



Programs & Interventions Committee Minutes:

Thursday, January 7th, 2016 – 12:15pm
Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 624

Attendees: Stephanie Garbo, Vicki Lupo, Joan Kojis, Joy Fitzsimonds, Judge Carl Ashley, Joe Ellwanger, Jose Hernandez, Mike Hafemann, Patrick Roberts, Mandy Potapenko, Dawn Rablin

i.) Introductions

ii.) Organization Updates

a) Benedict Center –

- Joan reported that BC has become certified as an AODA and mental health clinic; new offices located at 1849 N MLK Jr Drive; open house date to be announced later

b) House of Correction –

- WOH funding (mentorship, job training partnered w/ MATC) (great re-entry program b/c starts at HOC and continues once released, Dept of Labor grant) wrapping up, but have offered 2yr extension application;
- Partnership with Opportunities Inc. continues to be strong. Opportunities is busing 40-50 inmates/day from HOC to Ft Atkinson, including a number of females
- HOC has been approached by Staffing Partners (located at 1st and Becher) to also form relationship similar to Opportunities Inc. Staffing Partners will begin sending satellite van to HOC to transport inmates to 12 hr Quad Graphics shifts. Inmates are able to continue employment after release and Staffing Partners/Quad Graphics report being open to all criminal histories, except for sex offenders due to daycare; do need to pass a drug test

c) JusticePoint

- Continue to work to get new database up and running
- Training on new PSA assessment continuing
- TAD team reviewing TAD DPA lengths – looking to lengthen agreements (to 9 or 12 months) for those with higher level of treatment need; would rather have a longer agreement to start to allow for additional treatment time and opportunity to end early due to success, rather than extend.
- Vicki discussed the need for everyone to continue to discuss the challenges of addiction and the need for treatment. She has been part of listening sessions where communities are opposing dry housing facilities and/or treatment houses due to stigma. There would be increased opportunities if we had the capacity to discuss community initiatives beyond the city of Milwaukee and possibly partner with the Attorney General's campaign on heroin awareness.

d) Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)

- DRC currently has 40 participants, should increase to 52 within the next week (capacity 70-75); DRC will be moving to WCS offices in February. Joy reported the space and setup is much improved over current location; will likely be in this location for the next 3 years.



- Joy will be on leave February. Lead case manager and Sara will be covering for Joy while she is out.

iii.) Initiative Updates

a) PSA (Public Safety Assessment) Tool

- Large stakeholder training 12/16-12/17 went well. Roll-out was intended for January, but will not be happening due to stall on database; no tentative date
- DA and SPD request a 2 week heads up before roll-out to notify staff

b) Drug Treatment Court Coordinator

- Carol Carlson's email has changed to Carol.Carlson@wicourts.gov
- DTC Coordinator position became a County position, thus County is currently reviewing applications
- Pastor Ellwanger asked a number of questions relating to drug court eligibility and intake processes, which the Judge Ashley, SPD and DA's office were able to answer

iv.) Continued discussion on community-based programs, interventions, and initiatives

- Judge Ashley - no site visits since last meeting; beginning to schedule to visit veterans treatment places and will schedule at new Benedict Center location

v.) Additional Comments/Updates

- MacArthur proposal submitted on January 6, 2016

vi.) Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4th, 2016, at 12:15pm (Rm 609, Courthouse)