

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Criminal Justice Coordinating
Council
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen
DRAFTED BY

March 3, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

AUTHORIZING EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING INITIATIVE AD HOC
COMMITTEE

1 **WHEREAS**, in June 2008, the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) launched the Evidence-Based
2 Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative to establish and test the application of evidence-based practices to
3 criminal justice decisions; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the initiative is to build a system-wide framework (arrest through final
6 disposition and discharge) that will result in more collaborative evidence-based decision making and
7 practices in local criminal justice systems. This effort is grounded in two decades of research on the
8 factors that contribute to criminal reoffending and the methods the justice system can employ to
9 interrupt the cycle of re-offense; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the initiative seeks to equip criminal justice policymakers in local communities with the
12 information, processes, and tools that will result in measurable reductions of pretrial misconduct, post-
13 conviction reoffending, and other forms of community harm resulting from crime; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, in October 2014, the State of Wisconsin chose Rock County and five other local
16 jurisdictions, to partner with the State in its application to participate in Phase V of NIC's EBDM
17 Initiative; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, Rock County, through its Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), submitted a letter
20 of commitment for this initiative to the State and participated in the site interview process for EBDM; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, in February 2015, the State of Wisconsin and Rock County were notified they would be
23 included in Phase V of the EBDM initiative; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to NIC's requirements for phase five, an EBDM Policy Team must be established
26 for each participating jurisdiction that includes specific stakeholders in the justice system to oversee the
27 initiative; and,
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29 **WHEREAS**, the EBDM Policy Team will receive intensive technical assistance through the Center for
30 Effective Public Policy (CEPP) and oversight by NIC to begin the work for EBDM at the state and local
31 level; and,
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33 **WHEREAS**, the goal of Phase V is to build capacity to make evidence-based decisions at the individual,
34 agency, and system level, and to develop plans for implementing system-wide change strategies that will
35 align state and local officials/jurisdictions with one another and with the principles of EBDM; and,
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37 **WHEREAS**, Phase V is a planning phase and full implementation of EBDM strategies is anticipated in
38 phase six, which may also involve technical assistance and oversight from CEPP and NIC.
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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
41 this 12 day of March, 2015 authorizes an Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative Ad
42 Hoc Committee to work on the aforementioned activities.
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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Ad Hoc Committee will report their findings and
45 recommendations to the full CJCC and the CJCC will report to the County Board the outcome of Phase V
46 of the EBDM initiative.

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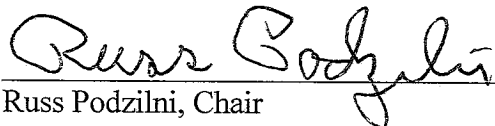
- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors be authorized
- 2 to appoint up to 16 individuals to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee with consideration to be given to the
- 3 specific stakeholders indicated in the NIC EBDM Application Kit for Phase V Participation. The Ad
- 4 Hoc Committee will elect a Chair of the Committee.
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- 6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon cessation of technical assistance and support of the EBDM
- 7 Initiative by NIC and CEPP, the Ad Hoc Committee will be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

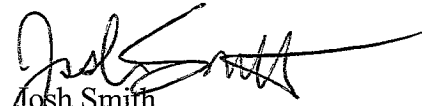
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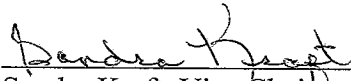
ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Russ Podzilni, Chair

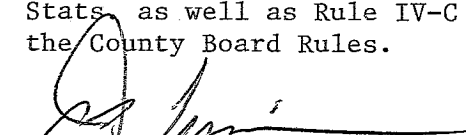

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County Administrator



Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair

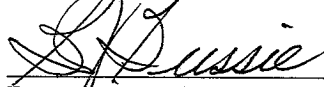

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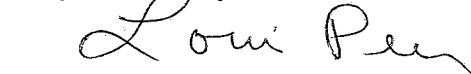
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sections 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board Rules.

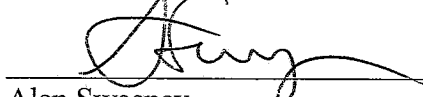

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Hank Bell


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absent
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Alan Sweeney

absent
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FISCAL NOTE:

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



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

Executive Summary

**AUTHORIZING EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION MAKING INITIATIVE AD HOC
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) that, when implemented, will result in more collaborative, evidence-based decision making and practices in local criminal justice systems.

The purpose of this initiative is to equip criminal justice policymakers in local communities with the information, processes, and tools that will result in measurable reductions of pretrial misconduct and post-conviction reoffending. The initiative is grounded in two decades of research on the factors that contribute to criminal reoffending and the methods the justice system can employ to interrupt the cycle of re-offense.

During fall 2014, NIC sought applications for states to participate in the fifth phase of the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) in State and Local Criminal Justice Systems Initiative. In Phase V, states will begin the process of planning system-wide change strategies to achieve EBDM at the state level and in multiple local jurisdictions. The state of Wisconsin chose Rock County as one of the six local-level teams to undergo a planning process to implement changes—selected by the policy team—across a continuum of criminal justice decision points, as outlined in the Phase V Roadmap.

Under Phase V of EBDM, the sites will receive up to 15 months of intensive technical assistance (TA) to begin the work of EBDM at the state level and in chosen local jurisdictions. While Phase IV is focused on building capacity and preparing to expand EBDM efforts in the state, the goal of Phase V is to build capacity to make evidence-based decisions at the individual, agency, and system levels, and to develop plans for implementing system-wide change strategies that will align state and local officials/jurisdictions with one another and with the principles of EBDM. Phase V is a planning phase; full implementation of EBDM strategies is anticipated in Phase VI (the implementation phase).

In Phase V, each participating jurisdiction must designate a policy team to oversee the EBDM activities. The NIC EBDM Application Kit for Phase V Participation has indicated the following key decision makers and stakeholder groups as part of local-level EBDM work:

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