



## Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2025 // 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs Kelli Thompson and Sara Benedict

Subcommittee Members Present:	Kelli Thompson, Sara Benedict, Heather Kierzek, Mark Abeles-Allison, Patti Jo Severson, Judge Elliott Levine, Lisa Yeates, Holly Audley, J.C. Moore, Robert Mann, Beth Robinson, Kit Kerschensteiner, Melvin Juetten, Nicholas Bakken, Jessica Skemp, Keeley Crowley, Tim Kufus
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Tamra Oman, Nick Sayner
DOJ Staff:	Ryan Anderson, Phil Zell, Katie Snell, Sabrina Gentile, Mike Derr, Jacqueline Kamin, Marsha Schiszik, Mark Rather, Kaley Horvath, Lara Kenny, Ashley Billig, Brad Kelly, Chris McKinny, Brittney Felton

### Welcome and Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. Co-Chair Kelli Thompson welcomed members to the meeting. Quorum was present

### Approval of November 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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Co-Chair Thompson requested a motion to approve the November 21, 2024, TAD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

#### **Motion to Approve November 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Mark Abeles-Allison and seconded by Holly Audley to approve the November 21, 2024, TAD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The motion was passed on a voice vote. (Tim Kufus – Abstain)

### Subcommittee Member Updates

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Co-Chair Thompson asked the Subcommittee if anyone had any updates to share.

Court Commissioner Moore noted that the WATCP Annual Conference is being held on April 23-25, 2025, at the Kalahari Resort. On April 22, training will be held for new Family Dependency Court teams. Also, the WATCP Board announced the Jack Aulik Award will be awarded posthumously to Matt Raymer, who passed away in 2021, and are reaching out to family members to receive the award. In addition, WATCP is partnering with the Wisconsin State Bar Association to deliver a best practices presentation to attorneys on March 14, 2025.

Judge Levine gave a summary of discussions from the last Effective Justice Strategies (EJS) Subcommittee of the Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) on the mental health competency process and challenges. A second mental health workgroup is being formed to

examine the legal gaps between competency proceedings, guardianships and mental health commitments. He also noted the recent Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) planning workshop in La Crosse County and suggested that stakeholders explore doing similar SIM planning at the statewide level. On January 24, representatives from DOJ, WATCP and the EJS Subcommittee will meet to explore options for updating the Wisconsin Treatment Court Standards to reflect and incorporate the latest *All Rise* national standards. A separate workgroup within EJS is currently developing family treatment court standards.

## **2025 TAD Grant Awards Summary**

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### **Mike Derr, DOJ Bureau of Justice Programs Staff**

Mike Derr gave a short overview of the 2025 TAD grant award process. 61 awards were made, totaling \$10,522,396, to 58 counties and 3 tribes. This included two first time recipients (Winnebago and Waupaca counties). Two other programs received funding for the first time – Rock County’s OWI Court and Dunn County’s Treatment Court. Twelve existing grantees received additional funds to enhance their programs, six existing grantees received additional funding to cover additional staffing training activities, and three existing grantees received additional funding to increase their “baseline” award amounts. There were no comments or questions from members of the Subcommittee.

## **Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Training Update**

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### **Heather Kierzek, Office of State Courts**

Heather Kierzek reported the first SIM workshop was held in La Crosse on January 15-16 and was facilitated by National Center for State Courts (NCSC). Approximately 50 participants attended the day and a half workshop. La Crosse identified three opportunities to make an impact in their criminal justice and mental health system and began the action planning process around those opportunities. This workshop also served as the completion of training for the 15 state level trainers that will now facilitate additional workshops in the pilot counties:

- Lafayette County, June 5-6
- Jefferson County, August 20-21
- Polk County, October 8-9
- Door County, November 19-20
- Marinette County, TBD

## **TAD Subcommittee Overview**

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### **Lara Kenny and Ryan Anderson, DOJ Bureau of Justice Programs Staff**

Lara Kenny started the overview with giving an update on recent changes to the Subcommittee membership. Each member introduced themselves and gave a short background statement. 2025 Subcommittee meeting dates were shared, along with attendance goals and expectations. Ryan Anderson briefly described the Bureau of Justice Programs’ functions and responsibilities. Anderson gave an overview of various sections and programs that the bureau oversees, including major state and federal initiatives. Anderson also shared several slides breaking down the SIM initiative into greater detail, comparing it to key justice system decision points under the EBDM Initiative. Judge Levine noted that SIM started out as a mental health-based process,

and from a local perspective compared it to a previous report BJP wrote for La Crosse County that offered a detailed breakdown of its justice system as part of EBDM. He felt SIM is very similar to EBDM, but the EBDM process resulted in more specifics.

#### **TAD Five Year Evaluation (2019-2023) Completion**

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##### **Ashley Billig, DOJ Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis Director**

Ashley Billig used a PowerPoint to present on the TAD Five-Year Evaluation update. Her presentation included next steps in the project, preliminary cohort numbers, review of comparison group methodology, analysis of recidivism rates, likely impacts of Covid-19 on the program, cost-benefit analysis, and the planned layout of the final report.

#### **State Crisis Intervention Program Update**

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##### **Katie Snell, DOJ Bureau of Justice Programs**

Katie Snell reported that all subgrant opportunities for the first year of SCIP funding have been completed. She reviewed the three priorities for FY '23 funding, projected FY '24 priorities and subgrant opportunities, and potential next steps in the program as it moves into FY '24. Future planning will focus on development of the FY '25 SCIP application and revised '24 application and program plan.

#### **Public Comment**

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The Subcommittee received comments from the public.

#### **2025 Meetings**

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March 27

May 22

July 24

September 25

November 20\* (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to Thanksgiving)

Co-Chair Thompson requested a motion to adjourn.

#### **Adjourn**

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Motion was made by Judge Elliott Levine and seconded by Jessica Skemp to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.