

REPORT

WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION : JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY STEERING COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 21, 2016

SUBJECT:

Evidence-Based Decision-Making (update)

Honorable Jeffrey Kremers, Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Matt Raymer, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council , Coordinator

Adam Plotkin, Wisconsin Public Defender Office, Legislative Liason

Tim Schnocke, Director, Center for Legal and Evidence Based Practices

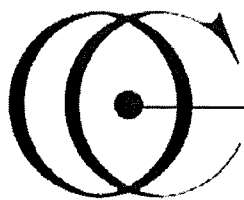
Judge Kremers: Since 2008 National Institute of Corrections has attempted to change how criminal justice is approached by combining Research and Professional Judgement. In Milwaukee efforts have included (1) crisis intervention training; (2) mental health training for law enforcement; (3) risk assessment; and (4) Dosage probation - incentivized probation—doing what is essential.

Matt Raymer: Explained that Wisconsin participates in Phase VI of the National Institute of Corrections pilot project that includes 8 counties to implement target goal of establishing treatment, alternatives to incarceration, and deferral of prosecution. In diverting offenders from incarceration behavior change is sought. Treatment Courts provide the stage and with the development of Model policies and practices; professional development; and system-wide collaboration the goal is to convince counties to follow these guidelines.

Timm Schnocke: Discussed Bail, which is money enabling pre-trial release and how it does not keep the “bad guys in jail” and doesn’t enable minimal offenders to be released.” However, Milwaukee County’s Universal Screening since 2012 utilizes a Risk Assessment tool with 67% of 21,755 screened in 2015 released. He noted a need to change Wisconsin Law to permit “Presumptive Retention” and need to continue to keep Bail Bondsmen out of Wisconsin.

Adam Plotkin: Spoke to the need for Bail Reform that 96% of cases resolved without trial and that Pre-trial Diversion is not a Constitutional Right violation because it is Voluntary.

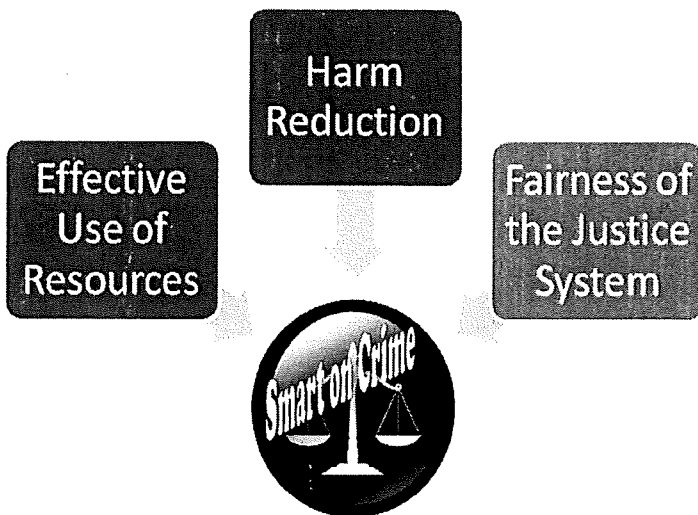
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OUTAGAMIE COUNTY SCORECARD

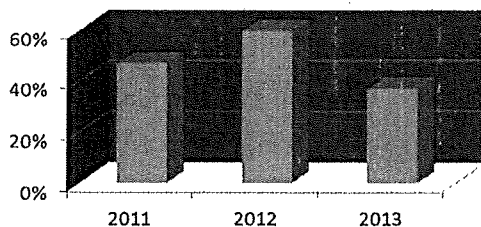
Assumptions:

- Professional judgment of criminal justice system decision makers is enhanced when informed by evidence-based knowledge.
- Formal interventions should be minimized for low risk individuals.
- Every interaction within the criminal justice system offers an opportunity to contribute to harm reduction.
- Systems achieve better outcomes when they operate collaboratively.
- The system will continually learn and improve when professionals make decisions based on the collection, analysis, and use of data.

