



Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Minutes:

Monday, August 17th, 2015 – 8:00am

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Attendees: Kit McNally, Mandy Potapenko, Kerri McKenzie, Branden DuPont, Pete Konezny, Tom Reed, (Sheriff's Dept. Representative)

i.) Introductions

ii.) MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Challenge Update

- Tom Reed updated the group on the Safety + Justice Challenge process and progress. There have been two site visits by the Vera Institute, the technical assistance provider for the grant, and another is scheduled in September. The team is currently compiling data for submission to the Vera Institute, and based on that data, will determine areas in need of reformation. At this time, the group has taken an interest in focusing on providing more supportive services for those with mental illness in the criminal justice system and evaluating community-based options to prevent those whose situations do not warrant use of the jail to be diverted to a community-based option.

iii.) JRI Technical Assistance Update regarding Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System

- On July 23, 24th and August 3, 2015, Mimi Carter met with a sub-group of the mental health committee to do additional brainstorming and mapping around the intersection of how those with mental illness are handled in the criminal justice system. This work built on the work done by the GAINs Center in June and allowed for discussion around how the CART team, as well as other specialized units work within the system and how they could operate more effectively and efficiently if provided the structure and/or resources.

iv.) Jail/HOC/MSDF Population Data

- Jail: Per the Sheriff's Dept, population has been high with consistent overflow to HOC; staffing within the jail has been an issue and will likely continue with the recent opening of Deputy positions, which is an opportunity for advancement for many
- DOC: Felony VOPs without new charge will now need to be routed directly to MSDF; looking to further expedite transfers to the state upon sentencing (as of last week at one point there were 70 inmates who should have been in state facility); Dodge Co is at capacity, struggling to keep up; 3 transfers to Dodge/wk and 5 to MSDF. Warden Mitchell's replacement - interim Warden from Racine

v.) Other Business/Updates

- Courts are working with the Arnold Foundation to implement new pretrial risk assessment. Was scheduled to be implemented in October, but there have been delays. Will not begin until new pretrial database is up and running.

vi.) Adjourn

- Next Meeting: Monday, September 21st at 8am