

Rock County
Evidence-Based Decision Making Committee Notes
Thursday, July 8, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

- 1) **Call to Order.** There was no quorum.
- 2) **Committee Members Present.** Stephen Meyer, Judge Michael Haakenson, Faun Moses, Josh Smith, Judge Alan Bates, Commander Erik Chellevoid, Kate Luster, Troy Enger and Chief David Moore.
- 3) **Committee Members Absent.** Jacki Gackstatter, David O’Leary, Judge Karl Hanson, Joshua Grube, 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; Sara Herzig, Public Safety Systems Coordinator.
- 5) **Others Present.** Michael Gutjahr, Niki Leicht, and Patrick Roberts, JusticePoint.
- 6) **Discussion and Possible Action on EBDM Change Targets.**

Behavioral Health Information Sharing – Ms. Luster said they met yesterday. They have finished revising the Memorandum of Understanding. It will now go to stakeholders for signatures. They will be presenting at the next Chiefs meeting. They will be looking at ways to track increased diversion and involuntary hospital admissions.

Risk Assessment/Pretrial – Mr. Meyer spoke about how sanctions are working now. There are currently at 167 active participants; capacity is 165. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen has been in contact with the Department of Justice as the grant is underspent therefore, we are asking for an additional case manager for 2021. Money would have to be set aside in the 2022 Rock County budget to fund the additional case manager. If we add an additional case manager, capacity could be bumped to 230 clients. Now that court is being held, some clients may start dropping off. Mr. Gutjahr expects 15 to 20 participants to be completing over the next month. As more meetings will be taking place in person, they will be looking at modifying the reporting conditions. Mr. Gutjahr shared a report with updated data. There are 42 in-custody clients that are not included in the 167 active participants (but would be if released prior to the disposition of their case). Ms. Pohlman McQuillen shared the updated Wisconsin Pretrial Release Conditions Matrix.

Risk Reduction Interventions- Ms. Koehl shared data that has been collected to date. 176 individuals have been screened. 143 have met the criteria. 27 scored medium risk which would be eligible for the new deferred prosecution program. They discussed a pre-plea versus post-plea program. They reached out to Patrick Roberts from JusticePoint for any research or data that he had on pre-plea versus post-plea. Based on the data, they believe the best approach moving forward would be following a post-plea program. Ms. Moses does not agree with this, but she also does not want to stop progress on the program. There is a TAD grant opportunity for opening a diversion program with a substance abuse tie. The grant is 100% competitive. The grant could provide up to \$125,000 per year. If awarded the grant, we would have to decide how best to use the funds. Option one could be to ask to use the funds for a substance abuse case manager or option two could be to funnel the money to JusticePoint to provide LSI-R: SV screens/full LSI-R assessments.

Stakeholder Outreach and Education- They have not met. Mr. Gutjahr has created two pretrial informational documents for distribution.

- 7) **Update on State EBDM.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen thinks they may be meeting this month. Technical Assistance has ended. She will find out if the previous webinars were recorded.
- 8) **Citizen Participation and Announcements.** None.
- 9) **Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 9, 2021, Location TBD.
- 10) **Adjournment.** Ended by acclimation at 2:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
Secretary

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