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Rock County Board Chair Seeking Persons Interested in Serving on the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Committee

Rock County is seeking members to join its Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Committee. The EBDM Committee began in 2015 through a partnership between the County, the State of Wisconsin and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). NIC built a system-wide Framework (arrest through final disposition and discharge) that, when implemented, results in more collaborative, evidence-based decision making and practices in local criminal justice systems.

The purpose of this initiative has been 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. Through its EBDM work, the Rock County Policy Team has been working on the following change targets: Pretrial, Risk Assessment, Behavioral Health Information Sharing, Risk Reduction Interventions, and Stakeholder Education and Engagement.

A policy team of 16 key justice system decision makers and stakeholder groups oversees EBDM activities as part of local-level EBDM work. Current members include Circuit Court Judges, District Attorney, Sheriff, Jail Commander, State Public Defender's Office, Clerk of Courts, Department of Corrections, Police Chiefs, Human Services Director, County Administrator, and others. This body meets quarterly (2nd Thursday of January, April, July, October) at Noon.

Rock County residents are encouraged to submit their interest to serve on the EBDM Committee by 8:00 a.m. on January 26, 2024 through the online portal on the Rock County website. The portal can be found at this link www.co.rock.wi.us/residents/join-a-committee or by clicking on "Residents" at the top of the County's website and following the link to join a committee. This portal can be used by residents to express their interest in serving on any County committee that has community representatives. Paper applications are available in the County Administrator's Office. Any questions about the work of this group can be directed to Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Strategist, at pohlman@co.rock.wi.us.

Applications will be considered by the County Board Staff Committee at their meeting on February 5. Appointments will then be forwarded to the County Board at their meeting on February 8 for confirmation.

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