



April 24, 2014 P&I Committee Meeting Minutes 12:15pm in the Courthouse Room 609

Attended: Nate Holton (CJC), Ed Gordon (JusticePoint), Vicki Lupo (JusticePoint), Nick Sayner (JusticePoint), Holly Szablewski (Courts), Kit Murphy McNally (Citizen Advocate), Carmella DeLucia (CJC), Michael O'Hear (Marquette Law School), Michael Hafemann (HOC), Jeanne Geraci (Benedict Center), Clarence Johnson (WCS), James Bartos (WCS), Joy Fitzsimons (WCS)

I. HOC Psych Programming – Dr. Boswell

- Dr. Boswell updated the group on Psych programming at the House of Correction. All of the inmates have access to Pysch Programming and are handed both a pink and white slip during intake to request interaction with a psych-social worker (PSW). Inmates hand out the slips and give them to the officers. Within 24 hours the requested service will be provided to the inmates.
- Psych-social workers are involved in a process called rounding where PSW's work with those who are specifically psych inmates based on their assigned location within the facility. Psych inmates are those who might be struggling with symptomology of psych/mental health issues and PSW's determine what is the best approach for each individual. Once a social worker assesses the needs of the individual then there will be a schedule for them to receive that specific service. Inmates also have access to voluntary group therapy.
- Due to how many inmates are on the waiting list there has been a recent change made for inmates who want individual care. A PSW will now work with inmates until they have met their goals or the PSW has determined that the individual does not need to continue individual service. There is now a set up of 6 sessions per inmate, so that services will be provided to more inmates over a period of time. PSWs respond to only crisis in the facility. In the HOC there is also services provided that include topics such as group therapy, anger management, anxiety, duel diagnosis, cognitive thinking, and a physical challenges group. The physical challenges group consists of a PSW who works with young men 18-21 who have ADHD. This is a hands-on strength training group with group therapy also implemented in the program. So far the first group has finished and now the second group is completing the six-week program.
- There is also an AODA group where a PSW who is a certified counselor runs 6 groups a week and works closely with those in SAM6 because they have a high substance abuse intake. SAM6 is a location within the HOC where inmates with specific needs are located. There are currently two full time case managers at the facility, and discharge plans are made only for SAM6 individuals. There are two female dorms that are now receiving a discharge plan. Everyone who comes through SAM6 gets an individual plan.
- There is a new medication education group starting next week and a domestic violence group starting next June. If there is a shortage of staff for programming, staff at the jail and HOC have gone through the same training so they can provide the same services. There is not any mandates for programming, but anyone who is interested can participate. There is a ceremony for the certificates inmates receive for completing the program.
- Anyone who reports that they are on a Benzodiazepine for anxiety, Armor staff will take them off of that medication since that is a highly addictive medication. Inmates are tapered off the Benzodiazepine.

II. WCS Community Building Initiative

- Clarence Johnson updated the group on a program called “Community Building Milwaukee” which is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Clarence Johnson received a call from the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families who eventually came in and talked to Mr. Johnson about Juveniles and community building in Milwaukee. She had stated that if there was local interest and interest from Stakeholders that she would assist in applying for a grant for Milwaukee to train 40 individuals over a two-year period of time to facilitate community building workshops. Based on the feedback she received in June of 2013, WCS now has a two-year grant that will train 40 facilitators in the Milwaukee Area.
- The program showed success for six young men who had graduated high school but had not yet transitioned into a primary job. They were becoming fathers but not responsible dads and were living at home with their mothers. If something did not intervene for them they might have drifted in to the Criminal Justice System. After the program, within 3 months time all 6 had either attended college or got a full time job.
- The Community Building Milwaukee project is mainly about building a network of facilitators here in town. WCS has already had 52 individual meetings with different partners within the community. The initial plan was to work with 15 organizations but the program is growing already.
- There have been workshops held at the UWM Continuing School of Education offices where they have had an initial 5 day facilitation training. There were 11 people from Corrections, two police officers, four volunteers, and four from faith based organizations. The next step for the program is to hold workshops with the people being housed at the correctional centers.
- The UWM Center for Urban Studies and Research will be conducting an evaluation of the program which will focus on the success rate of those from incarceration to job placement before and after the community building Milwaukee project started. Right now there is no place in the world that focuses this model on such a high level.
- Students who are suspended for three days will also have the chance to spend three days in the community building exercises.

III. Benedict Center Re-entry programming & Study at the HOC – Jeanne Geraci

- Jeanne Geraci updated the group on Re-entry programming at the Benedict Center which is funded by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. Susan Rose and Dr. Iebel have gone through some of their original research and updated everyone on the research based recommendations. A re-entry plan based on the findings would be most beneficial for the starting point. The new coordinator is a recent graduate and PSW interim at the Benedict Center who is trained on gender response care and motivational interviewing. She would be able to carry a case load that deals with re-entry planning and following women at least three weeks after release.
- There is a program offered called Seeking Safety which is a focus group that is currently in the planning and logistical stages. Jeanne Geraci hopes that UW will help evaluate the program and expand.

VI. Next Meeting is June 5, 2014 in the Courthouse Room 609 at 12:15pm