

DUNN COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL

STEPPING UP WORK GROUP

Minutes

October 18, 2016

1. Call to Order

2. Call of the Roll

- a. Chair Kris Kopela, Director of Dunn County Human Services; Vicki Radmann, Dunn County Human Services Behavioral Health Manager; Dennis Smith, Dunn County Sheriff; Brenda LaForte, Jail Captain; Jenae Brantner, Dunn County Treatment Court Coordinator; Lindsey Field, Dunn County Integrated Treatment Specialist; Wendy Winger, Dunn County Crisis Coordinator; Commander Todd Swartz, Menomonie Police Department; and Sara Benedict, Dunn County Criminal Justice Coordinator.

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 15, 2016

- a. Motion made by Manager Radmann and seconded by Sheriff Smith to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2016. Motion passed.

4. Public Comment – None

5. Staff Report

- a. WCA Conference Stepping Up Presentation Feedback

- i. Dunn County's presentation on Stepping Up at the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) conference in Milwaukee seemed well received and generated a lot of interest and questions. Co-presented with Eau Claire County who is looking into dedicating one CCS worker for case management and discharge planning in the jail.

- b. White House Data Driven Justice Initiative

- i. Connection with Stepping Up

- 1. Dunn County has formally signed on to the White House Data Driven Justice (DDJ) Initiative. The goals of DDJ align with Stepping Up. The goals include: 1) facilitate data sharing between criminal justice and health/social service providers to identify "super-utilizers" who repeatedly cycle through jail, emergency health, and other public services; 2) Implement proven pre-arrest mental health diversion programs to keep them out of jail and link them to effective, community-based services; 3) Implement data-driven risk assessment tools to ensure decisions on pre-trial release are informed by empirically validated methods of defendant risk rather than ability to pay. DDJ holds biweekly calls for participating jurisdictions and uses a scout and scale model to highlight what is working.
- 2. Recommended that the CJC inform Stepping Up Work Group members of the DDJ biweekly call topics.

- ii. New Guidance on HIPAA

- 1. DDJ held a call on HIPAA and the White House followed up by providing additional guidance addressing key questions regarding use of protected health information in the criminal justice system.

- c. Follow up on CIT Training Options

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- i. Sheriff's Office is considering CIT training options. One option available for DUSO may be with St. Croix County. Leaning toward the 40 hour CIT training. Jail staff are too strapped this year. New staff are required to attend "jail school" the first year. Recruitment and retention has been challenging and difficult finding jail staff.
- ii. Menomonie Police Department had 7 officers attend in 2016 and if Eau Claire is still offering CIT, the goal would be train the remainder of the staff in 2017.
- iii. Discussed how the true CIT model works well in larger communities, but is not feasible to have officer specialties – all officers need to be trained in smaller jurisdictions. Discussed the idea of a hybrid CIT where a team of two follow up with medications, resources, and maintaining continuity. Perceived that right now there is not enough follow up. Crisis staff does do follow up, however, it is voluntary. Creating a hybrid team with follow up could ensure safety of crisis worker. Idea envisions seeking five volunteer officers – get even more enhanced training and team up with crisis and branch out. Example would be for the team to go out and make contact with the homeless.
- iv. Discussed how some jurisdictions have EMTs trained in CIT as well. While we already have mobile crisis, with CIT staff would be trained better. With the same training for officers and mobile, a team develops. Call center staff would benefit from CIT too.
- v. Crisis plans are helpful to law enforcement (LE). LE does have access to call center plans. Reviewing crisis plans would be helpful at LE monthly briefings.

6. Follow up on Mental Health Resources and Crisis Training for the Sheriff's Department Enforcement

- a. Crisis Coordinator Wendy Winger to follow up. As a place to start, first train officers on local crisis program and how it works. LE in-service will be in the spring. Can walk through some scenarios.
- b. Recommended with all of the interest in CIT, that the work group set a goal of developing CIT structure, funding, and plan to have all officers trained. This goal setting does align with our Stepping Up resolution. By doing some work in targeted intervention we can start to identify the high utilizers. Group agreed to the refocused goal of CIT.

7. Follow up on Coordination of Care in the Jail – Tabled

8. Review Rough Draft of Cross-Agency Release of Information (ROI) Protocol – Tabled

9. Review Combined ROI – Tabled

10. Determine Next Steps

- a. Interim plan for Crisis Coordinator to provide training on local crisis program to law enforcement officers during their Spring in-service training.
- b. Work Group to focus on CIT to develop an action plan. Including who should be trained – how many from each department, who specifically, parameters to be realistic including funding options, costs including pay and overtime, obstacles including staffing, and realistic timelines, and sustainability. Determine if anyone else should be included like hospital staff, UW-Stout Police Department, Fire, EMT, and dispatch. Also a goal to look at CIT model teams – what do they look like and learn the roles within the model. Staff will need to know what the purpose is that they are being trained in CIT.

11. Next Meeting:

- a. Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 1:30

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12. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Dunn County Criminal Justice Coordinator