



**EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM) COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 — 12:00 P.M.**

**CONFERENCE ROOM N-1 & N-2 – 5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR  
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE-EAST**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of January 9, 2020
4. Discussion and Possible Action on EBDM Change Targets:
  - A. Behavioral Health Information Sharing
  - B. Pretrial & Risk Assessment
    - i. PJI Statement Regarding Pretrial Risk Assessments and Rebuttals
    - ii. Use of “bump-ups”
  - C. Risk Reduction Interventions (Diversion & Enhanced Deferred Prosecution)
5. Update on State EBDM
6. Discussion regarding EBDM Committee Membership/Vacancies
7. Citizen Participation and Announcements
8. Future Meeting Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020, N1-N2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse East
9. Adjournment

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**Rock County**  
**Evidence-Based Decision Making Committee**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2020 minutes**  
**Conference Rooms N-1/N-2**

- 1) Call to Order. Chair Smith called the meeting of the EBDM Committee to order at 12:04 P.M.
- 2) Committee Members Present. Josh Smith, Stephen Meyer, Judge Michael Haakenson, Troy Enger, Faun Moses, Chief David Zibolski, Jacki Gackstatter, David O'Leary, Judge Alan Bates, Commander Erik Chellevold and Sheriff Troy Knudson.
- 3) Committee Members Absent. Sherrick Anderson, Dorothy Harrell, Judge Karl Hanson, Supervisor Terry Fell, Kate Luster, Lori Luther and Chief David Moore.
- 4) Staff Members Present. Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Dr. Kendra Schiffman, HSD Analyst; Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director; Sara Herzig, User Support Specialist; and Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary.
- 5) Others Present. Michael Gutjahr, Daniela Imig and Erin King; JusticePoint.
- 6) Approval of Agenda. Mr. Meyer moved approval of the agenda, second by Chief Zibolski. ADOPTED.
- 7) Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2019. Chief Zibolski moved the approval of the minutes of August 8, 2019 as presented, second by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.
- 8) Discussion and Possible Action on EBDM Change Targets.

**Behavioral Health Information Sharing-** Dr. Schiffman said they are trying to reassess data points. They will be matching mental health flags with use of force data, voluntary vs. involuntary hospital stays, emergency detentions and jail time. They decided that each jurisdiction will do an annual assessment on their mental health flags and crisis plans to make sure they are still pertinent. Outreach efforts are working as both the mental health flag and crisis plans continue to increase.

**Risk Assessment/Pretrial-** Judge Bates said they met yesterday. Ms. Imig provided a handout on PSA data collection. The committee reviewed the handout. JusticePoint is going to assist Ms. Koehl's diversion team with assessments. JusticePoint requested to discontinue collecting the PSA on out of custody individuals. There is almost a year's

worth of data on this population and resources in the near future will be concentrated on the in custody population.

Judge Bates moved to suspend the out of custody PSA, second by Mr. Meyer.  
ADOPTED.

The committee reviewed the in custody release conditions matrix. The need is greater than the resources we have available. The grid may evolve over time. Chief Zibolski said he is concerned about individuals that are high risk that are not being charged.

Ms. Gackstatter said she has tested the texting court reminder. They are not able to track whether the text is received or not. Texting will be a reminder in addition to the paper reminder. The committee discussed how phone numbers will be collected. Phone numbers need to be collected as part of the court record. Other counties collect at Initial Appearance. She said as a reminder that Clerk of Courts needs to be kept up to date on address and phone changes. They will go live with the text reminders this week starting with small claims.

Mr. O'Leary moved to focus our pretrial supervision limited resources on levels 4 and max subject to judge's discretion and to leave the conditions of the release matrix unchanged, second by Ms. Moses. ADOPTED.

Ms. Imig said they have a couple barriers to implementation. They are waiting for space at the Job Center. Another barrier is we are still waiting for a case management database. There are no updates on DOJ signing a contract for Automon. JusticePoint has signed a contract for a database. It is a very robust case management system. There would be a cost associated with using JusticePoint's database system vs. the DOJ funded system but it would allow for us to move forward with implementation. JusticePoint will be meeting with Mr. Smith and Ms. Pohlman McQuillen next week to talk about implementation. We still have the NCIC workaround that will need a solution at some point.

Mr. Meyer said Jack Hoag has been hired as a new Court Commissioner. They will work on bringing him up to speed with the EBDM efforts.

**Risk Reduction Interventions-** Ms. Koehl provided a handout on diversion statistics since the launch on June 10<sup>th</sup>. They have had good participation. They are currently concentrating their efforts on low risk individuals. JusticePoint will start assisting with the completion of the LSI-R:SV. They have conducted three diversion groups. One each month in October, November and December. They are offering a morning and evening session. They last about one hour and have about ten to fifteen participants each session. The only issue they are currently having is contracts are not being read or explained to the defendant. The committee discussed some possibilities on how this can be handled.

They discussed programming they would like to offer with the Enhanced Deferred Prosecution program. They have identified three possible cognitive based programs to use. It was decided to use T4C (Thinking 4 Change) because it is evidence-based and cost effective. They hope that JusticePoint can provide the T4C programming. One of the barriers to implementation is a deciding how to handle violations.

- 9) Update on State EBDM. Mr. O'Leary said they meet next week. The Governor announced his commitment to Criminal Justice reform. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the pretrial state workgroup is working on providing technical assistance to locals. The State has hired a pretrial manager who started in December. There is a three year CJI data project in the works. We should know if Arnold Ventures approves this project by the end of this month.
- 10) Discussion regarding EBDM Committee Membership/Vacancies. Chair Smith said Supervisor Fell will not be running for re-election. After April, we will have a new County Board Supervisor appointed to the committee. After the appointment of the Sheriff to the committee, we still have two vacancies. Who are we missing at the table? Chair Smith has reached out to a couple individuals. The committee suggested a victim advocate, marketing/public awareness expert, Forward Janesville, Greater Beloit and Family Services of Beloit. We will leave this as a standing agenda item.
- 11) Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.
- 12) Future Meeting Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020, N1-N2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse East
- 13) Adjournment. Mr. O'Leary moved adjournment at 1:35 P.M., second by Mr. Enger.  
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracey VanZandt,  
HR Secretary

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