

Milwaukee County Community Justice Council
Programs & Interventions Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2014 at 12:15pm
Courthouse Room 609

Attended: Nate Holton (CJC), Jeff Altenburg (DA), Sarah Carpenter (DOC), Patrick Roberts (JusticePoint Coordinator), Ed Gordon (JusticePoint), Vicki Lupo (JusticePoint), Holly Szablewski (Courts), Kit Murphy McNally (Citizen Advocate), Paige Styler (DA), Jose Hernandez (HOC), Nick Sayner (JusticePoint), Carmella DeLucia (CJC), Joe Ellwanger (Pastor), Michael O'Hear (Marquette Law School), Michael Hafemann (HOC)

I. Recap of the EBDMI Summit

- Paige updated the group on the EBDMI Summit (January 28-29). There were 23 organizations represented at the Summit including representatives from the DOJ. Milwaukee did a panel presentation Monday on the different decision-making points and the group felt that Milwaukee was well-represented. The participants felt there was a lot of excitement from other counties and that people were eager to participate and ask questions about Milwaukee.

II. HOC Update

- Jose Hernandez gave an update from the latest HOC report which included their goals and obstacles. HOC suggested that if anyone could help them out on their identified areas they should go ahead and do so. He informed the group that the AODA contact expired but AODA treatment will start back up on February 17th. HOC is currently trying to get a grant writer as there are many grants that would help with HOC initiatives. Right now there are three different classes offered in the HOC; one is more focused on different substance abuse/criminal activity related issues (including Huber and Females). The HOC has PSW's going to special management unit classes, initiating art classes that are therapeutic for inmates and also assigning a PSW to do one on one counseling for inmates. The HOC is working closely with Chaplains and have resumed wellness checks from cell to cell which they have heard great feedback on. Based on a Grant WCS received to research re-entry they will be doing interviews for 127 inmates as well as following up with those inmates after release. The inmates will have access to buses and services after release, with an appointment being made with a community organization. The appointment is optional. ACA has started and HOC will distribute information through Armor Correctional.
- UW-Milwaukee Research will be partnering with the Benedict Center to assess programming needs for female inmates. Inmates will have access to mentors after release.
- Went through RFP process, WCS taking over project March 1st and the HOC will be doing SCRAM and CPS Monitoring for all inmates who are eligible.

III. Merging Early Interventions into P&I

- Since both committee's have overlapping responsibilities while also taking into account the start up of the CLU, the group had a discussion about combining Early Interventions with the Programs and Interventions Committee. This could save time and be more efficient for people. Early interventions is going to meet twice a month until the CLU is under way and then will meet monthly.

IV. P&I Recommendations to Strategic Planning

- The group had a discussion about giving a presentation to Judges about EBDMI and our initiatives to get everyone up to speed. By the summer the committee should be able to move P&I into Early Interventions. The group expressed the need for more data on existing pro-

grams that work and added that we could get information from the County Board to provide funding and change policy.

V. Other Business

- Holly informed the group that AODA treatment funding, as of next September, will be losing 30% of voucher dollars which means that could negatively affect DTC, Children's Court, and the CLU. She has set up meetings with BHD since AODA treatment will be affected by legislation going into affect. With AODA wrapped around the issue of mental health, that could negatively impact services. There is a lot of uncertainty about what will happen with this legislation, and she suggested having someone represent BHD at the P&I Meetings because this could be a complicated issue in the following months.
- Holly also informed the group that she has asked the Arnold Foundation for Milwaukee to be the model for their risk assessment project. They are looking into a Pretrial DV assessment tool and has asked if Milwaukee could be involved in any of these initiatives.

VI. Next Meeting is March 6, 2014 at 12:15pm in the Courthouse Room 609