



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

Thursday, March 26, 2026 / 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Virtual (Zoom)

Co-Chairs Kelli Thompson and Sara Benedict

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| Subcommittee Members Present: | Tim Kufus, Beth Robinson, Kelli Thompson, Sara Benedict, Jessica Skemp, Keeley Crowley, Heather Kierzek, Judge Elliott Levine, JC Moore, Nick Sayner, Lisa Multhauf, Logan Robertson, Melvin Juette |
| Subcommittee Members Not Present: | Robert Mann, Dr. Melissa Parrent, Jason Cram |
| DOJ Staff: | Ryan Anderson, Marsha Schiszik, Katie Snell, Kaley Horvath, Ashley Billig, Mike Derr, Brad Kelly, Brittney Felton, Sabrina Gentile, Lara Kenny, Erica Beckman, Mark Rather |

Welcome and Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Co-Chair Kelli Thompson welcomed members to the meeting. Quorum was present.

Co-Chair Thompson acknowledged Mike Derr, DOJ TAD Program Manager, is retiring and this will be his last TAD Subcommittee meeting. Co-Chair Thompson thanked Mike for his service to improving important treatment court programs statewide.

Approval of January 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Thompson requested a motion to approve the January 22, 2026, TAD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Judge Elliott Levine and seconded by Jessica Skemp to approve the January 22, 2026, TAD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Subcommittee Member Updates/Announcements

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

Judge Levine reported that the EJS (Effective Justice Strategies) Subcommittee continues to explore several initiatives relating to TAD, including family treatment court standards and treatment court certification standards.

Judge Levine announced that Jessica Skemp is retiring from the La Crosse County DA’s Office to become a municipal judge. Co-Chair Thompson thanked Jessica for her service and time on the Subcommittee.

State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) – Revise FY2024 Plan

Katie Snell, DOJ SCIP Program Manager

Katie Snell discussed highlights and updates with the SCIP program, using PowerPoint slides to summarize her highlights. She discussed what the addition of SCIP outreach and coordination services under the SCIP FY24 Revised Plan would accomplish. Snell also provided updates on the grant activities for FF22-23, FY24 and FY25 awards. Subcommittee members asked questions relating to the need to update the FY24 plan, timelines, administrative costs, and how rural recovery centers might align themselves with SCIP goals to promote program sustainability.

Approval of SCIP FY2024 Revised Plan

Motion was made by Jessica Skemp and seconded by Kelli Thompson to approve the SCIP FY24 Revised Plan by adding a 4th priority to allocate \$238,437 for SCIP outreach and coordination activities by BJP staff.

The motion was passed on a voice vote.

2026 TAD Subcommittee Goals

Marsha Schiszik and Mike Derr, TAD Program Managers

Derr highlighted and described the three developed goals for 2026, along with several outcomes for each of the three goals. PowerPoint slides were shown to depict the goals and outcomes. Both co-chairs expressed appreciation with efforts to streamline the number of goals for 2026.

2026 Goals:

Goal #1: Provide feedback to DOJ on priorities for and implementation of the TAD and SCIP grant programs.

Goal #2: Promote training and technical support to TAD-funded treatment court and diversion programs, and SCIP funded sites.

Goal #3: Advance Data-Driven Policy Development and Program Evaluation for the TAD and SCIP programs.

Treatment Court Procedural Fairness Survey Results Overview 2025

Kaley Horvath, DOJ BJIA Analyst

Kaley Horvath used a PowerPoint to illustrate the highlights and findings from the fall 2025 survey results, based on 321 responses submitted from treatment court participants in 49 programs. Horvath responded to questions raised about how to interpret the specific satisfaction scores.

Update on CORE Lunch and Learn / Office Hours Training

Kaley Horvath and Mike Derr

Kaley Horvath and Mike Derr gave a quick summary of the three “Lunch and Learn” webinars held during February and March, each with follow-up office hours. The primary purpose of these webinars was to help grantees better understand how to retrieve CORE data for internal evaluations.

2027 TAD Grant Application Process Plan

Marsha Schizik, TAD Program Manager

Marsha Schizik gave an overview of preliminary discussions and highlights on the structure and potential highlights for the next round of TAD grant applications, using PowerPoint slides to depict many of those highlights. High points include moving back to a two-stage application process, proposing four priority categories that would include funding program enhancement and new treatment courts and diversion programs, and training grantees to use a new grant management platform. Schizik responded to several questions regarding specific factors that could be considered for award recommendations, noting that BJP is working on establishing guideposts for application review and scoring. She confirmed that BJP will consider how well existing programs are performing, as well as levels of expenditures over the past few years.

JAG Funded Training Update

Marsha Schizik, TAD Program Manager

Marsha Schizik gave an update on the status of three grant events that DOJ has coordinated, in partnership with the University of Cincinnati for the CBI-SUA (Cognitive Behavioral Interventions – Substance Use Adult) and ORAS (Ohio Risk Assessment System) trainings and with Laura Saunders for the Motivational Interviewing training sessions. She shared specific dates and locations for the upcoming training sessions, and current numbers of registrants for several of the sessions.

Announcements

BJIA Bureau Director Ashley Billig introduced Erica Beckman as the new BJIA Supervisor.

BJP Bureau Director Lara Kenny reported various Federal NOFOs (Notices of Funding Opportunity) have been posted for application. The NOFOs are due in about a month.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Co-Chair Sara Benedict reported the next TAD Subcommittee meeting is May 28, 2026, at the same time.

Co-Chair Benedict requested a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Jessica Skemp and seconded by Heather Kierzek to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.