analyzing bills for the entire subcommittee and CJCC.
- Members of the Legislative Work Group will take the lead in this role.

**Accomplishments:** Throughout the 2023 meetings Adam Plotkin and Chris McKinny provided legislative updates, including state budget updates to the subcommittee. The Governor signed 2023-2025 budget into law in July and the budget increases TAD grant funds by \$1 million for 2025 awards.

**Goal #2: Assist DOJ with identifying grant opportunities and sources of funding to help cover the cost of local site's treatment, recovery support, and related services.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee members will share funding information during quarterly meetings.
- DOJ staff will share new and alternative sources of funding information with TAD grantees.

**Accomplishments:** Throughout 2023 DOJ staff invited other state agencies to share funding updates in subcommittee and CJCC meetings. Several times during the year, DOJ staff sent emails on grant funding and other resources offered by DHS to TAD grantees. Lastly, BJP staff educated local TAD sites and other grant-funded sites, like Deflection, on how DHS, DOC, opioid settlement funds and other funding can help leverage program costs.

**Goal #3: Subcommittee members will assist DOJ with providing and facilitating training/TA to TAD grantee staff and agencies, especially newly funded programs.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee members will complete surveys describing their areas of expertise and experience, to be matched up in training/TA activities with TAD grantees.

**Accomplishments:** BJP staff created and sent out a survey to TAD and EBDM subcommittee members and asked them to share it with relevant stakeholders. Responses were analyzed and summarized in a subcommittee meeting. The results showed that there is a lack of capacity for knowledgeable stakeholders to assist state

agencies with training on topics related to TAD, EBDM initiatives, and CJCC topics. staff at several state agencies will continue to work together to create a list of training and technical assistance needs and make a master plan for delivering training and technical assistance within the scope of what staff can support.

**Goal #4: Serve as an advisory body to guide BJP’s administration of the new federal SCIP (State Crisis Intervention Program) grant initiative.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee co-chairs will work with BJP staff to fill new seats needed to meet SCIP membership requirements.
- The subcommittee will provide input to establish program priorities and multi-year funding plan to be submitted to US DOJ – Bureau of Justice Assistance for approval.
- The subcommittee will advise on the administration of subgrant opportunities and grant award.

**Accomplishments:** In July and August, BJP hired a Program Manager and Grants Specialist to manage the new federal SCIP grant. BJP staff conducted research and presented information on the grant program, possible priorities for the funding, and initial data on gun violence in Wisconsin. The TAD subcommittee provided feedback in two meetings in September and November. A work group is currently meeting with BJP staff with the expectation that they will help better define priorities and the entire subcommittee will consider a revised plan for approval in December 2023 or January 2024.

**Goal #5: Promote the use of data-based decision-making models by BJP and others in establishing policies and procedures for awarding and administration of TAD grant funds and monitoring the effectiveness of programs.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will work with BJP and BJIA staff to review and draw conclusions from TAD program admissions, progress, and graduation/termination CORE data.
- The subcommittee will partner with EBDM Subcommittee and other CJCC entities to promote statewide EBDM Initiatives and other related projects designed to expand data-driven decision-making strategies and methods.

**Accomplishments:** BJIA staff presented information at several meetings about plans to develop the CORE dashboard site that provides interactive statewide data regarding treatment court and diversion program eligibility and admissions rates, by various categories. BJIA staff led a focus group with eight county/tribal sites to gain feedback. The CORE dashboard site will be launched in early 2024.

Additionally, staff in BJP and BJIA worked with local sites to identify needed enhancements to CORE and there will be new performance measures added for three specialty treatment courts.

Lastly, BJP and BJIA staff collaboratively completed review and finalization of *Draft WI Diversion Program Outcome and Performance Measures Report*. This report will be presented for approval at the next TAD subcommittee meeting.

## **Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Subcommittee**

### **Goal #1: Expand EBDM pretrial to additional jurisdictions.**

#### **Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee and DOJ will work together to establish interest in pretrial and EBDM methods for additional jurisdictions to improve fairness, reduce pretrial detention, increase efficiency, and improve public safety. Quarterly meetings will include an agenda item for pretrial updates.
- The subcommittee and DOJ will work together to identify grants and other resources for jurisdictions that can help reduce bias, make informed decisions about detainment, streamline the process, and ensure defendants do not pose a risk to the community.

