

State CJCC EBDM Subcommittee: Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Chair: Kelli Thompson, State Public Defender

Co-Chair: Tiana Glenna, CJCC Coordinator, Eau Claire County

Members Present:	
Nick Sayner, Executive Director, JusticePoint	Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, WI Counties Association
Greg Peterson, Grand Chute Police Chief	Megan Jones, Director of Research and Policy
Kelli Thompson, State Public Defender	Kit Kerschensteiner, Disability Rights WI
Silvia Jackson, Reentry Director, DOC	Lance Wiersma, Administrator, Division of Community Corrections, DOC
Adam Plotkin, SPD Legislative Liaison	Holly Audley, Division of Care and Treatment Services Assistant Administrator, DHS
Jane Klekamp, Associate County Administrator, La Crosse County	Patti Jo Severson, Mental Health Advocate
Judge Elliott Levine, La Crosse County	Tiana Glenna, CJCC Coordinator, Eau Claire County

Members Absent:	
Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director, State Bar of Wisconsin	Diane Fremgen, Supreme Court Clerk
Sadique Isahaku, Dean of School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Milwaukee Technical College	Judge Kelly McKnight, Ashland County
Senator Janis Ringhand, D-Evansville	Holly Szablewski, District 1 Court Administrator, Milwaukee County
Judge Carl Ashley, Milwaukee County	

Additional Present:	
Lara Kenny, Bureau Director, Justice Programs	Linda Palmer, Rep. Schraa Staff
Donna Hahn, Program Planning Analyst, DOJ	Steve Wagner, Division Administrator, DLES
Laura McFarlane, AAG DLS, DOJ	Brad Kelly, Program Manager, DOJ
Marsha Schiszik, TAD Program Specialist	Katie Domina, Deputy Policy Director, Governor Evers Office
Mike Derr, TAD Program Improvement Specialist	Heather Kierzek, Statewide Problem-Solving Court Coordinator, Office of Court Operations
Alesha Hawkins, Research Analyst, Bureau Justice Information and Analysis	Ashley Billig, Supervisor Research Analyst, Bureau Justice Information and Analysis
Jaime Rosenfeld	Andy Phillips, Wisconsin Counties Association
Connie	

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Chair Kelli Thompson.

Kelli introduced Tiana Glenna as the new co-chair of the Evidence Based Decision Making subcommittee.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the 3/24/22 minutes was made by Nick Sayner and seconded by Sylvia Jackson. The motion was approved.

Pretrial site update

CHIPPEWA COUNTY:

Rose Baier of Chippewa County updated the subcommittee on the pre-trial sites. Chippewa County struggled due to COVID but was able to go live in February of 2020 and 2021. They completed 621 pre-trial assessments on individuals some repetitive, so although they completed 621 assessments, they actually served 375 pre-trial adults.

What they found was a majority of the individuals coming in were either a level one or a level four in their supervision matrix. The outcome at this time is the level one adults had 4.4% failure to appear, which is what they had anticipated for pre-trial. All they are doing for those individuals is court notification reminders. Level four individuals had a 35.9% failure to appear rate, which is also what they had anticipated.

Chippewa County does work on the training modules that are now up on the Wisconsin court site as a pre-trial pilot site. A lot of hours went in to accomplishing the training but they were able to get them done. Rose asked that moving forward some editing and things be done to the documents but at least it's a good start for other counties to help train new pre-trial assessors.

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY:

Tiana Glenna of Eau Claire County updated the subcommittee. Eau Claire County continues to monitor, coordinate and collaborate through the pre-trial process with two different counties. They did start late due to hiring and COVID in mid-2020. She wanted to thank DOJ if it wasn't for the grant, they wouldn't be able to do this project and the work they do. Tiana has asked though for some help from DOJ with the performance measures and data collection. Are they collecting the same data across the system, are they collecting the correct data? They have different mechanisms of collecting the data and would like help from someone within DOJ to help across programs to make sure they are collecting unified outcome measures with one key goal.

Eau Claire County has completed 1172 PSA's so far. As of April 1, 2022 the courts have referred for pre-trial monitoring 394 individuals, 108 so far have successfully completed the pre-trial program.

All judges within Eau Claire County use the pre-trial services. Tiana would like to see the CJCC help DOJ support this grant.

La CROSSE COUNTY:

Tonya Van Tol of La Crosse County updated the subcommittee. She has been in this position for one year, so mostly during COVID. There has been a re-position of how they are doing their work due to COVID. They have moved from zoom back to the old protocols with the coordinators going back to face to face.

