



Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Minutes:

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 – 8:00am
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 624

Attendees: Michael Hafemann, Tom Reed, Scott Sobeck, Rose Stietz, Stephanie Garbo, Angelique Richards, Mandy Potapenko, Kayla McCullough, Sue Eckhart, Peter Konezny, Joel DeWitt

i.) Introductions (if needed) – introductions not needed

ii.) Jail/HOC/MSDF Staffing and Population Trend Updates

- **HOC** – Michael Hafemann reported that daily population has been around 1200-1250; they usually see an increase around the holidays and in early January, but have not seen that at this point (often as a result of cases having delayed sentencing after holidays). Michael noted the HOC has been in the process of reviewing contract with Armor and have come to an agreed upon CPI (consumer price index) and Armor will now be doing blood draws.
- **Armor** – Joel DeWitt reports that staffing has been increased by 5%. Armor is being aggressive in ensuring full staffing, but they are still in search for a psychologist. Psychiatry services are being pieced together by three part-time staffers, which includes one Chief Psychologist.
- **Jail** – Scott Sobeck reports the jail population around 930-940. Booking rates have been pretty steady. A committee member inquired if the OWI law changes have or will result in an uptick in bookings. At this time, the jail has not seen an uptick. Scott reports that there haven't been any significant trend changes to the number of people with mental health issues entering the jail. Staffing levels are increasing slowly with ongoing recruitment, but there are still a large number of vacancies.
- **DOC/DCC** – Angelique Richards reported that DCC has been working to locate absconders. A committee member inquired about recent reports of individuals returning to prison due to non-criminal rule violations and no new pending charges. Angelique stated the department suggests sanctions over revocations for non-criminal rules violations when appropriate and this do not include allegations for violent behaviors. Angelique is willing to bring data next month to provide context revocation numbers. Angelique also reports that multiple levels of treatment and/or interventions are required prior to a probation client any clients having their supervision revoked with no pending charges. being pulled into custody on violations.

iii.) Municipal Commitment Review – A spreadsheet of individuals serving commitments at the HOC was distributed for the committee to review. Tom gave an overview of the discussion that was had at the Executive Committee meeting. The CJC Executive Committee is interested in having this committee review municipal best practices. One member noted that often those serving suburban municipal commitments in the House of Correction never see a judge to determine indigence prior to serving the commitment. Another member suggested the group review the policy to have municipal commitments run consecutively, not concurrently, with other jail/prison sentences. The group also agreed to work to



develop 2-3 suggestions for the Executive Committee on best practices. Pete Koneazny offered to draft a memo compiling the challenges and best practices learned during his collaborative exploration with the JII Municipal Court ad hoc group.

- iv.) **Treatment to Competency Updates** – Mandy gave a brief overview of the numbers Adam O provided via email.
- v.) **MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge** – Tom and Mandy provided an update on the current progress being made on the SJC strategies. There was a discussion on how Armor could play a role in assisting in the early identification of individuals who suffer from mental illness and could be safely diverted into a community-based setting. Discussions will be ongoing.
- vi.) **Other Business/Updates** – Michael O'Hear has a book signing at Boswell tonight for his new book, "Wisconsin Sentencing in the Tough-on-Crime Era: How Judges Retained Power and Why Mass Incarceration Happened Anyway."
- vii.) **Meeting Adjourned**

Next Meeting: Monday, February 20th, 2017, 8am, Room 609 of the Courthouse