



## **Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Minutes:**

Monday, July 17, 2017 – 8:00am  
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

**Attendees:** Tom Reed, Branden DuPont, Pete Konezny, Rose Stietz, Stephanie Garbo, Angelique Richards, Mandy Potapenko, Sheldyn Himle, Mike Hafemann, Nick Sayner, Ron Malone, Sue Eckhart

- i.) **Municipal Commitment Reform** – As follow up to previous discussions, Pete Konezny gave an update on the West Allis and Glendale racial impacts; examining many reasons for not attending court; complex issue, examining regional (commitments by race and zip code)
- ii.) **Using Data to Monitor Trends - Jail Dashboard Project** – The Vera Institute hosted a webinar last week on their jail trend tool. The data comes from the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and is slightly outdated, but will be updated in the coming months. Attached is a link to the dashboard: <http://trends.vera.org/rates/milwaukee-county-wi?incarcerationData=all>. This group will revisit this tool at a future meeting, once the data is updated.

Branden DuPont gave a brief presentation on a local jail trend tool he has been working to develop. Tom, Branden and Mandy will work to gather a list of data points for this committee to review next month. It was noted that the data should be inclusive of indigence and demographic information.

- iii.) **Mental Health in the Jail** – Joel DeWitt gave an update on the status of individuals entering the jail with mental illness. He noted that MSDF and HOC inmates are often more stable prior to entry.
- iv.) **Population Trends – Jail/House of Correction/MSDF/Dept. of Corrections**
  - Warden Malone noted that the MSDF population is high. DOC/MSDF is looking to develop contractual agreements with Racine County and the Milwaukee County House of Correction to house individuals with anticipated stays of 6 or more months.
  - Superintendent Hafemann stated the average daily population has consistently been below 1200 (has previously been as high as 1800). Superintendent Hafemann also noted they have been dealing with some staff turn-over and are actively recruiting correctional officers.
  - State legislature is looking at allowing Huber privileges for remaining 6 months to year of sentences
- v.) **Other Business/Partner Updates** – WI Department of Revenue is the state debt collection agency that collects debt for municipalities and municipal courts. It was noted that some municipalities are moving to this state collection because the state collection fee is added and automatically collected (\$35 or 15% of debt, whichever is higher).
- vi.) **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting** – Monday, August 21st, 8am, Room 609 of the Courthouse