



Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Minutes:

Monday, February 20th, 2017 – 8:00am
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Attendees: Mandy Potapenko, Tom Reed, Joel Dewitt, Michael Hafemann, Sue Eckhart, Sheldyn Himle, Angelique Richards, Sue Stietz, Stephanie Garbo, Ron Malone, Lauren Blumenthal

- i.) **Introductions** (if needed) – none needed.
- ii.) **Opening Discussion on Criminal Justice System Happenings** – there is a number of outside periphery items happening that are important to note to this committee. Discussed trauma-related strategies and recent event at Wisconsin Bar Association on implicit bias/race and the criminal justice system.
- iii.) **Jail/HOC/MSDF Staffing and Population Trend Updates** –
 - o **HOC** – Mike Hafemann reports the population is currently up slightly to 1300 inmates. No major shifts, trends or changes to note, except the female population is currently below 200 (was near 300 at this time last year). No know cause/reason. The HOC is actively recruiting due to a staffing shortage of approximately 30 correctional officers. At this point, overtime is primarily voluntary.
 - o **MSDF** – Ron Malone reports MSDF's population is approximately 1050. Overall, DOC's Division of Adult Institutions population is trending upward. Ron gave an overview of current programming at MSDF. They, too, have 25-30 officer vacancies, out of approximately 250 officer positions. There have been staffing delays due to State processes; however, ten new officers are set to begin soon. Ron shared some upcoming community events he thought would be of interest to the group.
 - o **DCC** – Angelique Richards reported out on the current trends of the Division of Community Corrections. In response to conversation and questions, Angelique noted that DOC/DCC does not track revocations without new charges. Additionally, in December 2016, there were 72 sanctions and 182 revocations. Angelique is willing to share sanction/revocation data with this group at future meetings, if desired.
 - o **Armor** – Mental Health Director, Joel DeWitt noted Armor continues to work to hire staff. They recently hired an additional 2nd shift counselor, but are still seeking a psychologist for HOC. During discussion, Joel noted that he estimates about 25% of individuals suffering from mental illness in the CJF and HOC have housing needs upon release (not necessarily homeless, but unsatisfactory for their needs).
- iv.) **Municipal Commitment Discussion** (draft memo for review distributed during meeting) – at a State convening this week, Rock County noted that failing to pay library book fines equated to jail time in their County, which is an unacceptable practice for many. In Milwaukee County, it was noted that the City of West Allis contributes about 40% of the "commitment-serving" jail beds at the House of Correction. A State Supreme Court special committee, chaired by Chief Judge White, is currently reviewing municipal commitment practices statewide and will be making suggestions for reform. Currently, the HOC receives \$24.50/day from municipalities enforcing municipal commitments to cover their operating costs (set by

DAS in 2007). While there is case law that limits how much can be charged, the HOC will be proposing an increase to \$36.24/day in March 2017, to coincide with current operating costs. There was consensus that this increase is unlikely to deter municipalities from enforcing these commitments and/or identifying alternative strategies for payment.

v.) Treatment to Competency Updates – Adam Oldenburg sent his regrets to the group for being unable to attend the past few meetings. He sent the following updates via email:

Admission List for State Mental Health Institutions: (as of 2-17-17)

47 people total awaiting admission

- *12 people are from Milwaukee, of this number:*
 - *2 people are scheduled for admission (1 @ WRC & 1 @ WMHI), just need the transport date to be set*
 - *3 people have “Forthwith” orders, so I am assuming they will be scheduled for admission early next week*
- *4 additional people are being assessed for the Outpatient program (OCRCP)*
- *1 additional person is in Warrant status*

Cases Waiting competency decision and discharge from the State Mental Health Institutions:

28 people total that are being treated inpatient and are awaiting their hearing date

- *6 people are from Milwaukee, of this number:*
 - *3 people were reported as NC/NL and recommended for possible civil commitment*
 - *2 people have challenged the progress report and the process has been delayed while awaiting the next appearance*

vi.) MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge – Tom provided an update to the group on the progress being made on the 5 SJC strategies.

vii.) Other Business/Updates

- Pete Konezny distributed a flyer on an upcoming Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force (MHTF)/Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHCW) Listening Session.
- Sheldyn Himle noted that there is a 100 day, post-warrant withdrawal review occurring. Milwaukee Municipal Court is considering hosting a similar event within the neighborhoods, on a smaller scale.

viii.) Adjourn – 9:31am

CJC Meeting of the Whole – Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017 at 9:30am, Clinton Rose Sr. Center

Next Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Meeting – Monday, March 20th, 2017, 8am, Room 609 of the Courthouse