**Accomplishments:** Each meeting includes an agenda item for pretrial updates from the local coordinators and DOJ staff. In the second meeting of 2023, when discussing funding strategy for JAG, the subcommittee recommended to DOJ to continue using JAG funds to fund the existing pretrial sites but to not expand grant opportunities for new sites until data from the current sites are collected and analyzed.

### **Goal #2: Promote EBDM systems mapping and the creation and maintenance of local CJCCs.**

#### **Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee and DOJ staff will work together to determine the need for systems mapping and building capacity for local CJCCs.
- The subcommittee and DOJ staff will work together to identify resources for providing training to increase systems mapping awareness and promote effective policies and EBDM practices.

**Accomplishments:** The Office of State Courts (Heather Kierzek) has hosted multiple local CJCC coordinating meetings to gather feedback on how to best support local CJCC coordinators going forward. The Office of State Courts and BJP staff will work together to build a training and technical assistance plan. BJP included funding for training for locals in the 2023 JAG application.

BJP staff presented to the CJCC on the new CJCC Standards, released by NIC in spring 2023 and provided an assessment of how well the statewide CJCC meets those standards. A few areas of improvement were identified and will be addressed.

**Goal #3: Build and sponsor an EBDM summit.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee and DOJ staff will work towards hosting a statewide summit winter of 2023/2024 including identifying resources to sponsor the summit, identifying critical topics for education/discussion, and building an agenda.

**Accomplishments:** Per recommendation from the subcommittee, funding was built into the 2023 JAG grant application to support the need for an annual CJCC summit/conference. This summit/conference will build upon momentum from the local CJCC coordinators meetings.

**Goal #4: Coordinate with the TAD subcommittee and DOJ staff to help provide and facilitate EBDM relevant training/TA to agencies with EBDM and TAD related programs.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will complete surveys identifying their areas of expertise and experience, to be matched up in training/TA activities for high priority training topics.

**Accomplishments:** BJP staff created and sent out a survey to TAD and EBDM subcommittee members and asked them to share it with relevant stakeholders. Responses were analyzed and summarized in a subcommittee meeting. The results showed that there is a lack of capacity for knowledgeable stakeholders to assist state agencies with training on topics related to TAD, EBDM initiatives, and CJCC topics. Staff at several state agencies will continue to work together to create a list of training and technical assistance needs and make a master plan for delivering training and technical assistance within the scope of what staff can support.

**Goal #5: Re-engage in efforts to use EBDM framework to discuss a wide range of difficult topics.**

**Outcomes:**

- During quarterly meetings, the subcommittee members will review key justice systems decision points at the state and local level and choose a new decision point(s) to work on for improvement.
- The subcommittee will work with DOJ to help identify grants and other resources to help fund the work on a new decision point.
- The subcommittee will work with CJCC and local partners to build awareness for EBDM initiatives such as pretrial, law enforcement deflection, and other related programs.

**Accomplishments:** The meetings in 2023 included several important topics for the subcommittee to consider. The main topic of interest in the first two meetings of the year was bail reform legislation and the possible ramifications on pretrial sites.

Then, BJP staff (Brad Kelly) presented to the subcommittee on the Wisconsin Deflection Initiative, which is a possible area of future growth in Wisconsin.

In the last meeting of the year, DHS presented to the subcommittee regarding status of mental health services for competency evaluations, civil commitments, etc. DHS was looking for some collaboration with stakeholders as this topic is relevant to the mental health and criminal justice fields.

All of these topics will likely continue to be areas of focus in the coming year.

**Goal #6: Promote consistency in data gathering and reports.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will collaborate with other CJCC subcommittees to explore areas for developing consistency in data collection while promoting EBDM principles to improve accuracy, increase efficiency, expand accountability, and support better decision-making.

**Accomplishments:** BJIA staff is in the process of reviewing performance measures for pretrial programs.

**Data Sharing/Outcomes, Trends and Indicators (OTIs) Subcommittee**

**Goal #1: Develop performance indicators that utilize integrated data from multiple systems (DOC, DOJ, CCAP) to demonstrate the analytic value of data integration.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will develop two to three performance indicators to analyze topics such as violent crime, overdose, repeat victimization, and disparities by race/ethnicity. The performance indicators can be utilized to help identify trends or evaluate interventions and support efforts to reduce crime, victimization, and disparities.

