



## **Mental Health Committee**

Monday, April 4, 2022 – 2:00pm via Zoom

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1) Opening and Introductions**

Tom Reed called the meeting to order at 2:03pm. New attendees were invited to introduce themselves.

#### **2) State of WI ARPA Funding Announcement – Mental Health Treatment Court**

Mandy Potapenko, CJC Director, announced that the county's justice system will receive ARPA funds from the State of Wisconsin to advance new initiatives and address pandemic-created challenges within the system. A portion of the funding is dedicated to formalizing Milwaukee County's Mental Health Treatment Court. Funding creates a Mental Health Treatment Court Coordinator position and creates a Psychiatry Fellowship partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin. The team is working to create positions and job descriptions so that the work can begin in early summer.

#### **3) Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Report/Updates**

Barbara Beckert shared that the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force has held two sessions with Milwaukee Turners that are available on video. The third session is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30pm and will focus on reentry, specifically the reentry and discharge process. Panelists will include representatives from OARS, WRC, Mental Health Court Pilot, and We Adapt Peer Support.

#### **4) Status Updates from Behavioral Health Partners and Providers**

Mike Lappen indicated the new Behavioral Health Emergency facility is nearly complete. The opening has been pushed back to September 2022 due to the staffing and recruitment challenges. Some key staff have already been hired. Granite Hills' joint commission visit was postponed due to staff shortages and is now scheduled for May. Several staff have been hired to eliminate the shortages but still need to complete their training.

#### **5) Treatment to Competency/Forensic Updates**

Adam Oldenburg shared that order for treatment to competency numbers in Wisconsin are growing. This is likely caused by the increase in case processing across the state. There are currently 19 individuals from Milwaukee County awaiting admission for treatment to competency.

#### **6) Any MacArthur Related Updates**

Erin Perkins, SJC Project Manager with the CJC, shared that the March Mental Health Diversion meeting was canceled due to landing during Spring Break vacations, so there were no Diversion-related updates. An annual report was submitted to the MacArthur Foundation at the end of February. Another application/funding cycle is expected from the Foundation in the near future. However, the team is uncertain what that will look like given that the foundation has shared that they are shifting from



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implementation-focused investments into a “sustainability phase,” creating networks of peers and technical assistance opportunities.

#### **7) Any Other Requested Business**

Brian Michel shared that Mental Health America is coordinating the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Prevent Suicide Wisconsin event at the end of the month. Registration for the event is \$25 and interested persons can contact Brian directly.

#### **8) Adjourn**

Tom Reed adjourned the meeting at 3:16pm. The next CJC Mental Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2022, at 2:00pm via Zoom.

**04/04/2022 – CJC Mental Health Committee Meeting Attendees:** Tom Reed, Elianne Alvarez, Justin Kuehl, Rose Stietz, Dana Blake, Carolyn Parkinson, Stephanie Garbo, Lane Miller, Sue Eckhart, Adam Oldenburg, Claire Starling, Ken, Katie Holtz, Barbara Beckert, Kevin Bolyard, Lisa Procaccio, Joseph Ellwanger, Regine Huerter, Jennifer Hemmer, Mike Lappen, Brian Michel, Sarah Wang, Beth Dodsworth

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