



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Evidence-Based Decision Making Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs Kelli Thompson and Tiana Glenna

Subcommittee Members Present:	Kelli Thompson, Tiana Glenna, Heather Kierzek, Ray Woodruff, Greg Peterson, Sadique Isahaku, Holly Audley, Lisa Roys, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Lance Wiersma, Nick Sayner
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Kit Kerschensteiner, Adam Plotkin, Jane Klekamp, Judge Elliot Levine
DOJ Staff:	Phil Zell, Lara Kenny, Katie Snell, Brad Kelly, Ashley Billig, Ryan Anderson, Christine Schulz, Kerrie Fanning, Brittney Felton, Sabrina Gentile, Danielle Long,

Welcome and Opening Comments

Subcommittee Co–Chair Tiana Glenna welcomed members to the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Quorum was present.

Co-Chair Tiana Glenna asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the April 25, 2024, and July 25, 2024.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2024, and July 25, 2024

Motion was made by Heather Kierzek and seconded by Ray Woodruff to approve the April 25, 2024, and July 25, 2024, Evidence-Based Decision Making Subcommittee meeting minutes.

The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Grants and Training Update

Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) and State SIM Team

Presented by Heather Kierzek, Evidence-Based Program Manager – State Courts and Subcommittee Member

Heather Kierzek used a PowerPoint presentation to update on the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) training and State SIM Team. A state-level team with representatives from DOJ, State Courts, DHS, DOC, and local coordinators completed a 2-day training with the National Center for State Courts in October. This team will be observing a SIM workshop with La Crosse County in January 2025. Once that has been completed, four additional pilot SIM workshops will be facilitated by members of the state team. These facilitators will then be available to assist other counties who are wanting to complete a workshop.

La Crosse County has been chosen as the first site. Kierzek is still verifying participation with the other four counties (Polk County, Lafayette County, Door County and Jefferson County).

Ryan Anderson, Criminal Justice Supervisor

Ryan Anderson used a PowerPoint presentation to provide an update on Federal and State grants. Anderson displayed the allocation of funds for the federal 2024 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) budget. Anderson listed the current BJP grant opportunities.

Anderson reported on the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program application process. There is \$10,688,900 to support TAD in calendar year 2025. Applications were due by end of day on October 21, 2024. 61 applications were received.

Anderson reported BJP Staff is still waiting to hear if the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded Wisconsin a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant. BJP requested \$7 million in their grant application.

WI DOC Medicaid and Corrections Policy Academy

Presented by Ray Woodruff, DOC Reentry Director

Ray Woodruff used a PowerPoint to report on the Medicaid and Corrections Policy Academy.

Jail Needs Assessment Update

Presented by Kerrie Fanning, BJIA

Kerrie Fanning gave an update on the Jail Needs Assessment survey. The project goal is to create a comprehensive record of the programs and services being offered in Wisconsin jail facilities along with any barriers to implementing programs and goals for future programming.

Information collected will be used to assess differences in how services and programs are being offered between facilities and to aid in data-driven decision making for future WI DOJ jail-based programs and grant making.

This project aims to support jail facilities by:

1. Sharing information between facilities about programs and services being offered in other jails in the state to facilitate peer-to-peer facility collaboration
2. Understanding barriers jails have encountered in implementing the programs and services they want to provide, and navigating opportunities to use resources more effectively and efficiently
3. Preparing and allocating resources at WI DOJ and other state and local agencies and community programs to support jails' compliance with state and federal requirements and in meeting the needs of individuals residing in WI jails

Accomplished Tasks

- Final testing of survey is underway from WI DOJ BJIA and BJP staff

- Looking for two to three volunteers from the EBDM Subcommittee to test out the final draft of the survey for any final feedback on survey questions
- Received exemption status from UW Parkside's Institutional Review Board, confirming this is not considered human subjects research and thus does not need to receive IRB review and approval

Current Tasks

- Receive final feedback from WI DOJ BJIA and BJP staff and from EBDM Subcommittee volunteers