**Accomplishments:** In the subcommittee meetings, there was discussion and work on developing the performance indicators with an initial focus on those that tie into the JRI-19 Project, as well as other indicators that cross data sets.

**Goal #2: Identify and learn from successful examples of data sharing among criminal justice and non-criminal justice agencies.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will conduct research to learn from successful data-sharing practices in other states or localities to develop secure, efficient, and effective practices for data sharing.
- This will increase the ability of criminal justice system and partner organizations to integrate and utilize cross-sector data to enhance safety and justice-related goals of the CJCC and stakeholders through research, analysis, and evaluation.

**Accomplishments:** The subcommittee chair and a few other members began researching other states and local jurisdictions for data sharing practices and identifying associations or groups that focus on data sharing initiatives for resources. A few resources have been identified for follow up from other states and organizations that are focused on data sharing.

**Goal #3: Continue to identify and make recommendations to address data gaps.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will use meetings to discuss and identify critical gaps in data collection, availability, and analysis that should be emphasized based on CJCC goals, as well as agency and community priorities.
- Based on the identified gaps, the subcommittee will take steps or make recommendations to address the gaps to identified needs.

**Accomplishments:** In the subcommittee meetings, members discussed why this goal is important, how it relates to current grant funded initiatives like JRI and Justice Counts, and identified the need for a process for them to be able to identify known data gaps.

There was also discussion of a specific gap of not having a centralized location for jail data. Some time ago there had been an effort to explore the possibility of obtaining jail data that is already standardized from the company that handles data for the Victim Information & Notification Everyday (VINE) Program, but this encountered an unexpected challenge. The subcommittee discussion did indicate this is an important data gap.

**Goal #4: Support the CJCC in addressing data analysis needs.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will support CJCC and subcommittees in their data analysis needs.

**Accomplishments:** This is an on-going goal, but more directly stated than in previous years. In order to try to achieve this goal, an invitation was sent to the other

subcommittee co-chairs to reach out for support with specific data needs or for input on data approaches for specific initiatives.

**Goal #5: Promote consistency in data collection.**

**Outcome:**

- The subcommittee will explore areas for developing consistency in the way data is collected and submitted by criminal justice and partner agencies to make recommendations for improvement (e.g., the development of a common incident form, entry of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs – PDMP information/overdose, campus crime data collection, and reporting).

**Accomplishments:** While this is still a Tier 1 goal, the subcommittee decided to prioritize the other goals first in 2023. This will be revisited based on progress on the other goals.

**Race Equity, Inclusion and Access (REIA) Subcommittee**

**Goal #1: Review barriers to inclusion on juries and recommend system reforms.**

**Outcomes:**

- Work with the Office of State Courts and other state agencies to develop a pilot process that integrates new statutorily permissible lists into the Master Jury List.
- Work with the Data Sharing/OTIs Subcommittee Co-chairs for technical support and advice on improving data sets.
- Review juror summons process including language on forms and possible unintended barriers.

**Accomplishments:**

Met with the Department of Transportation on efforts to improve the Master Juror List. Discussions led to the inclusion of state identification cards which previously were not included.

Reviewed the Juror Questionnaire form with the State Courts Records Management Forms Subcommittee to discuss barriers to participation from felons who have completed their sentence. The State Courts has agreed to change the language on the form to align more with the statutory language and remove confusion around the language.

The subcommittee discussed doing post jury service surveys to gain better knowledge of the experiences and improvements that can be made.

**Goal #2: Continue efforts to increase educational opportunities around REIA in the criminal justice system.**

**Outcomes:**

- The subcommittee will discuss prospects for educational opportunities at conferences, trainings, webinars, etc.
- Review the Juror Project lesson plans for students and community groups.
- DOJ Staff and the subcommittee will look for partners to sponsor professional speakers.

**Accomplishments:** The subcommittee has reviewed the Juror Project materials and has begun brainstorming organizations that might be able to host educational sessions. The subcommittee also has reached out to the Wisconsin Civic Learning Coalition to discuss partnering with them on educational opportunities.