



Jail & Huber Utilization Committee

Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 8:30 AM via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

1) Call Meeting to Order and Welcome New Attendees

Mandy Potapenko called the meeting to order at 8:32 am. Tom Reed had a conflict and joined later in the meeting.

2) Jail Population and Operation Trends

Captain Brandon Hutchins from CRC, Chris Stevens from MSDF, and Crystal Reynolds from DCC provided population updates. None of the facilities have any COVID-positive persons in their care. The CRC population was reported at 794; 54 individuals on Huber, and 38 on electronic monitoring. 399 of the 794 are in pretrial status.

There are currently women at the CRC and the Benedict Center is at the Jail three days a week. The Jail has been working with the League of Women Voters to register individuals to vote.

Chris Stevens provided MSDF updates. The population count is climbing and is at its highest in two years – nearing 800. 83 people are in quarantine due to recently arriving or being held elsewhere, but there were 0 reported cases of COVID-19. 7 people are in detox, which has been a trend staff have been monitoring.

Crystal Reynolds from the DCC noted that trends remain the same and MSDF numbers are climbing because it is taking individuals that would typically go to the Jail prior to being admitted to MSDF. Nonfatal shootings and homicide bookings remain high. The staff vacancy rate at DCC is at 14%, which is exceptionally high for their team.

3) Jail Population Analyst Updates – Dashboards and Data Reports

Derrick Lashua provided CJF population numbers, which was at 956. He reviewed the CJF/CRC data and trends from the Jail and Huber dashboards with the group. Bookings have trended up this year compared to the last few years. Daily releases and length of stay for total releases by month are also up over the last few years.

4) Wellpath - Medical and Mental Health-Related Updates – None provided.

5) Wisconsin Community Services / DHS – Forensic Waitlist Updates

Adam Oldenburg provided updates on the WCS/DHS forensic waitlist population. Adam shared the volume of orders is exceptionally high. In February 2023, they saw 696 orders in 14-2 status and 464 individuals in 14-5 status statewide. The program tracks close to 2,000 individuals monthly. Adam expressed openness to collaborative thinking and problem-solving in an effort to reduce the number of individuals who are cycling through the competency process.

6) Any In-Custody Programming Updates

Captain Hutchins stated the CRC programming is going well and Marquette classes are underway. The CRC has launched its ARPA grant funded programs in partnership with Employ Milwaukee.

Christ Stevens reported that MSDF programming is in full swing - SERV Safe, driver's education, and other courses are still operating. Several graduation ceremonies are planned for MSDF residents. 200 books were recently donated for circulation at MSDF.

7) Supportive Community Services and Programming Updates

Sue Eckhart noted that JusticePoint's Municipal program remains busy trying to resolve cases. Milwaukee's Municipal Court judges are still working virtually, which limits their ability to do walk-ins as they did pre-pandemic.



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More individuals are getting referred for services. A new judge will be elected to the Milwaukee Municipal Court in April.

- 8) **Any final announcements, comments, questions, requests, etc.** – Courtney Brooks, Mental Health Treatment Court Coordinator, expressed interest in identifying resources for a client who is in need of a vivitrol injection upon release. The committee was asked to [reach out to Courtney](#) if you have any ideas on how to obtain the medication for low or no cost.
- 9) **Adjourn** – Mandy Potapenko adjourned the meeting at 9:23 am. The next CJC Jail & Huber Utilization meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 8:30 am via Zoom. Mandy apologized and will send out calendar holds for people to have the meeting held on their calendar moving forward.

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Tom Reed, Sheldyn Himle, Stephanie Garbo, Derrick Lashua, Rose Stietz, Adam Oldenburg, Crystal Reynolds, Julie Schroeder, Sue Eckhart, Brandon Hutchins, Courtney Brooks, Christopher Stevens

Staff Present: Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Jarvell Williams, Alyssa Doman

Total: 16