



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Criminal Justice Council - Behavioral Health Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Friday, March 19, 2021

12:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Staff: Lindsay Menard, Sarah Jensen, Sarah Johnson, Todd Campbell, and Carrie Simon

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chair Tessmann.

DA Ozanne joined at 12:20 pm

Judge Crawford left at 1:43 pm and returned at 1:48 pm

Present 10 - SUSAN CRAWFORD, CATHERINE DORL, SIGNE MBAINAI, ANNA MOFFIT,
CHLOE MOORE, ISMAEL OZANNE, SARAH SHIMKO, SHAWN TESSMANN,
JONATHAN TRIGGS, and LUIS BIXLER

Absent 1 - AARON CHAPIN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-505](#)

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2021 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Attachments: [2020 MIN-505](#)

[1.15.21 CJC BH Registrations](#)

A motion was made by MOFFIT, seconded by BIXLER, that the minutes be
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

None

E. Reports to Committee

1. Pretrial Services: Overview of Program and Gaps in Behavioral Health Services

*Presented by Julie Beyler, Lead Social Worker of Pretrial Services
Summary attached*

*Public Comment:
Paul Saeman
Susan Levy*

Presentation explained the background, role, history, and purpose of Pretrial Services. Dane County Pretrial Services is led by social workers as they help in supporting individuals on pretrial release identify underlying behavioral health issues. Pretrial Services was originally a post-conviction electronic monitoring program, then moved to a bail monitoring program. Pretrial Services has re-evaluated its role recently, with assistance from the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), which allowed Pretrial Services to determine appropriate levels of supervision. Additionally, Pretrial Services has adopted new software to communicate with participants and revised their substance use testing protocol.

Discussion ensued regarding opportunities for behavioral health services within Pretrial Services. Discussion regarding peer support specialists and resources and Telehealth as a tool within Pretrial Services. Discussion around initiatives to reduce service gaps. There are challenges with placing defendants in behavioral health treatment programs because service providers are concerned that they will not be able to complete the program before incarceration.

[2020
RPT-838](#)

SUMMARY OF A CONVERSATION WITH A LEAD SOCIAL WORKER IN
PRETRIAL SUPERVISION, JULIE BEYLER

Attachments: [2020 RPT-838](#)

2. Criminal Justice Diversion Collaboration

*Presented by Sarah Shimko, Julie Foley, and John Christian
Presentation attached*

The presentation focused on practices for emergency detention with accompanying criminal charges. Previously, law enforcement had to take and accompany defendants to Winnebago. Recently, the practices have changed. The criminal intake unit receives email notifications for emergency detention cases, then reviews each case for associated charges for increased communication and centralized collaboration. Preference to keep services local in the community. Presentation also included preliminary data on diversion and monetary savings.

Discussion ensued regarding internal communication and interagency collaboration; different timelines across agencies. Distinction between charges and law enforcement roles compared to the roles of mental health service providers and the challenges with domestic violence charges were also discussed. Discussion of coordination with public defenders for remote initial appearances also occurred.

[2020
PRES-187](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVERSION COLLABORATION PRESENTATION

Attachments: [2020 PRES-187](#)

3. Behavioral Health Resource Center (BHRC) Update

Presented by Carrie Simon

The BHRC opened in November of 2020 and has assisted 284 people, with a steady trend upwards as more people learn about it. Three additional staff have been hired. Data is continuing to be collected. So far, there have been over 31,000 visits to the BHRC website. Other behavioral health professionals are also using the BHRC to refer their clients. Demand for automated follow-ups are low, but will increase with increased traffic. Although the BHRC is a referral point, it can also still take a long time to connect with behavioral health services. There is a high need for consultations and peer services. Co-location with NAMI enables peer services once in-person services resume.

4. Discussion of Intercept 2 (Initial Detention/Initial Court Hearing) Priorities

Heard public comment first; discussion of Intercept 2 was postponed until the April 2021 meeting.

Public Comments:

*Frances Hoffman
Paul Saemon
Mary Anglim
Jeanie Verschay
Tom Gilbert
Janis Gilbert
Eric Howland*

[2020
RPT-886](#)

3.19.2021 CJC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE PUBLIC
TESTIMONY

Attachments: [2020 RPT-886](#)

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

April 16, 2021 at 12:00pm

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Menard will share survey results regarding Intercept 2 priorities.

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by MBAINAI, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Jensen, pending subcommittee approval