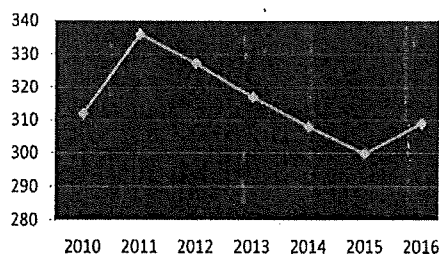


The Outagamie County Evidence-Based Decision Making Policy Team, in an effort to be *Smart on Crime*, will reduce community harm by enhancing public safety and assuring a cost effective and equitable justice system. We measure our success by:

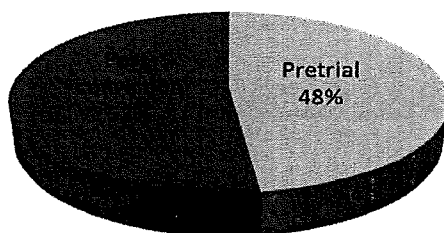
Recidivism



Average Daily Jail Population



Jail Population Breakdown 2016



HARM REDUCTION

20% reduction in general recidivism by 2020

15% increase in success rates of treatment court participants by December 2018

EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES

5% reduction of pretrial defendants in jail by July 2018

10% decrease in the number of subpoenas issued, jury trials, and continuances

FAIRNESS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

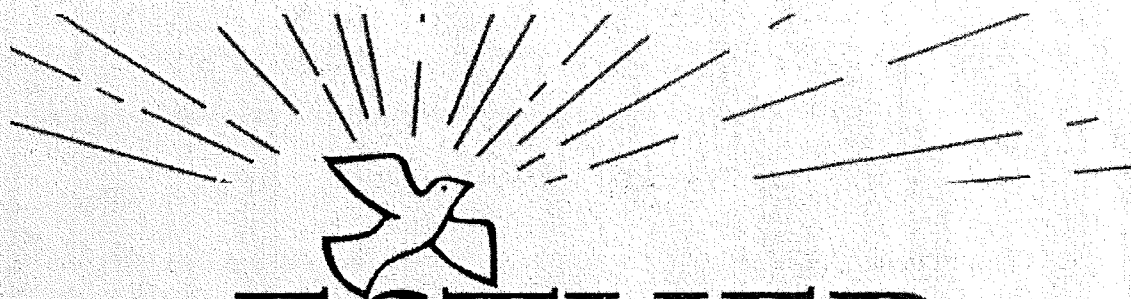
90% alignment of custodial arrests with uniform detention decision-making guidelines by July 2018

85% of in-custody, pretrial defendants to receive objective risk assessments to inform bond release decisions by March 2017

REPORT: Attendance at the November 13, 2016 12th Annual Esther Banquet in Appleton

Esther is a faith community grass roots organization addressing criminal justice reform in Wisconsin. The principal speaker was Dee Hall, of the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism. She spoke to the large number of state prisoners particularly compared to Minnesota and the massive budget expense it requires and that recent efforts in evidence based decision-making hold promise for change.

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ESTHER

12TH ANNUAL BANQUET & CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

Speaking Truth to Power

PROGRAM

5:00 Fellowship & Silent Auction with Noah Harmon Music

6:00 Gathering Prayer *Gwen Gibson and Rev. Ben Morris*
Emmanuel United Methodist, Appleton

Welcome *Rev. Markus Wegenast, Banquet Emcee*
First United Methodist, Appleton
Fr. Joe Mattern, Casa Esther Director, ESTHER President
Introduction of William (Bill) Van Lopik, ESTHER Organizer

Table Blessing *Mamadou Coulibaly, Fox Valley Islamic Society,*
ESTHER Vice President

Dinner, Conversation, and Silent Auction
Music *Noah Harmon Jazz Group*

Community Leadership Awards *Fit Oshkosh / Organization Award*
Norys Piña / Individual Award

Introduction of Speaker *Bill Van Lopik, ESTHER Organizer*

Keynote Speaker *Dee J. Hall, Co-founder of*
Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism and WisconsinWatch.org

Call to Action *Penny Robinson, Fox Valley Universalist Unitarian Fellowship*

Closing Prayer *Father Richard Allen, Retired Roman Catholic Clergy*

Closing Song *"We Are Called" (words on the back)*
Connie Raether/ Song Leader
Joan Jensen/ Accompanist

We Are Called

1. Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united
in love!

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Get involved!

Prison Reform Task Force: Meets the first Monday of each month from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Neenah.

Immigration Task Force: Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM at Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Appleton.

Transit Task Force: Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church 325 E. Franklin Street, Appleton, 3rd Floor. **Monday, November 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 is a special Transit Event.**

Oshkosh Area ESTHER: Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:30 PM at Congregation B'Nai Israel.

Interested in making our work more powerful? Contact us to find out how you can help with communications, fundraising, outreach, and more! 920-843-8083