

Rock County
Evidence-Based Decision Making Committee
Thursday, May 13, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

- 1) **Call to Order.** Chair Smith called the meeting to order via Zoom at 12:01 p.m.
- 2) **Committee Members Present.** Stephen Meyer, Judge Michael Haakenson, Faun Moses, Judge Karl Hanson, Josh Smith, Judge Alan Bates, Commander Erik Chellevold, Kate Luster, Joshua Grube. Troy Enger, Jacki Gackstatter, and David O’Leary.
- 3) **Committee Members Absent.** Chief David Moore, Lori Luther, Dorothy Harrell, Supervisor Rick Richard, Sherrick Anderson and Sheriff Troy Knudson.
- 4) **Staff Members Present.** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Dr. Kendra Schiffman, HSD Analyst; Gina Koehl, Deferred Prosecution Director.
- 5) **Others Present.** Michael Gutjahr and Patrick Roberts; JusticePoint; Kelly Mattingly, State Public Defender’s Office; Jonah Beleckis, Janesville Gazette.
- 6) **Approval of Agenda.** Judge Bates moved approval of the agenda, second by Judge Hanson. ADOPTED.
- 7) **Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2021.** Commander Chellevold moved the approval of the minutes of March 11, 2021 as presented, second by Ms. Luster. ADOPTED.

Chair Smith introduced Patrick Roberts with JusticePoint.

8) **Discussion and Possible Action on EBDM Change Targets.**

Behavioral Health Information Sharing – Ms. Luster said they met yesterday. They finalized decisions on how to manage the CSIS (Crisis Strategy Information Sheet) in Spillman. They updated the fact sheet and workflow and slightly modified the MOU. The decision was the CSIS will remain in Spillman until the client requests removal at which time Rock County IT will remove the CSIS. The updated MOU will go through contract review and then obtain updated signatures. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will send emails to Law Enforcement partners with the information.

Risk Assessment/Pretrial – They met yesterday. Mr. Gutjahr shared current pretrial supervision data with the committee. They have 152 active participants through 5/10/21,

capacity is 165. Average time in the program is approximately 200 days. The pandemic has extended the time in the program. 583 PSA's have been conducted. 12% would have been affected by the NCIC search. Mr. Gutjahr said they will begin sending a monthly active client list to the Public Defender's Office. Since it's been almost a year, Judge Hanson said they are looking at re-evaluating the criteria. They talked about the need for ongoing training for stakeholders. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the state pretrial workgroup is working with the Wisconsin Counties Association to put together short educational videos. This got put on hold during the pandemic. There have been several retirements in the District Attorney's Office. Mr. O'Leary will speak with his staff on how they would like to proceed with training.

Risk Reduction Interventions- Ms. Koehl said they met yesterday. She shared data that has been collected through 4/30/21: 164 individuals assessed, 129 eligible, 115 completed, 85 represented. Ms. Moses asked for data on case type for represented individuals.

They are working on policies and procedures for the new Enhanced Deferred Prosecution Program. They reviewed the Wisconsin State Diversion standards and we are adhering to the standards. Ms. Koehl said the workgroup needs two questions answered. 1) Is our Enhanced Deferred Prosecution Program going to be a pre-plea or post-plea program? 2) What is the disposition or outcome for individuals that successfully complete the program? Ms. Koehl said she spoke with Mr. O'Leary and he prefers the program to be post-plea. He believes part of taking responsibility is entering a plea. Our previous program operated pre-plea but focused on low risk individuals. The new program would be more focused on moderate risk individuals. They looked at several other counties which all operate post-plea with a hold open agreement. Mr. O'Leary would like to see a dismissal upon successful completion. Ms. Koehl said they are looking to start a small pilot program of about ten people who are not on probation. Thinking 4 Change training was shut down during the pandemic, so they plan to use the resources they have available during the pilot program. Mr. Enger would like to see the program open to individuals on probation. The committee discussed the benefits to pre-plea and post-plea. It was decided that the decision of running the program either pre-plea or post-plea will be sent back to the workgroup to discuss further.

Stakeholder Outreach and Education- They have not met.

- 9) **Update on State EBDM.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the state pretrial workgroup has been working on a webinar through the Office of State Courts aimed at the judiciary. Additionally, there are two webinars to wrap up the technical assistance through EBDM on pretrial through CEPP. She emailed the committee about webinars that are available for the committee.

- 10) **Citizen Participation and Announcements.** Mr. Enger said Probation and Parole staff are returning to their physical offices on July 6th along with face-to-face meetings.
- 11) **Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, July 8, 2021, at noon, location TBD. Chair Smith asked the committee if this date would work for the group because of its proximity to the holiday. Chair Smith said he would not be available on the 8th. Judge Bates, Vice Chair, said he would be available on the 8th to run the meeting. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will send out an email to the committee to confirm the date.
- 12) **Adjournment.** Mr. Meyer moved to adjourn at 1:20 P.M., second by Mr. O’Leary.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
Secretary

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