

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Subcommittee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 1/10/2020 1:00 PM | Meeting location *Dept of Corrections*

Co-Chairs

Kelli Thompson, State
Public Defender

David Mahoney, Dane
County Sheriff

Staff

Matt Raymer
Francis Sullivan
Sara Tupper
Renee Lushaj
Heather Kierzek
Alesha Brown
Derek Veitenheimer

Attendees

Kelli Thompson, David Mahoney, Nick Sayner, Megan Jones,
Chloe Moore, Colleen Clark Bernhardt, Kit Kirschensteiner, Becci
Main, Emily Nolan-Plutchak (WATCP Designee), Sara Benedict,
Jane Graham Jennings, Katy Burke, Lisa Yeates, Lance Wiersma,
Patti Jo Severson, Adam Plotkin, Judge Lowe

Absent

Melvin Juette, Judge Levine, Beth Robinson, Mark Abeles-Allison,
Holly Audley, Jessica Skemp, Kristy Gusse

AGENDA TOPICS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the 12/17/19 minutes was made by Lisa Yeates and seconded by Patti Jo Severson. The minutes were approved.

March 2020 Report Discussion

The subcommittee reviewed the current draft of the TAD Program Report, which is due to for submission on March 1st. Discussion/feedback on the current draft included the following:

- Adding definitions of different types of treatment courts
- Specifying the scope of the TAD program
- Adding a mission and vision statement
- Increased acknowledgement of tribal courts and their ability to apply for TAD funding
- Adding more information or data about mental health
- Discussing barriers to treatment
 - Finances
 - Housing (lack of safe/sober community housing)
 - Transportation
 - Lack of mental health providers
 - Medicaid termination and reapplication process
- Discussing barriers in legislation (e.g. OWI legislation)
- Adding cost-benefit information
- Adding anecdotal stories about the program
- Stressing the importance of self-evaluation
- Expanding the Recommendations section

Meeting Recap/Next Steps

Kit Kirschensteiner, Becci Main, and Patti Jo Severson will provide additional information regarding medical benefits, mental health providers, additional graphics and information about substance abuse and housing.

A draft of the TAD report will be presented to the State CJCC on January 14th by the subcommittee co-chairs for feedback. Any additional feedback on the report should be sent to DOJ.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 14th from 10am to 12pm, to finalize edits to the TAD Program Report.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kelli Thompson and seconded by Patti Jo Severson.

No public comment.