La Crosse County had approximately 1500 PSA's and just about 1300 out of custody PSA's. The county picked up the cost of the funding for the position so the grant no longer funds the coordinator position. The grant now funds direct care, basic needs, transportation, and buying the temporary cellphones. It allows for the additional resources for the program to run.

WAUKESHA COUNTY:

Rebecca Luczaj of Waukesha County updated the subcommittee. Waukesha implemented the program in June of 2020. When they could no longer interview they implemented the PSA so between June 2020 and February of 2022 they were a little behind in entering their data collection and reports. They have completed 3716 PSA reports for in custody offenders and the results have shown that about 51% of defendants are referred for pre-trial supervision, so they are scoring at a level 2 or higher. They have about 49% of the population scoring at a level 1, so they are not being recommended for supervision. Waukesha County has seen an increase in arrests and referrals during COVID. ARPA funding allowed for hiring of an additional position.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY:

Nick Sayner of Milwaukee County updated the subcommittee. Nick stated just like Waukesha County there is an uptick of people being on pre-trial supervision. Milwaukee County is seeing the same thing in jury trials as well, huge backlog in court cases, which is causing a backlog in pre-trial supervision as well and will have an impact on outcomes and capacity. Attorneys at the moment have in excess of 200 cases that are open on their desks. Recruiting and retaining pre-trial staff is a huge problem.

Lara Kenny gave a Pre-Trial grant funding update to the subcommittee. There is current funding from JAG 2020 and 2021 built in for Pre-Trials, and priorities for JAG funding Lara expects will continue to be funding available for federal fiscal year 2022. DOJ is looking to expand funding to additional sites in other counties. Bureau of Justice Programs is working right now on a position posting for a pre-trial program policy analyst along with other related projects. Lara has shared that with the subcommittee members and coordinators to spread throughout their network.

Alesha Hawkins from the Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis also shared they are going through a hiring process, if they have a successful candidate with the second interviews, this person will be working on the pre-trial project.

Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grants update

Brad Kelly gave an update on the Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grants. The Wisconsin DOJ Overdose Fatality Review teams are trying to expand to at least three more sites, possibly six. They currently have 18 OFR teams and 21 counties. They should be selected and awarded before the next meeting.

1. Jail-based MAT

New programs started on April 1, 2022 in Dunn County, Fond du Lac County, Wood County. Currently started serving individuals in Fond du Lac County jail with medication. Wood County and Dunn County just started serving individuals as well. DOJ just closed the recent round of funding and hopefully will expand this program to four more counties.

2. Law Enforcement Deflection

Marathon Co Sheriff's Department is moving along. DOJ hopes to award a few more sites, after they are reviewed within the next month.

3. Pre-Booking

The three sites are moving ahead, getting into the data collection, and analysis part of their grants. DOJ hopes to award a few more sites, after they are reviewed within the next month.

Opioid Settlement Funding update

Andy Phillips from the Wisconsin Counties Association presented to the subcommittee on the Opioid Settlement Funding. Wis Statute 165.5 provides the distribution of any settlement funds that come into Wisconsin as a result of a settlement that came out of the opioid litigation. Out of the settlement-approx 280 million dollars- 30% of the funds received over a period of 18 years will go to the State of Wisconsin (Department of Health Services), 70% to local governments. The payments will not happen all at once but over time. All funds will be tracked on how they are used. They will have to be used for abatement activities set within the priorities of the settlement.

Bail Reform Discussion

Adam Plotkin started the discussion with the subcommittee on bail reform. The concept was to put together a policy paper from this subcommittee that would be run through the full CJCC. The paper would talk about best practices, model policies, etc. for bail reform. Several materials and background information were sent to subcommittee members from DOJ for review.

The subcommittee members had a discussion with Connie Kostelac and Megan Jones from the Data Sharing Subcommittee regarding the data that would be needed across the state to be included in the paper. Connie and Megan will send Tiana what data is needed, where she is pulling it from inside the different systems and what it would look like and Tiana will send to the other pre-trial coordinators for collection.

A small working group was formed to work on the policy paper. The group includes Tiana Glenna, Nick Sayner, Connie Kostelac, Megan Jones, Rose Baier, Jaime Rosenfeld, Adam Plotkin and Elliott Levine

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Nick Sayner and seconded by Jane Klekamp to adjourn. Motion was approved.

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 10:49 am.