



Programs & Interventions Committee Minutes:

Thursday, September 1st, 2016 – 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Room 624

Attendees: Stephanie Garbo, Mandy Potapenko, Vicki Lupo, Mike Hafemann, Jose Hernandez, Dawn Rablin, Joy Fitzsimons, Joan Kojis, Rose Steitz, Reverend Joseph Ellwanger, Terri Sherman, Father Francis Dombrowski w/ St. Ben's

1) Introductions

2) Program and Organization Updates

- WCS – Joy reported that the 2nd Annual BMAC Resource Fair went very well. Employers conducted on the spot interviews and the turnout of both employers and attendees was favorable. The Day Reporting Center is currently serving around 54 participants. Referrals are slightly down, but staff recently presented at a Judge's meeting which typically elicits an increase in referrals.
- JusticePoint – Vicki reports the staff being busy, and working toward the final stages of new database, which is going live Oct 1st, 2016 (2+yrs in the making). They are looking forward to the ability to generate more reports and an interface with access to booking information, which will help with Universal Screening. Vicki also reported some staff turn-over; however, recruitment has been strong. They are also partnering with Concordia University to expose students to pretrial services and the career opportunities that exist.
- House of Correction – there was a community stakeholder tour on Saturday, August 27th, 2016. There were 40 attendees, and the day included a presentation on programming, lunch and a tour. Jose noted that an art therapy intern began yesterday (Armor supervising). As noted by WCS, HOC/DRC presented to the Judiciary on Monday regarding programming and the DRC. HOC staff encouraged Judges to sentence individuals to Huber and allow the HOC to make the determination of programming options.
- Benedict Center - a number of pending grant proposals, but nothing to report on yet.

3) Follow-Up Regarding Cost-Benefit Analysis Request – hold over to next meeting that Judge Ashley is able to attend.

4) Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) – Stephanie shared an overview of the recent TAD grant application. Milwaukee was eligible and applied for an “enhancement” grant, which allows for enhanced cognitive-behavioral services to individuals who qualify, as well as longer DPAs to allow for an increased amount of time to complete requirements.

5) MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Update – Mandy provided an overall update on the progress being made on the SJC initiatives/strategies. The Vera Institute, along with a representative from the MacArthur Foundation, were here Monday – Wednesday to check-in and assist in moving each of the strategies forward.

6) 2017 – Goals and Desired Objectives for this Committee – Mandy encouraged the group brainstorm priorities and/or goals for this committee moving into 2017. Mandy is open to members sharing ideas regarding what is most useful to accomplish during meetings and in preparation for agendas.

7) Additional Comments/Updates – A brief presentation was made by MICAH/WISDOM on their commitment to raising funds to support alternatives to incarceration. The group would like input from this committee on the best areas to invest.

8) October Meeting Rescheduling – It was decided, due to a number of conflicts in the first two weeks of October, that the P&I meeting will be cancelled. Members are encouraged to attend the upcoming convening on “The Impact of Race within the Criminal Justice System,” on October 14, 2016. Details to be sent soon.

9) Adjourn

Next Meeting: October Meeting CANCELLED; See you on November 3rd!