

Rock County

Evidence-Based Decision Making Ad Hoc Committee

Thursday, November 29, 2018 minutes

Courthouse Conference Center, 2nd Floor Courthouse East

No quorum present at 12:10 P.M.

- 1) Committee Members Present. Chief David Moore, Josh Smith, Stephen Meyer, Faun Moses, Commander Erik Chellevoid, Jacki Gackstatter, Judge Alan Bates, Lori Luther, Supervisor Terry Fell and Troy Enger.
- 2) Committee Members Absent. Judge Daniel Dillon, Judge Karl Hanson, Dorothy Harrell, Judge Michael Haakenson, Chief David Zibolski, Kate Luster, Angela Moore, Sheriff Robert Spoden and David O'Leary.
- 3) Staff Members Present. Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director; Dr. Kendra Schiffman, HSD Analyst; Dara Mosley, Interim IT Director and Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary.
- 4) Others Present. Tommy Gubbin, EBDM State Coordinator and Austin Montgomery, Beloit Daily News.
- 5) Report on How Policy Team Members are advancing EBDM in their Agencies. Commander Chellevoid said he has been preparing employees for Justice Point and how that will look/work at the Sheriff's Office.
- 6) Discussion regarding Funding for EBDM projects. Mr. Smith provided a hand out of the 2019 adopted budget for the EBDM Initiative. The committee reviewed the handout. The 2019 budget for EBDM is \$481,000. Mr. Smith said it means a lot that the County Board adopted this budget and supports the EBDM effort. Mr. Smith thanked Supervisor Fell and asked others to thank their County Board Supervisors.
- 7) Call to Order. Mr. Smith called the meeting of the EBDM Ad Hoc Committee to order at 12:17 P.M.
- 8) Approval of Agenda. Mr. Meyer moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Gackstatter. ADOPTED.

9) Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2018. Judge Bates moved approval of the minutes of September 6, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

10) Discussion and Possible Action on EBDM Workgroups.

Behavioral Health Information Sharing- Chief Moore said 263 individuals have been flagged in Spillman. This number continues to increase. There are 18 Crisis Strategy Information Sheets (CSIS) in place. 14 are from Human Services and 4 are from other agencies outside of Human Services. This number continues to increase as Human Services shares the benefits of the CSIS throughout the community. The Janesville Police Department (JPD) is requesting simple information on the CSIS. The workgroup has discussed use of force. They are trying to define and determine how to track it. They are acknowledging officers that have used the flag to thank them.

Risk Assessment/Pretrial-

MOU Update: Mr. Meyer said the workgroup is recommending to begin a 90-day trial run with Justice Point beginning the end of January. They are still working on a workaround for the NCIC roadblock. The MCPRAI will be used for the trial run. Additionally, they will collect the factors for the PSA. They are now looking into the possibility of a Sheriff's office employee getting the criminal history information from NCIC and scoring that section and passing it along. Justice Point is using the MCPRAI in Sawyer County. A Justice Point contract will be going to the County Board. The Sheriff's Office is getting workstations ready. The trial will only be administered to the jail population at this time. One of the reasons they want to begin the trial run using the MCPRAI and the PSA is they want to see how different the two tools are. Only 10% of the time NCIC information makes an impact on the score in Milwaukee. They will prepare both tools (MCPRAI and PSA) and compare results. The hope is at the end of the 90-day trial run there will be a resolution with the NCIC roadblock. Mr. Meyer moved to proceed with a contract with Justice Point and move forward on a 90 day pilot, second by Ms. Gackstatter. ADOPTED unanimously.

State Pretrial Workgroup Update: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said all counties have signed off on the MOU (memorandum of understanding). The contract is complete with the Arnold Foundation. DOJ (Department of Justice) is intending to provide some non-competitive grant money to assist with moving forward. DOJ will centralize a contract for a data management and case management system. There may be possible training funds. She will know more after tomorrow's state meeting. We have requested gap TA (technical assistance) for our pilot. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said as part of the pilot we will also be using the LSI-R:SV to determine long-term criminogenic risk level.

