

**July 9, 2024**

**Attendees:** Judge Lisa McDougal, Sue Larson-New Day Counseling-treatment provider, Pastor Larry Engels- Five Points, Savannah DuCharme- Treatment Court Coordinator, Brandi Christianson- Behavioral Health Services Manager, Jennifer Harper-District Attorney, Devon Rupnow-Jail Administrator, Sheriff Clay Porter, Jason Pilla-Detective of City of Richland Center, Jenifer Laue- Judicial Assistant

Judge McDougal called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

Proof of notification was confirmed by Savannah DuCharme

Devon Rupnow moved to approve the agenda, Second by Clay Porter

Clay Porter motioned to approve the minutes, second by Jennifer Harper

**Bail Monitoring:**

DA Jennifer Harper has spoke with LaCrosse on bail monitoring. The department has treatment court and day reporting. Day reporting is a system where someone who has been released from jail comes and ensures the bond is being complied with through checking in and possibly getting a drug test. The department completes a risk assessment and the judge receives that along with the bail sheet.

We should keep these possible additions in mind when building new infrastructure.

Judge McDougal speaks about Justice Point, which is a company that conducts jail monitoring but it is very expensive and assessments are done remotely. The big expense is staffing. Is there a cost benefit? Cash bonds affects folks with mental health issues. The jail struggles to have adequate counseling for those in jail.

The best argument is public safety and for us to monitor them but who would be willing to do it. We should start proposing this so that this could be implemented in 3 years.

Sheriff Porter comments on Court security and patrol covering some aspects of bail monitoring. We could work on bridging the gap through a mentoring program.

Pastor Engels is requesting a model and motion.

Behavioral Health is trying to move towards more assessment upon an arrest. The bail monitoring program may go through the Sheriff's department. Anger management or alcohol assessment and probation gets extended. Jennifer Harper will follow up and Brandi regarding Day Reporting

Motion by Pastor Engels that parties come together to develop a model with day reporting and bail monitoring with a budget including information on the cost benefit analysis and public safety factor. To add a position within the next three years. Second by Jennifer Harper. All in favor.

What data do we need? What do we envision?

**Fee policy discussion: Savannah**

At the treatment court conference, evidence shows that fees do not improve outcome. We do not want to implement additional administrative work if it does not accomplish what we are striving for. It was decided that no Fee policy would be implemented at this time.

**Fraternalizing Policy:**

Relationships are handled in treatment. Pierce County has an agreement that participants have to sign. We should be teaching them how to have healthy relationship promoting good behavior but not a blanket policy.

DOC prohibits people on probation hanging out with other people on probation-policies and procedures. It is confusing because we want them to build relationships.

Sue is going to try and come up with a policy which may include any action that violates well being and a reporting element. The strengths of the treatment court team is the diversity, we want to discourage secrecy and promote disclosure.

There is an increase in the female population in the jail and in treatment court.

**Substance Abuse Room and Board:** We received approximately \$31,000. It has to be linked to opiates. We have sent one person so far. It can be any Richland County residence. Medicaid will cover the treatment. Kiah is currently charge of the grant at this time. She would track this person. This grant is available on an annual basis. In most grants, we send the money back if we don't use it.

**Tad Funding for 2025 has started.**

The application is due in October. Money is staying the same . Previously the state would cover \$1,500.00 for our incentives including graduation items and gift items. She spent \$1200 on gas cards. This is an Opiate settlement fund. The Grant covers salaries, educational workbooks and contracts such as taxi company. Our county matches. State gives \$130,000.00 We send approximately \$30,000 back. We need to utilize the money.

Sue recommended testing and spoke highly of mouth swabs. Each time we modify the grant we have to get state approval.

Grant cycle ends in 2026, we could look at a grant funding source which is not the state TAD grant. Grant county receives a federal grant which has less restrictions.

Treatment court: There are 13 participants. One graduation in July.

Savannah will be on WRCO speaking about Treatment Court. She will also be finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports. September is a recovery treatment awareness.

**Future agenda Items:**

Bail Monitoring Program

Domestic violence and anger management assessment programs

**Domestic Violence and anger management assessment programs:**

We can order assessments of Domestic Violence. The downside is that people who are not convicted are presumed innocent. It involves admissions. Implementing that is not as straight forward as it seems. People rights still need to be protected.

Judge recommended that we invite everyone in CJCC to treatment court graduations.

Motion to adjourn by Devon Rupnow, Second by Jason Pilla.

Respectfully submitted by Jenifer Laue

**Next Meeting:** October 8, 2024 at 8:30 am – County Board room