



Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Minutes:

Monday, November 21st, 2016 – 8:00am

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Attendees: Tom Reed, Mandy Potapenko, Marshall Freeman, Stephanie Garbo, Angelique Richards, Sheldyn Himle, Rose Steitz, Sue Eckhart, Adam Oldenburg, Joel DeWitt, Scott Sobeck, Kayla McCullough, Meghan Winn

- i.) **Introductions** – due to new members being present, the group went around and did introductions
- ii.) **Armor Update – Interim Mental Health Director – Joel DeWitt** – Interim Mental Health Director, Joel DeWitt, gave a brief overview of his experience and perspective in his new position. Both Joel DeWitt and Kayla McCullough from Armor noted that they are currently staffed at 98% within the mental health units and treatment standards are the same as those in non-correctional settings.
- iii.) **Jail/HOC/MSDF Trend and Population Updates** –
 - o **Jail Trends:** Captain Scott Sobeck reports that the average population is around 942. On average, there is 10 males and 15 females who are transferred to the HOC; there have been no new overflow in the past few days. Jail staff are currently preparing for the upcoming state jail inspection. Captain Sobeck also shared jail staffing trends with the group. There are currently 32 correctional officers in-training at the academy and will be ready for duty at the end of January 2017. This will assist in boosting staffing from 176 toward the expected staffing level of 260. MCSO is currently relying on overtime, both voluntary and mandatory, to cover these shortages on all three shifts.
 - o **House of Correction:** Kerri McKenzie reported that current population is lower than last year, but populations often increase around the holiday season due to a slowdown in court calendars. Ms. McKenzie also noted that they are seeing more and more individuals entering the HOC with mental health issues.
 - o **MSDF:** Ron Malone reported that they are currently around 1100 inmates, and try to stay below or around 1000. They are currently experiencing about a 10% staff shortage; however Waupun and Columbia are experiencing up to a 30% staffing shortage, which is the cause for much of the backlog and challenges to get individuals from MSDF to other State Institutions. At this time, MSDF has more than 1000 inmates awaiting transfer to Dodge, and can be in the queue for 6-8 months. Ron noted that many inmates who are sentenced to shorter prison sentences; there is a high likelihood of them serving their entire sentence at MSDF. Ron reports being well staffed in health and psych services. MSDF is currently piloting a Medication-Assisted Treatment protocol with select inmates upon release, as MSDF has seen an increase in opiate addicts in the facility.



- iv.) **Treatment to Competency Updates** – Adam Oldenburg presented that the State admission waitlist is currently at 47 individuals, 6 from Milwaukee County. 5 Counties are currently participating in jail-based restoration to competency; Milwaukee County has opted-out of joining.
- v.) **MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge** – Tom Reed gave a brief overview and updates as it relates to the focus of this committee. This committee will continue to assist in shaping the SJC strategies by identifying gaps and needs within the justice system and jail population.
- vi.) **Municipal Court – Warrant Withdrawal Wednesdays** – Sheldyn Himle provided a comprehensive overview of the Municipal Court’s pilot initiative.
- vii.) **Municipal Commitment Review** – postponed discussion until next meeting due to time constraints
- viii.) **December and January Meeting Dates** – it was decided that the committee will not meet in December, and will meet next on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017, following MLK Jr. Day.
- ix.) **Other Business/Updates** – none noted
- x.) **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: January 17, 2017, 8am, Room 624 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse