



## **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

### **Evidence-Based Decision Making Subcommittee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, February 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting location Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs Kelli Thompson and Ray Woodruff

Subcommittee Members Present:	Tiana Glenna, Brad Jago, Heather Kierzek, Dave Mack, Delilah McKinney, Chloe Moore, Greg Peterson, Kelli Thompson, Ray Woodruff, Judge Elliott Levine*(left at 10:27), Nick Sayner*(left at 10:37)
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Emily Westover (just appointed and was previously scheduled out of office)
DOJ Staff:	Ryan Anderson, Mike Austin, Ashley Billig, Mike Derr, Kerrie Fanning, Sabrina Gentile, Brak Kelly, Lara Kenny, Marsha Schiszik, Christine Schulz, Katie Snell, Phil Zell, Matt Allord
Other Agency Staff:	Amber Rozek (Winnebago Co Sheriff Office), Rebecca Luczaj (Waukesha Co), Rose Baier (Chippewa Co), Beth Robinson (Outagamie Co), Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen (Rock Co), James Deziel (Eau Claire Co), Crystal Ruzicka (Eau Claire Co)

#### **Welcome and Opening Comments**

Subcommittee Co–Chair Ray Woodruff welcomed members to the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Quorum was present. Lara Kenny noted Co-Chair Woodruff is the new subcommittee co-chair.

Co-Chair Ray Woodruff asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the October 24, 2024, meeting.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2024**

Motion was made by Judge Elliott Levine and seconded by Heather Kierzek to approve the October 24, 2024, Evidence-Based Decision Making Subcommittee meeting minutes. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

#### **Subcommittee Member Updates**

**Co-Chair Ray Woodruff reported the following updates:**

- Lance Wiersma has retired from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC).
- The following leadership changes have occurred at DOC:
  - Kari Beier is the new Assistant Deputy Secretary.
  - Melissa Roberts is the Assistant Administrator in the Division of Management Services.
  - Shannon Butcher is the Administrator in the Division of Adult Institutions.

- Troy Enger is the Administrator of the Division of Community Corrections.

### **EBDM Subcommittee Overview**

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#### **Presented by Lara Kenny, Director of the Bureau of Justice Programs (BJP) and Ryan Anderson, BJP Criminal Justice Supervisor:**

Lara Kenny discussed the purpose of the EBDM subcommittee meetings and the need for new subcommittee members due to changes in leadership and representation. The following members introduced themselves:

- Tiana Glenna, Criminal Justice Services Director in Eau Claire County.
- Brad Jago, Night Shift Patrol Sergeant and supervisor of Community Outreach and Response Team at Superior PD.
- Heather Kierzek, Evidence Based Programs Manager at the Director of State Courts Office.
- Judge Elliott Levine, La Crosse County judge and long-time member of the EBDM subcommittee.
- Captain Dave Mack, Jail Captain at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office.
- Delilah McKinney, consultant for reentry and gun violence prevention from the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin.
- Chloe Moore, Behavioral Health Manager overseeing justice support and clinical services in Dane County.
- Chief Greg Peterson, Chief of Police at Grant Chute and long-time member of the EBDM subcommittee.
- Nick Sayner, CEO of The Difference Principle and long-time advocate for evidence-based decision making.
- Ray Woodruff, Co-Chair of the subcommittee, Reentry director for the Wisconsin DOC.

#### **Structure of EBDM Subcommittee:**

- Lara Kenny explained the structure of the EBDM subcommittee and the importance of having new members to represent different programming.
- The subcommittee will have six meetings a year, with the option of canceling meetings if there is not enough material to cover.
- Kenny emphasized the importance of attendance and communication if members are unable to attend a meeting.
- The subcommittee aims to have robust conversations across the spectrum of programming, including pretrial, deflection, and other diversion programs.

Ryan Anderson presented a PowerPoint and reported to the subcommittee:

- Anderson explained the role of the BJP within the Division of Law Enforcement Services at the Wisconsin DOJ.
- BJP serves as the state administering agency for criminal justice and juvenile justice-related grants, managing compliance and funding requirements.

- BJP oversees various state and federal initiatives to improve public safety, including the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program (TAD), Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response, Elder Justice and the Beat Patrol program.
- BJP also manages federal grants including the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT), the State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) and Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSUP).
- Anderson discussed the shift from the key justice systems decision point model to the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) framework for a more comprehensive and integrated approach.

### **Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Framework**

- Anderson explained the five intercepts of the SIM framework: community services, law enforcement and emergency services, initial detention or court hearings, jails and courts, reentry, and community corrections.
- The importance of intercept zero, community-based crisis response, was emphasized, highlighting the need for early intervention and cross-system collaboration.
- Anderson discussed the role of the subcommittee in guiding BJP and advising on programming along the SIM model.
- The subcommittee will help identify gaps and track interventions to build an effective intercept zero system.

