

State CJCC EBDM Subcommittee: Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Chair: Kelli Thompson, State Public Defender

Team Members Present:	
Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, WI Counties Association	Matt Raymer, State EBDM Team Coordinator
Senator Janis Ringhand, D-Evansville	Judge Elliott Levine, La Crosse County
Greg Peterson, Grand Chute Police Chief	Linda Palmer, Rep. Schraa Staff
Gary King, District Attorney, Eau Claire County	Tiana Glenna, CJCC Coordinator, Eau Claire County
Kelli Thompson, State Public Defender	Judge Kelly McKnight, Ashland County
Silvia Jackson, Reentry Director, DOC	Kit Kerschensteiner, Disability Rights WI
Holly Audley, Division of Care and Treatment Services Assistant Administrator, DHS	Patti Jo Severson, Mental Health Advocate
Lance Wiersma, Administrator, Division of Community Corrections, DOC	

Team Members Absent:	
Judge Carl Ashley, Milwaukee County	Holly Szablewski, District 1 Court Administrator, Milwaukee County
Jane Klekamp, Associate County Administrator, La Crosse County	Megan Jones, Director of Research and Policy
Sadique Isahaku, Dean of School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Milwaukee Technical College	Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director, State Bar of Wisconsin
Nick Sayner, Executive Director, JusticePoint	

Additional Present:	
Lara Kenny, Bureau of Justice Programs Director, DOJ	Heather Kierzek, Statewide Problem-Solving Court Coordinator, Office of Court Operations
Renee Lushaj, TAD Program Manager, DOJ	Adam Plotkin, SPD Legislative Liaison
Dennis Powers, Program Manager, DOJ	Rhonda Frank-Loron, Pretrial Manager, Office of Court Operations
Mike Austin, Program Manager, DOJ	

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chair Kelli Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the 1/28/21 minutes was made by Tiana Glenna and seconded by Judge Elliott Levine. The motion was approved.

Pretrial Pilots Update

Frank-Loron provided an update on the pretrial pilot counties. Frank-Loron reported that work continues on a number of guidance documents for sites and that the operational guide, performance measures, and pretrial definitions documents are almost complete. Frank-Loron also facilitated a survey of pretrial programs across the state. Frank-Loron provided an update on technical assistance and training efforts.

Matt Raymer provided an update on the FY20 Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) grant, which will continue to build statewide data collection, performance measurement, and technical assistance capacity. This project is currently still in the planning stages.

CJCC Subcommittee Updates

Chair Thompson and DOJ staff provided an overview of the work of the other State CJCC Subcommittees.

TAD Subcommittee

The TAD Subcommittee continues to work through legislation changes with OWI 5th/6th offenses and the TAD statute. A major focus of the subcommittee and staff in recent months has been the proposals related to the state budget and the next five-year funding cycle, which will start in calendar year 2022. This has included legislative outreach regarding DOJ's budget request for staff support as well as the statutory changes that were developed and requested by the subcommittee. A webinar was presented by DOJ to legislators in April. Staff are also working to prepare sites for the competitive application process while the budget is still being determined.

Data Sharing/OTIs Subcommittee

The Data Sharing/OTIs Subcommittee continues to work towards implementation of the FY19 Justice Reinvestment Initiative grant, which will develop further data sharing and analysis capabilities between DOJ, DOC, and the Courts. DOJ is working to move forward on a recruitment process for a grant-funded research analyst. The Subcommittee is also working to finalize standard data sharing agreements for state agencies to use. A demographic data survey is also being developed. The Data Sharing Subcommittee also worked with DOJ staff to develop the Strategic Planning survey, which will be discussed later in the agenda.

Racial Disparities Subcommittee

Thompson discussed the formation of a racial disparities subcommittee. Justice Rebecca Dallet will be a chair of the proposed subcommittee. A co-chair and additional membership are still being discussed. This will be a topic for further discussion at the June 9, 2021 State CJCC meeting.

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Strategic Planning

Raymer facilitated a discussion on the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Strategic Planning process. The goal of the Strategic Planning process is to develop a set of priorities for funding for the FY21-25 period, and to also use this process to inform the overall work of the State CJCC, EBDM Subcommittee, and other programs such as TAD. Raymer used a PowerPoint address the Strategic Planning discussion. The goals of this discussion included the following:

- Provide a brief overview/refresher on the TAD and JAG programs, including the current status of their funding cycles.
- Discuss the initial steps, and then next steps of this planning process for JAG, and also how it relates to other programs and the work of the CJCC as a whole.
- Review the preliminary results of the local CJCC survey, and how they can be used to inform both the CJCC, the work of the EBDM Subcommittee, and strategic planning for these grant programs in an effort to coordinate these processes and leverage resources.

The survey and discussion are designed to discuss the first step in the process, related to local needs, which is an analysis of current local policies and practices. The survey of local jurisdictions/CJCCs was designed to develop information such as:

- Local programs being implemented
- Local program needs
- Efforts to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system
- Use of risk/needs assessments
- COVID-19 impacts/changes
- Data needs

The current JAG Strategic Plan includes existing priorities and funds the following programs:

- Multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task forces that cover drug enforcement in the majority of Wisconsin's counties and tribes;
- EBDM Pretrial Pilot Programs;
- EBDM Jail Reentry Pilot Programs;
- State Justice Systems Improvement Programs; and
- The Wisconsin Statistical Analysis Center UCR/IBR/Research Program.

As the survey results were reviewed, the subcommittee discussed the following topics:

- Local CJCCs:
 - There is a need to continue to assist and provide training opportunities for them and outline what makes an effective CJCC/EBDM.
 - Local CJCCs should also be a focus for resources.
- There is a need to continue funding for pretrial pilots and TAD programs or it will be hard for counties to sustain the EBDM progress that has been made over many years.
- EBDM Focus:
 - Priorities should start with the EBDM framework, which should drive programming, and not have funding drive programming.
 - There needs to be technical assistance with programs to ensure programs are run with fidelity to EBDM.
 - Consistent, validated training is a challenge for all programs. There is a need to training to onboard new staff as well as for current staff to stay current with evolving research and evidence-based standards.

Following the review of the main survey points and discussion, Chair Thompson suggested creating a smaller group to further review the materials and priorities with DOJ staff. This group will be developed and convened by staff prior to the next meeting in July.

Meeting Recap

The next meeting is scheduled for 7/22/2021. The next meeting’s discussion will focus on the JAG priorities identified by DOJ staff and the smaller workgroup as a result of the local CJCC survey results and EBDM change targets. The goal will be to forward these priorities to the CJCC for approval at the September meeting.

Task Description	Responsible Member	Due Date
Review change target document	All Members	Ongoing
Further develop and administer JAG Strategic Planning Survey	Matt Raymer/Subcommittee Workgroup Members	Ongoing
Schedule future meetings.	Matt Raymer	Ongoing

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.