



Programs & Interventions Committee Minutes:

Thursday, January 5, 2017 – 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 609

Attendees: Judge Carl Ashley, Reverend Joseph Ellwanger, Meghan Winn, Joan Kojis, Mandy Potapenko, Stephanie Garbo, Vicki Lupo, Sue Eckhart, Nick Sayner, Dawn Rablin, Daniela Imig

1) Meeting called to order at 12:23pm

2) Organization/Program/Intervention Updates Since Last Meeting (November 2016):

- **Benedict Center** – Joan announced that the Sisters Program opened south side location at Hope House on Monday (2nd and Orchard). As mentioned at an earlier meeting, the Benedict Center received a grant in partnership with UWM and HOC that allows for intensive case management for women who are nearing release. The case manager provides picks up at door upon release and works with the individual for the following few weeks, with the goal of connecting to services and interventions to reduce recidivism. Early in implementation; will report outcomes at future meeting.
- **Drug Treatment Court** – Meghan Winn and Judge Carl Ashley report that DTC is open for referrals. There are currently around 62-63 participants, and have capacity for 80. Judge Ashley noted that they recently presented to the Judges and will be having more regular meetings with BHD and their provider network to discuss the opportunity. The DTC team is also evaluating whether census is lower due to eligibility barriers (ie. LSIR score and 9-mo straight time sentence) and will continue to report back to the group any findings or interest in changing said requirements. Judge Ashley noted how hard working the DTC team is and how effective the program is with their support.
- **House of Correction** – unable to attend today.
- **Justice Point - CLU/TAD** – Vicki noted Justice Point is going through a lot of transitions with new budget cycle and is currently restructuring how services are provided. Pretrial case management services will no longer be intermixed with early interventions and the alternatives population. RSCs will also no longer be providing pretrial case management services. Pretrial staff will be located in 417, Early Intervention staff will be in Room 416, and cognitive-based intervention staff will be on the 2nd floor. Justice Point is working to staff up and is in need of filling OWI case management staff, which is a newly awarded program for 2017. Vicki noted they are working to build strong staff cohesion in the midst of all the changes. Nick Sayner reports that Justice Point has entered a supplementary contract with the Department of Correction to facilitate trauma empowerment groups. Justice Point is currently running 10 Thinking for a Change groups in both day and evening hours. Justice Point is looking to partner with community organizations that would be willing to provide a space for evening groups.
- **Justice Point – Municipal Court** – Sue Eckhart expressed concern over the challenging coordination of services for municipal and criminal cases, noting that many DTC clients have pending municipal court cases and treatment during DTC could allow for the municipal cases to be released. Sue also noted that Justice Point had an 85% show rate for full intakes following Warrant Withdrawal Wednesdays. Some warrants have been reissued based on non-appearance.
- **PSA Court/Universal Screening Updates** - New pretrial database is slated to go live next Monday (midnight on 1/9/17); Universal screening staff will be working in two systems because there hasn't been a data conversion. Universal Screening team continues to work to address the challenges of GPS monitoring/referral capacity.

- **WCS - Day Reporting Center** – Daniela Imig reports that Holly Patzer has retired as Executive Director, and Clarence Johnson has been hired as her replacement. Sara Carpenter is transitioning into Clarence's former position, and Daniela will now serve as the Administrator of Courts and Community Alternatives Division. Joy Fitzsimons will also be transitioning into a new position, outside of the DRC, and they are currently working to fill that position. The DRC currently has 38 participants, with 9 additional pending. Open and interested in receiving referrals.

3) Grant/Initiative Updates:

- **MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge** – Mandy and Stephanie provided an update on the current SJC workgroups, noting an upcoming Trauma Informed Criminal Justice System training on February 7-8th.
- **EBDM Phase VI** – Mandy reports that the Milwaukee team will be meeting in a few weeks with the technical assistance provider to determine priorities for Phase VI.

4) Review 2017 Committee Outline – Feedback and Discussion

- **Priorities and Next Steps for 2017** – Mandy shared a draft document outlining the mission, purpose and goals for the committee. Mandy encouraged feedback from committee members, as this document will be presented to the Executive Committee for approval in the weeks ahead. Mandy noted the Executive Committee will be onboarding a new member and operating documents such as this will be helpful in defining each committee's role within the larger umbrella of the Council.

5) Additional Comments/Updates - MICAH has a committee meeting tonight and will be discussing a pilot project with community prosecutors. There also was interest and conversation around including community conferencing/restorative justice options into DTC.

6) Adjourn – at 1:25pm

Next Meeting: February 2, 2017, 12:15pm, Rm 609 of Courthouse