

State CJCC EBDM Subcommittee: Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, September 22, 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:	
Senator Janis Ringhand, D-Evansville	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	Holly Szablewski, District 1 Court Administrator, Milwaukee County
Judge Elliott Levine, La Crosse County	
Sadique Isahaku, Dean of School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Milwaukee Technical College	Tiana Glenna, CJCC Coordinator, Eau Claire County

Members Absent:	
Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director, State Bar of Wisconsin	Diane Fremgen, Supreme Court Clerk
Nick Sayner, Executive Director, JusticePoint	Judge Kelly McKnight, Ashland County
Patti Jo Severson, Mental Health Advocate	
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
Phil Zell, Program Manager, DOJ	Brad Kelly, Program Manager, DOJ
Danielle Long, Program Manager, DOJ	Mandy Potapenko, Milwaukee CJC
Caitlin Snyder, Program Manager, DOJ	Heather Kierzek, Statewide Problem-Solving Court Coordinator, Office of Court Operations
Beth Robinson, Outagamie County	Ashley Billig, Supervisor Research Analyst, Bureau Justice Information and Analysis
Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Rock County	Paul Krupski,

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Kelli Thompson.

Milwaukee CJC Update

Mandy Potapenko from Milwaukee CJC presented to the committee. Milwaukee CJC is working on external training for new staff, training curriculum since there was a high turnover during COVID so a lot of new staff. They are currently working on more data to drive decision making with Connie Kostelac. Publishing internal dashboards to provide more information. They have been experiencing a rise in mental health issues. They have onboarded a Mental Health Pilot Treatment Court Coordinator in the past year with ARPA funding. They have been recruiting for positions but there is a burnout of staff. The staff that is there are carrying a heavier workload.

One of the problems they are facing is last week the last patient was seen at the Watertown Plank Rd Hospital since it is now closed. Now all patients will have to be taken downtown or use private hospitals. Granite Hills in West Allis is experiencing longer stays of mental health patients.

The courts are now fully operational but the DAs are back logged. This may take time for their clients to get through the program so the process may take longer than normal.

There has been a dip in the early intervention programs, drug treatment as well. Eligibility needs to be broadened. One pager need to get out to the public on who is eligible and what the program is. Training needs to be available for new employees. Mandy stated they have a back-up at the District station and inmates are being shipped to Racine which means some that may be eligible aren't reached.

Link below is Milwaukee County Executive Committee State of Wisconsin ARPA Funds Allocated to Milwaukee County's Justice System and what the funding is/was used for.

<https://www.milwaukee.gov/CJC1/2022-Meeting-Materials/2022.03.30-CJCExecutiveCommitteeSlide.pdf>

Bail Reform Work Group Update

Adam Plotkin updated the committee. This is still in draft. Amendment prior to session. The goal is to have a white paper but all state agencies have been backed up with budget processes. Should be back on track prior to the full CJCC council meeting. Should have an update by end of year.

Effective Justice Strategies Update

Judge Elliott Levine gave an update on Effective Justice Strategies. They are continuing their work on treatment courts and programs along with DOJ. Gathering information across the state, working on competencies. La Crosse County has adopted the video on Jury selection "Unconscious Bias" that Outagamie County uses during the selection process.

Adam Plotkin said judges, law enforcement, and county officials are working on tasks related to operation of the criminal justice system. A new topic is Mental Health including treatment and competency if an individual is not able to assist their attorney. DHS does not have resources to move individuals from jail to a mental health facility. Access to medicine is not always allowed in jail and individuals have died in custody while waiting for transport to a treatment facility. Milwaukee received a grant from the MacArthur Foundation to treat individuals in community treatment facilities. This is a problem statewide including Eau Claire and Milwaukee. EJS will look at the issue of how to prioritize the needs of individuals. The last couple of state budgets have included some funding for this. It might be helpful to shift to CJCC. Kelly stated that this has been an ongoing issue and clients in need of treatment have sat in jail for several months. There are a number of individuals with severe mental health issues.

Introduce new DOJ Staff

Lara Kenny updated the committee on new Bureau of Justice Program staff. Phil Zell new Justice Program Manager will be working on JAG, NCHIP. Caitlin Snyder new Justice Program Manager will be working on DTF, CESF, Beat Patrol and Operation Legend.

Ashley Billig updated the committee on new Bureau of Information and Analysis staff. Christine Schulz new Research Analyst will be working on MAT-COSSAP. Kerrie Fanning new Research Analyst for the pre-trial programs.

DOJ Grants Update

Brad Kelly updated the committee on the COSSAP grant program. There are currently 5 deflection teams which include law enforcement and community outreach. Another part of the COSSAP grant program is MAT and there are currently 7 programs running. They are all fully staffed, 2 Naloxone sites in the program, and 1 AODA specialist.

Lara Kenny updated the committee on the JAG grant program. In the JAG program there are multiple years of funding running at the same time, FY 2017 is closed, FY2018 will soon close, and FY's 2019, 2020, 2021 are open currently. Staff received word FY2022 was just awarded. Last year's strategy was submitted and approved by BJA. The priorities were posted on the CJCC website for the coming years. FY2022 funding is \$3.1 million of which drug task forces will receive continued funding, LE deflection currently funded with COSSAP will be funded with JAG, Prosecution pre-trial, planning and evaluation, and prevention education.

Opioid Settlement Fund Update

Paul Krupski from DHS gave an update to the committee on the Opioid Settlement. There are 3 distributors along with Johnson and Johnson who have settled. In Wisconsin 70% of the settlement funds will go directly to counties and municipalities, the other 30% will go to the State of Wisconsin DHS. A plan was submitted for the funds under Act 57 on April 1st and the Joint Finance Committee approved it 2 weeks ago. The plan is available on the DHS website. Approximately \$31 million is the state share and is paid until 2038. Narcan is a direct program to anyone and everyone. About \$3 million expanding project prioritizing law enforcement and first responders. Approximately \$2 million in fentanyl strips or mechanisms similar to Narcan project prioritize to law enforcement and first responders. This is just a small list of what the priorities are. There are currently 4 additional settlements still in litigation.

Pre-Trial Site Updates

Beth Robinson from Outagamie County updated the committee. Outagamie County is a continuing program. They became a hybrid program during COVID, working 1-2 days from home. All the check-ins are done via phone or video. Testing is done at local labs. There were 117 holds, the COVID impact was a longer pre-trial period. The pre-trial sites are very happy to have Kerrie Fanning on board in BJA as the new Research Analyst.

The pre-trial conference was held September 18-21. There were 950 attendees of which 550 were new. Attendance created great contacts and resources for all Wisconsin sites.

Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen from Rock County updated the committee. Rock County implemented the program in July of 2020. Rock County contracts with JusticePoint. They are almost at capacity which is 180 participants with 95% appearance rate. They are experiencing an increase in court appearances. Rock County 90% active supervision and are currently using the hybrid model. Participants are still virtual with contacts 2 days a week. There is an increase in electric monitoring and currently Rock County has 28 participants. Currently there is no drug testing being performed. In 2022 there were 1,549 PSAs thru jail or jail court.

Beth also reported there is a significant increase in mental health issues. Very problematic. It becomes a real issue when it does happen. They have seen a shift to Methamphetamine as substance abuse. Outagamie County has purchased incentives-gift certificates, gas cards, bus passes, etc. to help participants. These are tracked within the grant.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Judge Elliott Levine and seconded by Senator Janis Ringhand to adjourn. Motion was approved.

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at 11:09 am.