

Rock County
Evidence-Based Decision Making Ad Hoc Committee
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 minutes
Conference Room N-1/N-2

- 1) Call to Order. Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:13 A.M.
- 2) Committee Members Present. Judge Alan Bates, Commander Erik Chellevoid, Vice Chair Sandra Kraft, Stephen Meyer, Chair Eric Nelson, Josh Smith, David O'Leary, Captain Dan Molland, Judge Richard Werner, Angela Moore, and Charmian Klyve at 11:35.
- 3) Committee Members Absent. Larry Barton, Judge James Daley, Troy Enger, Dorothy Harrell, Elizabeth Krueger, Chief David Moore, and Sheriff Robert Spoden.
- 4) Staff Members Present. Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary; and Dara Mosley, Public Safety Systems Manager.
- 5) Others Present. Tommy Gubbin, EBDM State Coordinator; and Mimi Carter, CEPP Technical Assistance Provider.
- 6) Approval of Agenda. Judge Bates moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.
- 7) Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2016. Mr. Meyer moved approval of the minutes of February 17, 2016, second by Mr. O'Leary. ADOPTED.
- 8) Discussion with Mimi Carter. Today there will be work group report updates, we will begin to develop a scorecard and have a discussion about the pre-trial training that was attended by Chair Nelson, Ms. Carter, Ms. Pohlman McQuillen, Judge Bates and Mr. O'Leary.

The above named individuals attended a four day pre-trial training in Aurora, CO. Judge Bates passed out his notes from the training and reviewed with the committee. The current system of bail in Wisconsin does not work and violates due process and equal protection. Defendants should be released based on risk level not how much money they have. It is believed that Rock County needs to establish a pre-trial program, something as simple as making a reminder phone call to defendants for court appearance. We need a risk assessment tool to help guide release decisions. It was mentioned that Milwaukee County has an assessment at the jail. We can review to see if this is something we would

like to model. The assessment tool needs to be validated to our population and be gender and race neutral. How do we make this change? There are some things that can be done at the local level, however there are state laws that also need to change. We need to convince State legislators that the bail statute is unethical and a change is needed. Alternatively, the Wisconsin Supreme Court could take it out of the legislator's hands and make a ruling on the bail statute. There have been six cases of civil litigation around money bail throughout the country. Some local counties have paid big settlements because of this litigation. Bail reform is a movement happening around the country.

The committee viewed a video on the need for pre-trial reform.

State Team Update. The EBDM state team is currently mirroring the process of what the local teams are doing. They have identified six target changes and have established workgroups for each. Pre-trial is being worked on by the state team. The state team will meet on March 17. Representative Goyke has introduced legislation to eliminate cash bail in Wisconsin. There needs to be training for prosecutors to understand the purpose of this legislation. On the State CJCC and teams, are also looking at this legislation.

Workgroup Report-Outs

Risk Assessment group - Judge Bates reported that the group had a phone conference with Ms. Carter. They are awaiting material from Ms. Carter. Their next meeting will be Monday, March 28 at 11:00 am. They will be discussing pre-trial at this meeting. Judge Bates believes that the group will be ready with recommendations for our April meeting.

Risk Reduction Buckets/Interventions Workgroup - Mr. Smith reported that their workgroup has met and they are determining where the appropriate place for intervention opportunities are and what they should be. They have reviewed some current programs such as Drug Court and the Community Services Program through Rock Valley. They will meet again on Friday, March 18th. Ms. Carter raised the notion of an assessment center. There is a potential of a model, something that can service the whole system. Juvenile Justice System has something similar.

Behavioral Health Information Sharing Workgroup - Mr. Mosley reported that the workgroup met and they have identified places where data is available. They have identified that a flag can be put into Spillman that can identify an individual that has mental health issues. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 30. The group is looking for mental health advocates and a Beloit presence at these meetings.

Community Education/Collaboration Buy-In group - This workgroup has a meeting scheduled for March 30. There is a tentative date set for system wide training with Mr. Carey. The date is June 21st. We will need to look into a large venue for this training, suggestions were the Performing Arts Center and the Janesville Conference Center at the Holiday Inn Express.

Scorecard

We need a way to gauge the effectiveness of our System wide Criminal Justice System. How do we get a starting point? NIC has a team that can help on getting baseline data. It was suggested we may want to start by looking at jail data.

What three or four measures do we want to use? Some suggestions for consideration were:

- Appearance Rate-We could collect data prior to pre-trial services and after. How many people do/do not show up for court? The question was asked how it is noted in CCAP if an individual does not appear. Mr. Meyer said the data could be collected by a bailiff marking individuals that appear/non appear.
- Case Processing Time-(nonappearance causes delays) we have this data available through the state.
- Measure of recidivism-(through Diversion and Criminal Justice)-Ms. Carter passed out definitions of recidivism. There is not one right answer but our committee needs to decide which one we want to measure. The State of Wisconsin currently measures reincarceration recidivism. The EBDM state team is attempting to define recidivism so there is continuity across the state. We need to be clear on what we are measuring. Judge Bates thinks the easiest to measure would be conviction recidivism. The committee agreed. How would this apply to other measures?
- Number of Court appearances
- Resources used-May shift to another with a success. Put our funds in the resources most used.
- Type of violations-Mental Health/Heroin
- Community perception of safety
- Disproportionate minority confinement

Homework: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will get this list of ideas to the committee before our next meeting so members can review and determine which are priorities and if there are any others we should add to this list.

9) Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

10) Future Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 1:30-4:30 P.M., Location TBD, The time has been changed so Ms. Carter can attend.

11) Adjournment. Adjourned by Acclimation at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey VanZandt, HR Secretary

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