DIVERSION/OWI SUB-COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

ATTENDEES: Mr. Chad Lynch, Ms. Brenda Lee, Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Katelyn Black, Ms. Sara Tienhaara, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, MR. Mike Fugle, Ms. Annette Zortman (Zoom), Ms. Dawn Susa (Teams), Ms. Jeri Driscoll, Mr. Timothy Johnson, Judge Sowinski (12:08), Mr. Michael Tautges (12:35)

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Diversion/OWI Sub-Committee was brought to order at 12:02 p.m. by Ms. Brenda Lee. Lee noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

2. Approve Agenda: Motion by Mr. Mike Fugle, seconded by Ms. Beth Hoerchler to approve the agenda as posted. All ayes; motion carried.

3. Review Minutes from the July 9, 2026 CJCC Diversion/OWI Sub-Committee Meeting: Motion by Ms. Beth Hoerchler, seconded by Mr. Timothy Johnson. All ayes; motion carried.

4. General Program Update: OWI court currently has six participants both male and female so groups for each can be held. Peer Support is added to OWI and offered to participants. Need to discuss at the pre-court regarding sanctions and bring back to this group. Justice Point has a behavior matrix that could be used for OWI. The DOJ has a guideline for sanctions as well.

5. Diversion Program Update – Justice Point: Went over statistic report. Doing well.

6. OWI Treatment Court Update:
    a. Handbook Update: We need to look at revising the Handbook along with changing the BAC requirement. Justice Point should be part of this, as they potentially will be taking over in January. If anyone has any suggestions for updates, make the changes and then give to someone on the OWI Court Sub-Committee.
    b. BIO Marker/Alcohol Monitoring: Need to look at biomarkers and alcohol monitoring. Can we get a biomarker result so we know what it looks like?
    c. BAC: Need to include the change in BAC requirement into the handbook.

7. Treatment Court Planning: We got the preliminary award for the TAD grant, which was cut a little bit. We have sufficient funding but will need to cut some out of the budget. We still need to submit the final application, which will cover both Diversion and OWI Programs. We need to work on establishing a hybrid treatment court in Oneida County in 2027 with some implementation in 2027. We will continue to run OWI as a separate court and start developing hybrid treatment court. Need to start discussion in this group. Need have policy and procedure by June of 2027 at the latest. Could potentially take referrals in July of 2027.

    Diversion program – Katelyn will develop goals and objectives – assessing our program etc.

    Corporation Counsel's perspective with things needing to be done by June 2027 – concern that things will not be done and we will fail the people in the program. Staffing issues will always be an issue and we need to problem solve those issues.

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It was recommended that we start in phases and it would be simple to add in other OWI cases that don't currently fit in to the current OWI Treatment Court. The next step would be to expand into possession charges that would result in prison time. When Langlade County started their program, they used simple possession cases that next step would be prison. May want to talk with Langlade County.

The Public Defender's office would like to see people engaged in Meth use be incorporated into treatment court.

It was mentioned we need to make sure the DA Office is on-board as they voted no in a previous meeting.

8. Agenda for Future Meeting:
    - Data analysis, - Mary will get numbers for the next meeting.
    - Future meeting dates, should we schedule more meetings? Workgroup? It was suggested to schedule extra meetings/workgroups on the 4th Thursday of each month.

    Next Step:
    - Meet with DA office to make sure they are on-board.
    - Smaller group meeting with Justice Point after the DA meeting.
    - Update at CJCC in October.
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9. Public Comment: None

10. Adjourn: 1:01 p.m.

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