

MINUTES

JAIL STUDY ADHOC COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday April 1, 2021
TIME: 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Courthouse – Room 114

Members Present: Laura Valenstein, Jake Hahn, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Al Breu, Adam Fischer, and Dave LaFontaine

Others Present: Reuben VanTassel, Ed Newton, William Winch, Shawn Becker, Susanna Pearson, Ted Ashbeck, Quentin Ellis, Sarah Salewski, Dennis Polach, Rob Golla, Jesse Luere, Megan Birginal, Lance Pliml, Grant Weimer, Trish Zdroik, Amber Stancaer, Karen Flinn, and Janelle Krueger

1. Chair Valenstein called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by LaFontaine and seconded by Hokamp to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries by voice vote.
4. Karen Flinn with Aegis provides continued information on the underwriting history that Wood County has had with Aegis. Conversation is had regarding the increase in premiums and the impact that the claims related to jail operations has had on said premiums. Karen discusses the history of claims and some of the challenges that will begin to present themselves should claim trends continue into the future. Karen also points out the challenges that impact the claim trends in Wood County, specifically challenges with linear jails as they compare to pod style jails. It is requested that Karen put together more concrete numbers regarding the specific allocation of costs related to jail operations in comparison to the rest of the counties coverage.
5. Programming discussions began with presentations by Three Bridges Recovery, Windows 2 Work, and Mid State Technical College as it relates to programs that were offered prior to COVID 19 and how those programs have changed since COVID. Conversation was had regarding some of the positive outcomes of programming as well as some of the barriers that individuals have faced with policies and practices within the jail specifically since COVID. Following these presentations Sarah Salewski, Jail Discharge Planner provided an in-depth look at current programming along with barriers that prevent additional programming within

the current jail space. Additionally Sarah provides a comprehensive outline of potential services and the increased reduction in recidivism that could be accomplished through these services, drafted in collaboration with Janelle Krueger – Criminal Justice Coordinator. Janelle Krueger offers some follow up regarding the continuity of care needed as individuals reenter society as well as the unique barriers that individuals face specifically related to incarceration, mental health, and substance use needs along with evidence and best practices that support a reduction in recidivism. Additionally, program enhancement, through models including day report and supportive psychoeducation are discussed further.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Wood County Courthouse, Room 114.
7. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

Minutes taken by Janelle Krueger, Criminal Justice Coordinator, and are in draft form pending approval of the committee.