

**Rock County**  
**Evidence-Based Decision Making Committee**  
**Thursday, April 11, 2019 minutes**  
**Conference Rooms N-1/N-2**

- 1) Call to Order. Chair Smith called the meeting of the EBDM Committee to order at 12:05 P.M.
- 2) Committee Members Present. Josh Smith, Stephen Meyer, Kate Luster, David O'Leary, Judge Michael Haakenson, Judge Alan Bates, Supervisor Terry Fell, Dorothy Harrell, Troy Enger and Chief David Moore.
- 3) Committee Members Absent. Lori Luther, Jacki Gackstatter, Sherrick Anderson, Commander Erik Chellevoid, Judge Karl Hanson, Chief David Zibolski, and Faun Moses.
- 4) Staff Members Present. Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Dr. Kendra Schiffman, HSD Analyst; Dara Mosley, Public Safety Systems Manager; Commander Craig Strouse, Sheriff's Office; and Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary.
- 5) Others Present. Michael Gutjahr and Daniela Imig; JusticePoint; and Michael Bell.
- 6) Approval of Agenda. Judge Bates moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Enger. ADOPTED.
- 7) Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2019. Mr. Meyer moved the approval of the minutes of February 14, 2019 as presented, second by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.
- 8) Discussion and Possible Action on EBDM Change Targets.

**Behavioral Health Information Sharing-** Ms. Luster said they met this week. They are working on use of force data collection. They are working on integrating Beloit Police Department (BPD) data. They are looking for ways to track emergency detentions and diversions from involuntary to voluntary admissions. They have approximately 285 mental health flags in Spillman. They have 27 active CSIS (Crisis Strategy Information Sheet) plans; eight of those are from community providers. There have been requests from other counties to share information on our process. They are working on putting together a presentation. The success of the program continues to spread. Mr. O'Leary asked about sharing the mental health flag information with the District Attorney's office. Ms. Luster said they will work on this.

## **Risk Assessment/Pretrial-**

Pretrial Pilot Status: Judge Bates said they met yesterday. He introduced Michael from Justice Point. Michael provided two handouts, Rock County Data Collection from 2/8/19 through 4/4/19 and a release matrix. The committee reviewed the handouts. We need to decide if we want to conduct the PSA on just in-custody population or all. There is a question on validation of the tool. We need to consider whether an out-of-custody individual has an attorney or doesn't know how to read the information provided. Mr. O'Leary suggested we follow the Milwaukee County model. Mr. O'Leary will speak with the Public Defender's Office about attending all initial appearances. Mr. Smith said that in-custody was the initial plan but how long do we wait before moving forward with out-of-custody. The committee would like to collect data on out-of-custody but not share with anyone. We will create an MOU (memorandum of understanding) that data will be collected but not distributed. Judge Bates moved to continue to collect data on out-of-custody individuals for planning purposes only, not to be distributed within the criminal justice system, second by Mr. Meyer. ADOPTED.

Risk Assessment Status: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said that the Sheriff's Office continues to help with the NCIC issue. There is still no permanent solution. As we move forward with assessments, the amount of NCIC requests will increase. How do we address the increased volume? The DOJ (Department of Justice) put out a non-competitive grant solicitation for all EBDM pilot sites for pretrial work. It is unclear of how the funds will be allocated. Our intention will be to apply for a JusticePoint position with the grant funds as well as resources and equipment. Judge Bates moved to authorize application for the grant as set forth by the workgroup, second by Mr. Meyer. ADOPTED.

DOJ is undergoing a procurement process for a data management system. They are looking at AutoMon. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen handed out an example of a pretrial report from Outagamie County. The committee reviewed the handout. The state is looking to provide short term technical assistance to get pretrial up and running.

## **Risk Reduction Interventions-**

Diversion Implementation Update: Ms. Koehl said they have a tentative start date of June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Deferred Prosecution office staff have been trained in the LSIR:SV. They will start with intake court on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There will be an announcement made before intake court begins about the assessment process. It will be voluntary. There is an interview involved. If the individual agrees to an interview, they will find a room to meet in. They will create a brochure to explain the Diversion process. They will let an individual schedule an appointment for the interview within a week if that works better for them. At that point, they will ask the court for a three week continuance. During this time they will follow the process and determine if the individual is eligible for diversion. The eligibility status will be shared with the Assistant District Attorney (ADA)

and the Public Defender's office. The ADA will review and give the go ahead for Diversion. Once the individual signs the Diversion contract, they will ask the court for another continuance for the education session to be completed. If successful, the individual earns a dismissal. They will be conducting some training sessions with the Public Defender's office and District Attorney's office before the tentative start date. Judge Haakenson will write up a summary of the program and share with the other Judges.

Enhanced Deferred Prosecution Update: The workgroup will begin working on this after Diversion is up and running. They will draw up what this will look like and possibilities of case management.

**Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement** – Chief Moore said much of their discussion was around the pretrial and risk assessment progress. They will assist by making a brochure and training possibilities. Mr. Enger said they discussed pre-education versus post-education outreach. They will wait for data to be available before they begin outreach. They also discussed sustainability (possible train the trainer). They are looking in to putting information on the County website. The committee is open to suggestions from other workgroups. They ask that the other workgroups reach out to them when they need assistance. JusticePoint said they are willing to be a resource as well.

- 9) **Status Update on Legislative Study Committee on Bail.** There was a report that came out on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. O'Leary said the state team met with certain legislators to help them understand EBDM efforts. The initial reaction was to lock up high risk individuals. They haven't yet addressed the issue of cash bail. They have backed off on the initial legislation. They have formed a new committee to study the criminal justice system. This is a standalone committee which will make a recommendation. The State CJCC is trying to be heard as well at EBDM. Mr. O'Leary said this is not a quick fix; education is key.
- 10) **Discussion regarding EBDM Data Collection.** The Scorecard has been revised. Some items on the Scorecard are not measurable. We need this information to be meaningful. We need to decide how to proceed. It was suggested that a data workgroup be formed. Mr. Smith will send out requests for individuals to join the data workgroup.
- 11) **Update on State EBDM.** Some discussion earlier in the meeting about educating the new Governor and Attorney General on EBDM. There is an April training scheduled.
- 12) **Citizen Participation and Announcements.** Mr. Smith said there are a couple vacancies on the committee. Please forward any suggestions to him. He said it would be nice to have more community/citizen representation at the table.
- 13) **Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2019, N1-N2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse East

14) Adjournment. Mr. Meyer moved adjournment at 1:52 P.M., second by Mr. O'Leary.  
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,

HR Secretary

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