### **Deflection Grant Update**

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#### **Presented by Brad Kelly, BJP**

Brad Kelly reported to the subcommittee:

- An overview of the Wisconsin Deflection Initiative (WDI), which aims to expand deflection programs across the state.
- The solicitation will open on March 17, 2025, with applications due by April 30, 2025, and a projected start date of July 1, 2025. The project end date is August 31, 2027.
- The program will fund 10 new deflection teams, each receiving up to \$500,000 for a two-year project period.
- The WDI focuses on active outreach and participant engagement and recovery programs, including harm reduction supplies, housing, transportation, and treatment services.
- Kelly emphasized the importance of peer support and coordinated response specialists in deflection programs.

### **Pretrial Site Updates**

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## **Presented Phil Zell, BJP and Pretrial Coordinators**

### **Tiana Glenna, James Denziel, and Crystal Ruzicka, Eau Claire County**

- Tiana Glenna introduced the pretrial pilot program and its foundation in evidence-based decision making.
  - The focus is on maximizing the individuals being released pretrial if they are not a danger to the community, ensuring that the individual attends their court appointments, and minimizing new criminal activity while the individual is in the pretrial program.
- James Denziel, Pretrial Coordinator, shared updates on the pretrial program, including the integration of peer support specialists and automated reminders.
- Crystal Ruzicka, Data Coordinator, presented their pretrial dashboard, highlighting key metrics such as demographics, high-intensity users, and monitoring outcomes.
- Glenna discussed the challenges of data conversion and the transition to the new case management system.

### **Rose Baier, Chippewa County**

- Rose Baier provided an update on their pretrial program, emphasizing stakeholder buy-in and the integration with reentry services.
- Concurrence rate is 100% because their judges are ordering every individual who has a Public Safety Assessment (PSA) completed to the pretrial program.
- Entry into the CORE reporting system (Comprehensive Outcome, Research and Evaluation For Treatment Courts and Diversion Programs) is a struggle because they are also entering data into their other system.
- Outcomes are going well as far as failure to appear rates are gradually decreasing.

### **Beth Robinson, Outagamie County**

- Beth Robinson discussed her new role as the director of the Department of Criminal Justice Treatment Services. She will continue to supervise the pretrial program.
- A part-time employee is handling CORE data entry for their TAD grant.
- Robinson discussed the difficulty of data entry, discussing whether assessors or case managers should enter information at the time of PSA completion or if the part-time data entry person should do enter CORE information.
- Outagamie County recently switched to a new vendor for their pretrial case management system, which was implemented over the holidays due to issues with the previous vendor.
- Robinson discussed partnerships with UW-Milwaukee for research projects, including local validation and outcome measures, to address decreases in certain measures.
- The county is planning to incorporate the LAP (Lethality Assessment Program) Valley assessment protocol information for determining GPS eligibility for domestic violence-related offenses.
- Robinson explained the current method of determining eligibility for GPS based on charges and criminal complaints, which is not well-validated.

- The county aims to use LAP information collected by law enforcement to be more consistent and informed, with LAP 2.0 going live in March.
- Robinson highlighted the issue of individuals without attorneys struggling to secure signature or lower cash bonds.
- The deputy director position is vacant, and they aim to fill it within the next month or two.

#### **Rebecca Luczaj, Waukesha County**

- Rebecca Luczaj discussed the importance of the concurrence rate, which is currently at 56%. This indicates when the supervision level ordered by the court commissioner matches with recommendation of the PSA assessment risk tool.
- The goal is to achieve an 80% concurrence rate.
- Court commissioners ordering higher supervision in 6% of cases and lower supervision in 38% of cases.
- Waukesha County supervised 543 defendants in 2024, with a failure-to-appear rate and re-arrest rate both at 3% of individuals while on pretrial supervision.
- Trends show higher compliance rates for general pretrial supervision compared to OWI offenders.
- Waukesha County has a robust pretrial conferencing program that resolved 647 cases in 2024.
- A strategic planning session was held for their CJCC in October 2024, focusing on system data, jail utilization, and pretrial and post-conviction programming.
- The county is evaluating the effectiveness of pretrial and post-conviction programs, considering formal evaluations to ensure efficient use of resources.

#### **Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Rock County**

- Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen reported a 91.81% appearance rate in 2024 and an 84.8% safety rate for no new arrests while on pretrial services.
- Rock County's pretrial services program contracts with JusticePoint to provide pretrial services and assessments.
- The county averted about 42,000 jail bed days in 2024.
- A pretrial forum is scheduled for April 2 to re-educate and align stakeholders on the pretrial program.

#### **WI COSSUP FY19 Evaluation Report**

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This presentation will be scheduled at the April 17, 2025, meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

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There was no public comment.

Co-Chair Ray Woodruff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

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Motion was made by Tiana Glenna and seconded by Heather Kierzek to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

#### **2025 Meeting Dates**

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April 17, 2025

June 19, 2025

August 21, 2025

October 16, 2025

December 18, 2025