Goals for Next Quarter

- Distribute survey – aiming for early November, with closing date of December 15th
 - Monitor survey distribution and responses
- Start preliminary analyses of results

Pretrial Site Updates

Presented Phil Zell, BJP and Pretrial Coordinators

James Deziel and Tiana Glenna, Eau Claire County

- Eau Claire County has moved from Avatar to EzJustice as the Case management software for pretrial services.
- We are actively integrating the use of Peer Specialists for all ordered to pretrial monitoring.
- We have seen a lower number of people ordered to pretrial services. In response to this we are actively educating stakeholders on the need, use and research, based on the impact and results of the pretrial program.

Rose Baier, Chippewa County

TRENDS:

- Remain consistent. So far, this year has completed 287 PSA's which is on track with last year's numbers. Have closed out 125 cases in 2024 with positive success rates. Continue to do PSA's on all individuals held in jail awaiting bond hearing with the exception of those on probation due to staffing capacity. Have 1 ½ pretrial assessors at this time. Typically monitoring between 150-170 between the two. We monitor level 1 until their Initial appearance and then release if they are complying. This is due to having the bond hearing 6 weeks prior to the Initial. Still seeing mostly level 1 and level 4 (29%-1 and 39%-4)

SUCCESS:

- Have been successful overall. Seeing very good outcomes with FTA and NCA rates. Baier presented to the 10th Judicial District this past Friday and received a very positive response not only with pretrial but all the Diversion Programs Chippewa County has.

They had very good questions and feedback. NCIC access is going well. Baier received her TAC training and is in the process of making sure all policy and procedures comply. Access will allow more Quality Assurance measures to occur.

CHALLENGES:

- Challenges around orientation of new stakeholders, Board members and upcoming changes in staff. There will be significant challenges in duplicate entry of data into CORE and our case management system, but we will figure it out.

Beth Robinson, Outagamie County

- Outagamie County is partnering with the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee to conduct PSA validation, to look at concurrence rates, and to explore factors impacting pretrial outcomes.
- We are in the process of switching pretrial case management software from AutoMon (Catalis) to ezSupervision; implementation will occur at the end of 2024 or the first few weeks of January.
- In response to trends in pretrial supervision outcomes, all individuals beginning pretrial supervision on or after July 1st are being supervised under pre-COVID-19 supervisions standards (no virtual supervision in place of office visits).
- Our department is proud of our work to be person focused, setting the tone at the start of supervision appointments with offering water and a granola or protein bar, and providing basic needs items and harm reduction products. Items include things like hygiene kits, feminine hygiene products, condoms, naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and lip balm.
- Anecdotally, we are noticing an increase in clients discussing treatment needs and options since we began offering naloxone and fentanyl test strips in our case managers' offices.
- Last quarter, we completed 443 PSAs, 222 individuals were required to be supervised pretrial, and 122 individuals were active on pretrial supervision at the end of the quarter.

Tonya VanTol, La Crosse County

- Specialists are shifting focus from only administering UAs and doing GPS hook-ups to be trained to focus on providing resource and court navigation to pretrial clients along with other JSS programs.
- Specialists will also be administering the PSA.
- La Crosse County is receiving targeted TA from Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research to evaluate our current PSA practices including QA, help develop a training manual and to provide training for stakeholders.
- We are increasing jail in reach, developing release plans, and pretrial clients are having success with connecting pretrial clients to inpatient treatment services. This is through the support of the jail and human service partnerships.

- JSS leadership worked with Kerrie Fanning and our IT services to evaluate our data collection and make sure it lines up with DOJ's need in the future to collect data in order to validate the PSA. We are in process of enhancing our system to address the gaps that were uncovered.

Pretrial Site Reporting Module in CORE

Presented by Ashley Billig, BJIA

Ashley Billig gave a demonstration of the Pretrial site reporting module in the Comprehensive Outcome, Research, and Evaluation Reporting System (CORE).

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Co-Chair Tiana Glenna asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Holly Audley and seconded by Kelli Thompson to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.