

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 8/20/2020 12:00 PM | WI Dept of Justice – Virtual via Zoom

Co-Chairs
Kelli Thompson, State
Public Defender
David Mahoney, Dane
County Sheriff

Staff
Matt Raymer
Lara Kenny
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Heather Kierzek
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Attendees
Kelli Thompson, Nick Sayner, Megan Jones, Lance Wiersma,
Adam Plotkin, Chloe Moore, Becci Main, JC Moore, Sara Benedict,
Melvin Juette, Mark Abeles-Allison, Judge Levine, Beth Robinson,
Tamra Oman, Holly Audley, Jane Graham-Jennings, Kit
Kerschensteiner, Colleen Clark, Jessica Skemp, Dave Mahoney

Absent
DJ Klauser, Holly Audley, Katy Burke, Kristy Gusse, Judge Lowe,
Robert Mann, Patti Jo Severson, Lisa Yeates

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m. Motion to approve the 6/24/2020 minutes was made by Nick Sayner and seconded by Mark Abeles-Allison. The minutes were approved.

WATCP Updates

Commissioner Moore provided an update on the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) upcoming educational free webinar series that are currently scheduled through January 2021. CLE's are available.

CY21 Funding Cycle Update

An update was provided on the TAD grant cycle. 2021 is the last year of the 5-year cycle. Applications are due in September and will be awarded by the end of the year.

TAD Program Report Review

TAD Statute Update

Revisions of the TAD Statute have been moved forward along with the budget requests. A brief overview of the budget process was provided.

TAD Subcommittee Focus

Equity and Inclusion

A discussion was held on equity and inclusion in TAD programs. Discussion points included:

- An update was provided on what the Dane County CJCC is doing. Restorative Community Courts and looking at alternatives to incarceration through a racial equity

lens were discussed. Recommend the state CJCC develop a E/I subcommittee focused entirely on E/I and disparities in the state.

- TAD sites should be required to complete the NADCP E/I assessment tool. Milwaukee County was involved in the development of the tool.
- Focus should be on what we do once we collect the data and know the disparities exist.
- Important to include people with lived experience that can have honest conversations with practitioners and help design the solutions. Language is important. Need to create a culture of wellness for staff. Need to offer partnerships with equal power, no just have conversations.
- Need to make a proactive commitment to move past the data and include more people with lived experience in our discussions.
- Take lessons we have learned from COVID that can be applied to help with E/I, especially around decreasing the jail population.
- Dane County has been meeting with criminal justice stakeholders to decrease the number of people in custody. Now analyzing lessons learned to determine what can carry on past COVID to continue to keep the jail population low.
- Dunn County is doing a lot more cite and release at the law enforcement level. Law enforcement is onboard with continuing this practice in the future. They haven't seen an increase in recidivism. CJCC has been tracking E/I data for years.
- DOC shared a link to current DOC data:

<https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/DataResearch/HoldsShortTermSanctionsDB.aspx>

Diversion Program Resources

An overview of available diversion program resources was provided.

TAD Data Analysis Update

An overview of the data being collected and reports available through CORE was provided. Requesting the committee develop a template for dashboard of data that would be helpful to the group to be reviewed on a regular basis. BJIA would like to do a formal presentation on CORE and the capabilities of the system.

Meeting Recap/Action Items

Renee requested the group to shift their focus to diversion programs. This could include finalizing the Wisconsin Diversion Standards, updating membership to include more individuals with lived experience, and looking at the data. Programs also need to look at their hiring practices to increase E/I.

Future Meeting Schedule

A future meeting will be scheduled.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Abeles-Allison and seconded by Colleen Clark-Bernhard. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.