

Milwaukee Community Justice Council
Programs & Interventions Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Attended: Nate Holton (CJC), Jeff Altenburg (DA), Sara Carpenter (WCS), Patrick Roberts (JusticePoint), Ed Gordon (JusticePoint), Holly Szablewski (Courts), Kit Murphy McNally (Citizen Advocate), Paige Styler (DA), Carmella DeLucia (CJC), Michael O'Hear (Marquette Law School), Michael Hafemann (HOC), Jeanne Geraci (Benedict Center), Joe Ellwanger (Pastor) Dawn Rablin (SPD) Nichole Kurtz (JusticePoint)

I. Day Reporting Center Update

- Sara Carpenter updated the group on the DRC and overall the DRC is doing well. Their consensus is 49, with 36 Huber, 12 on electronic monitoring, 11 DPA's, 7 potential DPA's, and 2 Diversion cases. They have eight females right now, Sara offered to bring an update on the racial/gender make up of the DRC by next meeting.

II. Central Liaison Unit Update

- The Central Liaison Unit will be using their EI Report to address two criminogenic needs while recommending to DA's which services will work best for their clients. The CLU is starting a new referral process, so that clients are not waiting on a waiting list. If all parties agree to have a client monitored by JusticePoint then attorneys must submit referrals to the CLU. The CLU will also be providing parties with information about service providers so that JusticePoint can assist clients in figuring out where in the community they can participate in community service. JusticePoint has put information about DPA's for clients in the brochure as well.

III. DTC Update

- Holly updated the group that the RFP process has been completed and the contract should be completed within the next week.

IV. HOC Update

- Michael Hafemann updated the group on medical services for pregnant women. At the House of Corrections (HOC) they do not take pregnant women until the doctor clears them. The HOC doctor does an assessment, if the medical director believes they will get better treatment at the jail, then the Sheriff will take them to jail. Someone has to be medically cleared for HOC, if they are released on Huber then the House will allow doctor visits. The HOC is not prepared right now for those services that the jail already provides; the infirmary in the Jail was built to be able to equip certain medical needs. If there is a medical need, being held on bail, the HOC has flexibility to request people to be let out. There is also flexibility for house arrest for medical needs as well.

- Mike Hafemann also talked about initiatives that are happening in the HOC where there are re-entry plans being made, and they are coordinating existing resources in the HOC and in the community for focus groups such as the seeking safety group and lifestyles group. More women are being served through these two support groups. These groups are voluntary and first come first serve. Starting in March the HOC is collaborating with researchers from the UW-Milwaukee school of social welfare to do a pilot project based on research from the school conducted from women in the HOC.

V. P&I Strategic Planning

- Nate Holton gave an update on the P&I committee responses and the group had a discussion about the additions to P&I which are; CLU oversight, Universal Screening, Early Interventions, and Provider Network Oversight which will affect the structure of P&I.
- The group had a discussion about moving those entities into P&I and also moving forward who will be attending P&I meetings as representatives from those organizations and who would be voting members.
- The group had a lot of ideas moving forward on how P&I can improve as a work group. The group had several suggestions including more racial diversity on the work groups. The group talked about more diversity as far as community organizations where group members believe having representatives from UW-Milwaukee, Children's Hospital, and representatives to talk about community projects/initiatives such as the Community Building initiative would be helpful for the group.
- The group talked about the role of P&I which can extend to advocate for change and talked about the mission statement that was created in 2007 and what our mission statement could be now. The mission of P&I has changed positively over time and we are in a place that can take the committee to a broader advocacy/community outreach role.

VI. Next Meeting is April 10, 2014 in the Courthouse Room 609 at 12:15pm