Discussion on CCAP reminders: Ms. Gackstatter provided a handout on text messaging to case parties for court reminders. We have discussed this in the past as a method to reduce failure to appear. Ms. Gackstatter reached out to other counties to see if they were using the text messaging feature. There is capability in CCAP right now to send text reminders, but not available for email at this time. The committee discussed ways to collect phone numbers from parties and how to keep phone numbers private. Judge Bates suggested putting this item on the next Judge's meeting agenda. Ms. Gackstatter will reach out to other counties to see how they implemented this process. She will provide this information at the next Judge's meeting. Chief Moore said it would be beneficial if this could be mandatory. Ms. Gackstatter reminded the committee that WCCA is the court's website and CCAP is the recording system. We could implement this quicker on a voluntary basis. Judge Bates moved to proceed with obtaining phone numbers for court notifications from all defendants and the workgroup to work out the details, second by Chief Moore. ADOPTED.

Risk Reduction Interventions -

Diversion Policies and Procedures/Contract: Ms. Koehl said they handed out the draft contract and policy and procedures at our last meeting for the committee to review and bring concerns back to this meeting. The contract will not go into the court record. Policy and Procedures was modeled after Milwaukee County. Judge Bates approved the use of the contract, second by Ms. Gackstatter. ADOPTED. Mr. Meyer moved to approve the Diversion policy and procedures, second by Ms. Gackstatter. ADOPTED.

Municipal Courts: Ms. Koehl said Deferred Prosecution currently works with the City of Janesville Municipal Courts based on offense. Alternative justice programs will be based on risk level going forward. They are planning a meeting with the City of Janesville to discuss these changes. They had a discussion on how the referral process will look. They will start discussions with the Cities of Janesville and Beloit and reach out to other jurisdictions from there. Ms. Luther said the City of Beloit would be open to discussion.

Implementation Update: Ms. Koehl's staff will continue to go to intake court. They plan on reading a statement in court to explain how to get into the Diversion program. Voluntary participants will sit down with staff. Staff will administer the LSI-R:SV screen to determine eligibility. This will be post-charge. If participants complete the program successfully, the charge will be dismissed and WCCA will remove the public record after two years. Ms. Koehl said staff will track everyone screened through the CORE reporting system. They are looking to do the education sessions at the Rock County Job Center since it is centrally located for most County residents. They will hold a morning and afternoon session with 10 to 15 participants per session. They will start with one to two sessions per week and increase with demand. They anticipate more Spanish speaking clients in the future. They will hold Spanish only sessions based on need. The script is ready and Ms. Koehl is creating the PowerPoint.

Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement - Chief Moore said they have not met. The workgroup is well positioned. Once there is significant movement in any given workgroup, they will proceed with outreach and community engagement.

- 11) **Revise Scorecard.** Mr. Smith provided a handout of our scorecard. There are dates on the document that may need to be adjusted. The committee discussed the definition of 'historically disadvantaged population', possible new wording, how data would be tracked and what dates would be attainable. Ms. Luther moved to change the wording on the scorecard under Promote Fairness to read "2020: Increase minority population completion of diversionary programs. 2022: 25% decrease in disproportionate minority population in Rock County jail", second by Judge Bates. ADOPTED. We will keep this on the agenda for future discussion.

Ms. Luther left at 1:47 P.M.

- 12) **EBDM Sustainability Discussion.** Mr. Smith said the EBDM committee was formed under the conditions that the committee would be active throughout technical assistance (TA). The group discussed and agreed that TA has ended. Mr. Smith will go back to the County Board to request authorization to continue. At the same time, we need to review if we have the right people at the table. What are some barriers for committee membership? Time of meetings or frequency of meetings may be a barrier. Some other counties have combined their EBDM with CJCC. Is this something we are interested in doing? Mr. Gubbin said this works well for others. The committee discussed the pros and cons of combining the committees. The committee agreed to keep the committees separate for 2019 and revisit again in a year.
- 13) **Update on State EBDM.** Mr. Gubbin said they are missing the external technical assistance. They will be receiving some sort of TA in 2019. He provided a handout of November 2018 updates and reviewed with the committee.
- 14) **Citizen Participation and Announcements.** None.
- 15) **Future Meeting Date:** No dates scheduled for 2019 yet. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will email 2019 meeting dates to the committee.
- 16) **Adjournment.** Commander Chellevoid moved adjournment at 2:12 P.M., second by Ms. Gackstatter. ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary

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