

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Evidence-Based Decision Making
Ad Hoc Committee
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff Committee &
Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen
DRAFTED BY

January 2, 2019
DATE DRAFTED

RE-AUTHORIZING EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM) COMMITTEE

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) launched the Evidence-Based Decision Making
- 2 (EBDM) Initiative to establish and test the application of evidence-based practices to criminal justice
- 3 decisions; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, in February 2015, Rock County was selected to participate in the EBDM Initiative and in
- 6 March 2015, the County Board created the Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative Ad Hoc
- 7 Committee to oversee the activities under this Initiative; and,
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, by Resolution, upon cessation of technical assistance provided by NIC under the
- 10 initiative, the Ad Hoc Committee would be dissolved; and,
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, in 2018 Rock County stopped receiving official technical assistance for EBDM from NIC,
- 13 although it continues to work with the State of Wisconsin and the other Wisconsin County EBDM sites in
- 14 implementing the change targets identified through the EBDM process to improve the County's criminal
- 15 justice system; and,
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, the work of Rock County's EBDM committee continues and should be overseen by the
- 18 stakeholders identified throughout the EBDM process; and,
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- 20 **WHEREAS**, in the 2019 Budget, the County Board voted to approve funding for programming
- 21 developed through the EBDM Initiative; and,
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- 23 **WHEREAS**, at its policy team meeting in December 2018, the EBDM Initiative Ad Hoc Committee
- 24 members recommended an ongoing EBDM Committee be established by the County Board to continue
- 25 to oversee work arising out of the EBDM Initiative; and
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- 27 **WHEREAS**, the Committee will continue to report their findings and recommendations to the CJCC and
- 28 the County Board.
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- 30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 31 this 10th day of January, 2019 authorizes an Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM)
- 32 Committee to work on the aforementioned activities.
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- 34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors be authorized
- 35 to appoint up to 19 individuals to serve on this Committee with consideration to be given to the specific
- 36 stakeholders indicated in the NIC EBDM Application Kit. The Committee will elect a Chair of the
- 37 Committee.

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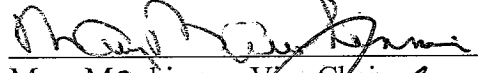
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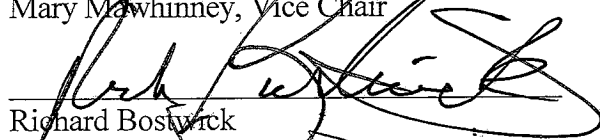
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Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE


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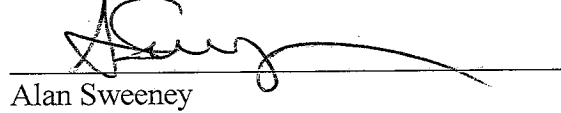

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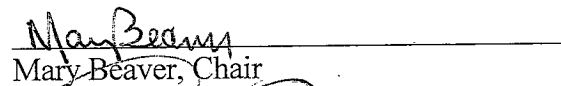
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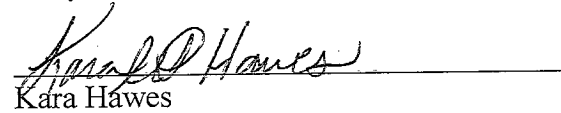

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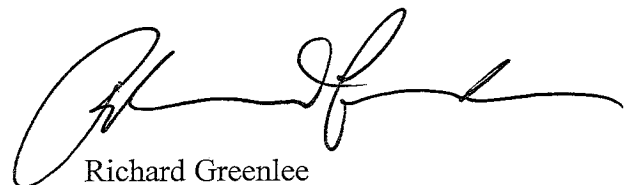
Per County Board Rule IV-C, County Board Supervisors who are members of additional special, single purpose ad hoc committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sections 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board Rules.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

RE-AUTHORIZING EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING (EBDM) COMMITTEE

In June 2008, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) partnered with the Center for Effective Public Policy to build a system-wide framework (arrest through final disposition and discharge) resulting in more collaborative, evidenced-based decision making and practices in local criminal justice systems. In February 2015, Rock County was selected to participate in the EBDM Initiative and in March 2015, the County Board created the Evidence- Based Decision Making Initiative Ad Hoc Committee to oversee the activities under this Initiative. By Resolution, upon cessation of technical assistance provided by NIC under the Initiative, the Ad Hoc Committee would be dissolved and in 2018, Rock County stopped receiving official technical assistance for EBDM from NIC. Despite this, Rock County continues to work with the State of Wisconsin and other Wisconsin county EBDM site in implementing the change targets identified through the EBDM process to improve the County's criminal justice system. The identified change targets are: Behavioral Health Information Sharing, Diversion Program, Enhanced Deferred Prosecution Program, Stakeholder Engagement and Education, Risk Assessment and Pretrial. In the 2019 Budget, the Rock County Board of Supervisors approve funding in the amount of \$481,000 to implement these initiatives.

NIC identified various stakeholders to act as the EBDM Policy Team and it is recommended representatives from these areas continue to oversee the implementation of the EBDM change targets. The following have been identified as key decision makers and stakeholder groups:

- Law Enforcement Officials
- Pretrial Officials
- Victim Advocates,
- Prosecutors
- Defense Attorneys
- Jail Administrators
- Court Administrators
- Judges
- Community Corrections
- City/County Managers/Commissioners
- Community Representatives
- Behavioral Health and Human Service Representatives

If approved, additional action will be required by the County Board to appoint or re-appoint individuals to the EBDM Committee.