



Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Minutes:

Monday, February 15, 2016 – 8:00am

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Attendees: Tom Reed (SPD), Colleen Foley (Milw County), Kent Palombo (Armor), Vicki Hasley (Armor), Irene Singh (Armor), Jail Medical Director (Armor), Dr. Maureen White (Armor), Mike Hafemann (HOC), Kerri McKenzie (HOC), Sheldyn Himle (Municipal Court), Dr. Justin Kuehl (BHD), Dennis Purtell (SPD), Stephanie Garbo (Courts), Pete Konezny (Legal Aid Society), Captain George Gold (MCSO), Craig Stedman (DOC/MSDF), Rose Steitz (MICAH)

i.) Introductions – due to guests and absences, the group agreed to reorganize the agenda for today’s meeting

ii.) Jail/HOC/MSDF Population Data

- Per Captain Gold, there is nothing new to report this month from jail
- Superintendent Hafemann reported the HOC total population is around 1300, which is lower than average
- Tom inquired if Superintendent Hafemann had any updates regarding the possible transfer of juveniles from Lincoln Hills to the HOC. There have been discussions and some planning, but nothing firm. If the County would look to house juveniles at the HOC, the HOC would only be a portion of a solution, as the HOC is only able to accommodate 32 juveniles (out of over 160+). Superintendent Hafemann also noted Secretary Ed Wall’s resignation.

iii.) DHS Forensic Treatment Update

- Adam Oldenburg (WCS) was unable to attend this meeting, but sent treatment update via email.
 - *There are currently thirteen Milwaukee people awaiting admission, out of forty-three total people on the admission list. There are three additional Milwaukee people who are out of custody, one has Court on 2/18 and the other two are in warrant status. There are five Milwaukee people at Mendota who are awaiting a return to court date to have their competency hearing, and one Milwaukee person at Winnebago who is awaiting a return to court date. Three of these people are scheduled for next week, one is scheduled for the week of 2/22/16 and our office is working to have two more cases set for an earlier date.*
- Tom also informed the group that the Joint Finance Committee passed funding last week to create 40 additional forensic beds at Mendota; we will look to provide an update at next month’s meeting.

iv.) Brief Overview from Armor

- Kent Palombo, COO from Armor Correctional Services, gave a brief overview of the current search for Jail Administrator, Nursing Administrator, and Assistant Nursing Administrator. Armor stated they are already reviewing candidate applications and working closely with the House of Correction and Jail on filling those vacancies. There were questions regarding the sudden departures of three staff administrators, which Armor is looking into by way of staff inquiries, but does not believe it to be related to work environment and/or culture.

v.) Release Challenges for Individuals with Significant Mental Health Issues

- As a result of discussion during last month’s meeting, it was decided that this meeting allow for an open discussion regarding the challenges Armor staff is facing when releasing individuals who are severely symptomatic, but may not qualify for a Chapter 51 and/or admission to the MCMHC.
- The group discussed two specific case examples that have happened in the recent weeks.

- In summary, it was decided that there will be two topic area discussions at the next meeting to improve these processes. Members of the group are welcomed to send defined issue areas with examples.
 - 1 – Release Challenges - Develop a process map and phone tree to improve communication and “if/then” process that is collaboratively agreed upon.
 - 2 – Increased communication between jail and Court/SPD/DA’s office, etc. Tom noted that often attorneys are not aware of the challenges one may be exhibiting in the jail and a report from Armor would be very helpful in determining appropriate case processing.
- Other longer term ideas included legislative changes, post-commitment medication orders, coordinated process with shelter system, front-end policing options, and increased opportunities for information sharing (including overview from Corporation Counsel on the process)

vi.) Dosage Probation Update (Craig Stedman)

- In Niel Thoreson’s absence, Craig gave Dosage Probation Update. As of March 1, 2016, Justice Point will become the CBT partner for the dosage probation initiative. Thinking for a Change (T4C) curriculum will be used.
- DOC is currently working to re-develop model and FAQs. There is a target implementation and stakeholder information date of March 1, 2016.
- Mimi Carter will be in Milwaukee on February 19, 2016, to meet with Niel.

vii.) Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21st, 2016 at 8am

Action Items:

- Members to send issue items and case examples to Mandy and Tom
- Mandy and Tom will create defined agenda for discussion, which will allow for tangible outcomes from meeting