



**Jail & Huber Utilization Committee Minutes:**

Monday, September 21st, 2015 – 8:00am

Milwaukee County Courthouse, Rm 609

**Attendees:** Joy Fitzsimons, Holly Szablewski, Stephanie Garbo, Sue Eckhart, Niel Thoreson, Tom Reed, Mike Hafemann, Mandy Potapenko, Lisa Krueger, Adam Oldenburg, Maxine White, Captain William Duckert

- i.) Introductions**
- ii.) Minutes from 08.17.15 meeting approved**
- iii.) MacArthur Foundation Safety + Justice Challenge Update/Brainstorm**
  - Tom gave an overview of the work completed with the Vera Institute at the last 2-day site visit in September. It was noted that members of this group will be invited to participate in work groups tasked with narrowing down focus areas. At this time, focus areas include front-end interventions, length of stay, trauma informed care practices and community-based mental health interventions. October 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> a delegation will be traveling to Chicago to meet with the MacArthur Foundation and other sites to learn of what the application for Phase 2 will consist of.
- iv.) Utilization of Day Reporting Center**
  - Joy Fitzsimons of WCS reported there are currently 57 participants at the DRC (capacity = 70). The highest number of participants at one time has been 65. A discussion around how to raise awareness of DRC at the time of sentencing and remind SPDs to present as a recommendation.
- v.) Transportation Relating to Treatment to Competency**
  - Adam Oldenburg, Court Liaison with Wisconsin Community Services (WCS), provided updates on treatment to competency admission issues the jail/courts is currently experiencing. Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS) is the State Department of Health Services (DHS) contracted service provider for the statewide Court Liaison and Forensic Tracking services. Despite adding 40 additional beds in 2014, challenges have been and continue to be present. There has been an 11-15% increase in referrals for treatment to competency in recent years. Currently waitlist has 42 individuals; admission/transfer is based on clinical assessment. Currently averaging a 22-day wait (2015), 12-day average wait in 2014.
- vi.) Jail/HOC/MSDF Population Data**
  - Data was not discussed in-depth due to shortage of time. Captain Duckert provided update on jail population, which has been teetering over capacity, but the House of Correction has been assisting in transferring inmates to Franklin efficiently.
- vii.) Other Business/Updates**
  - Niel Thoreson (DOC) reported on Dosage Probation. August 2015 was an all-time low for referrals at 1. A meeting will be held on 10/2/15 to discuss the direction of the initiative and hopes to increase success. Niel also noted there have been a number of documents released on WI Prisons in the last week. He will share them with the group and can be discussed/reviewed at October meeting.
- viii.) Adjourn**

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 19th at 8am, Courthouse Rm 609