



Programs & Interventions Committee Minutes:

Thursday, March 3rd, 2016 – 12:15pm

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

Attendees: Stephanie Garbo, Vicki Lupo, Reggie Moore, Ellwanger, Daniela Imig, Sara Carpenter, Megan Winn, Katie Lynch-Arnold, Patrick Roberts, Joan Kojis, Angela Hellstrom, Mandy Potapenko

1) Introductions

2) New Drug Treatment Court Coordinator – Stephanie Garbo introduced Megan Winn, new Drug Treatment Court Coordinator; her office will be in Safety Building, Room 308 (meagan.winn@wicourts.gov).

3) Program/Organization Updates –

- Patrick Roberts noted that Justice Point recently met with JobsWork Milwaukee and would like to have them present at an upcoming P&I meeting. Patrick noted that the organization seems to be running a holistic program that includes soft skills and case management
- WCS noted that they too have a walk-in job center. They currently have new opportunities in janitorial work, City jobs, etc. Sara C will invite Artis Landon to present on their program at the meeting, as well.
- Benedict Center will invite their employment specialist, Cece Brown to also add to the discussion. The Benedict Center and WCS discussed challenges related to drug testing for job placement. WCS is willing to discuss a partnership with the Benedict Center to do pre-pre-employment drug screens to ensure sobriety.
- WCS/DRC -
 - DRC will be hosting an open house on March 24, 2016, at their new location, 3132 W Wisconsin Ave. All RSVPs can be emailed to sccarpenter@wiscs.org; indicate which session you plan to attend - noon – 2pm, or 4:30pm – 6:30pm. Refreshment and food to be served at both sessions.
 - Current census – 40 (likely due to being closed for 1 week with move); 3 referrals pending for admission this week; 8 females currently being served by the Benedict Center.
 - As a result of last month's P&I discussion, at this week's E&I meeting a small work group was formed to determine how to coordinate DRC service for DPA/DTC clients that are in-custody on sanctions or awaiting treatment, to allow for productive programming and treatment during that waiting period.
- The Benedict Center will also be hosting an open house at their new location (1849 Dr MLK Dr, Ste 101) on April 8th, 2016, from 11am to 2pm. A mailing has been sent.
- Beyond the Bell MKE is working to better coordinate youth programming in the City of Milwaukee and currently partners with around 40 agencies. Reggie Moore reported that they have created an app for parents to connect kids to after school opportunities. Offices are located at 4850 W Fond du Lac Ave.

4) Updates on Greenfield PD initiative

- Mandy provided a brochure and brief update on the presentation she attended at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, coordinated by Marilyn Walczak. The MCJC will invite Greenfield PD to an upcoming Meeting of the Whole and/or other committee meeting in the near future.

5) Additional Comments/Updates

- There are two upcoming Drug Treatment Court (DTC) Graduations – March 18 and April 8 at 12:15pm
 - Reverend Ellwanger inquired about the racial disparity among graduates. There is a team working on this issue to determine the reasoning behind this. It was also noted that this is a national challenge, related to the upsurge of heroin usage.

6) Adjourn

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 7th, at 12:15pm (Rm 609, Courthouse) -- Topic: Employment