



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

Thursday, November 21, 2024 // 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, Judge Jo Deen Lowe, Patti Jo Severson, Judge Elliott Levine, Lisa Yeates, Holly Audley, Colleen Clark-Bernhardt, J.C. Moore, Robert Mann, Lance Wiersma, Nick Sayner*, Beth Robinson*, Kit Kerschensteiner*
Subcommittee Members Not Present:	Melvin Juette, Adam Plotkin, Nicholas Bakken, Tamra Oman, Jessica Skemp
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, Steve Wagner

Welcome and Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Co-Chair Kelli Thompson welcomed members to the meeting. Quorum was present

Approval of August 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Thompson requested a motion to approve the August 22, 2024, TAD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion to Approve August 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Mark Abeles-Allison and seconded by Judge Elliott Levine to approve the August 22, 2024, TAD Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 13 Ayes, 0 No

2025 TAD Application and Award Process Update

Marsha Schiszik, DOJ Bureau of Justice Programs Staff

Marsha Schiszik reported the following highlights:

- 61 final applications were submitted, including from two counties (Waupaca and Winnebago) who are not current TAD grantees. Awards were recommended for programs in 58 counties and 3 tribes. Total no. of programs to be funded include 59 treatment courts and 28 diversion programs.
- Total cumulative amount of awards is \$10,522,396.
- Two existing grantees are receiving additional funding to fund treatment court programs not previously funded by TAD. Twelve existing grantees are receiving additional funding to support expansions or enhancements of existing programs.

- Six existing grantees are receiving additional funding to cover costs of attending unique staff training events. Three existing grantees are receiving additional funds to increase their “baseline” award amounts.

There were no comments or questions from members of the Subcommittee.

Revisions to Diversion Outcome/Performance Measures Guidelines

Mike Derr, DOJ Bureau of Justice Programs Staff

Mike Derr gave a summary of activities since the February 2024 Subcommittee meeting, including the formation of a Diversion Performance Measures Workgroups and three subgroups working on specific topics (Performance Measures, Calculations, and Language Updates). Major revisions and updates to the 2019 draft Guidelines include:

- Reorganized outcome and performance measures into three categories – external evaluation measures (required measures for diversion programs to track); internal evaluation measures (strongly recommended for programs to track); and risk/needs matrix measures (programs have discretion whether to track, depending on risk and need levels of participants).
- Discussed the elimination of two measures, splitting of one measure into two new measures, and addition of new measures; use of “median” instead of “average” for some measures.
- Also discussed revisions and additions to Introduction section, addition of satisfaction surveys and glossary to appendices, and updating terminology throughout Guidelines.
- Approved Guidelines will help to inform regional Wisconsin Diversion Standards training sessions during 2025.

Mike Derr and Marsha Schiszik responded to Judge Levine’s follow-up questions regarding methods for measuring qualitative results of diversion program, as well as determining whether the correct programming is being provided based on a person’s risk and needs levels. Also, discussion ensued on the scope of the Guidelines over statewide programming, with Marsha clarifying that the Guidelines are designed to assist all diversion programs (including pre-charge, post-charge, lower risk/lower need person programs), not just TAD-funded programs. JC Moore and Sara Benedict concurred with this view. If the Subcommittee approves updated Guidelines, DOJ staff will polish up formatting of document, send it out to TAD grantees and other diversion program stakeholders, and post on the CJCC and State Courts Office websites.

Approval of Diversion Program Outcome and Performance Measures Guidelines

Co-Chair Thompson requested a motion to approve the Diversion Program Outcome and Performance Measures Guidelines.

Motion to Approve Diversion Program Outcome and Performance Measures

Motion was made by JC Moore and seconded by Holly Audley to approve the Diversion Program Outcome and Performance Measures.

Motion approved.

The vote was: 13 Ayes, 0 No

Subcommittee Member Updates

Co-Chair Thompson asked the Subcommittee if anyone had any updates to share with the members. The Subcommittee did not have any updates. Ryan Anderson noted that DOJ staff are looking for additional new members to serve on the Subcommittee.

TAD Five Year Evaluation (2019-2023)

Ashley Billig, DOJ Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis Director

Ashley Billig used PowerPoint to present on the TAD Five-Year Plan update.

The last Five Year Evaluation Report covered the years from 2014-2018. There are three main components to the new Evaluation:

- Participant Admission and Discharge Overview
- Recidivism Analysis
- Cost-Benefit Analysis

Ashley explained the various analyses and activities that DOJ staff are completing, including en importing of other database data into CORE, obtaining program fee survey results from TAD grantee sites, prepping data for the recidivism analysis, and working to align program participants with state identification codes or other corresponding identifiers. The final Report should be finished around next February.

Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Training Update

Heather Kierzek, Office of State Courts

Heather Kierzek gave a brief highlight of recent activities. SIMs Facilitator training was delivered on Oct. 15-16th by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to state and local stakeholders who will be trained to serve as SIMS facilitators during 2025 local trainings. Pilot sites will include Lafayette, Rock, Taylor, La Crosse and Polk counties. The first pilot site training will occur in La Crosse County on Jan. 15-16th. DOJ and other staff will attend to observe how NCSC staff facilitate a training session.

State Crisis Intervention Program Update

Katie Snell, DOJ Bureau of Justice Programs

Katie Snell reported that all subgrant opportunities for the first year of SCIP funding have been opened and closed, and that she had submitted the SCIP initial plan for fiscal year 2024 (FY24) in July 2024. BJP will be using the results from the four ongoing SCIP-funded research projects, feedback from stakeholders and the TAD subcommittee, and other subgrantees to adjust the FY24 SCIP strategic plan.

DOJ Grants Update

Brad Kelly reported the Wisconsin Department of Justice was awarded the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant award for 2024.

Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

2025 Meetings

DOJ Staff noted the 2025 meeting dates are listed on the agenda. The meeting day and time will be the same (4th Thursday of the month, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.). The number of meetings will increase from four to six, and are scheduled for:

January 23

March 27

May 22

July 24

September 25

November 20* (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving)

Co-Chair Benedict requested a motion to adjourn.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Patti Jo Severson and seconded by Colleen Clark-Bernhardt to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was approved.

The vote was: 16 Ayes, 0 No

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.