



Eau Claire County Mental Health Court

Presentation –
December 15, 2011



Collaboration – State & County Government

- Eau Claire County Mental Health & Jail Diversion Task Force First Brought State & County Agencies Together
 - State: Wisconsin State Courts, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Wisconsin State Public Defenders Office
 - County: Human Services, Corporation Counsel, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Sheriff & Jail

Task Force Goals

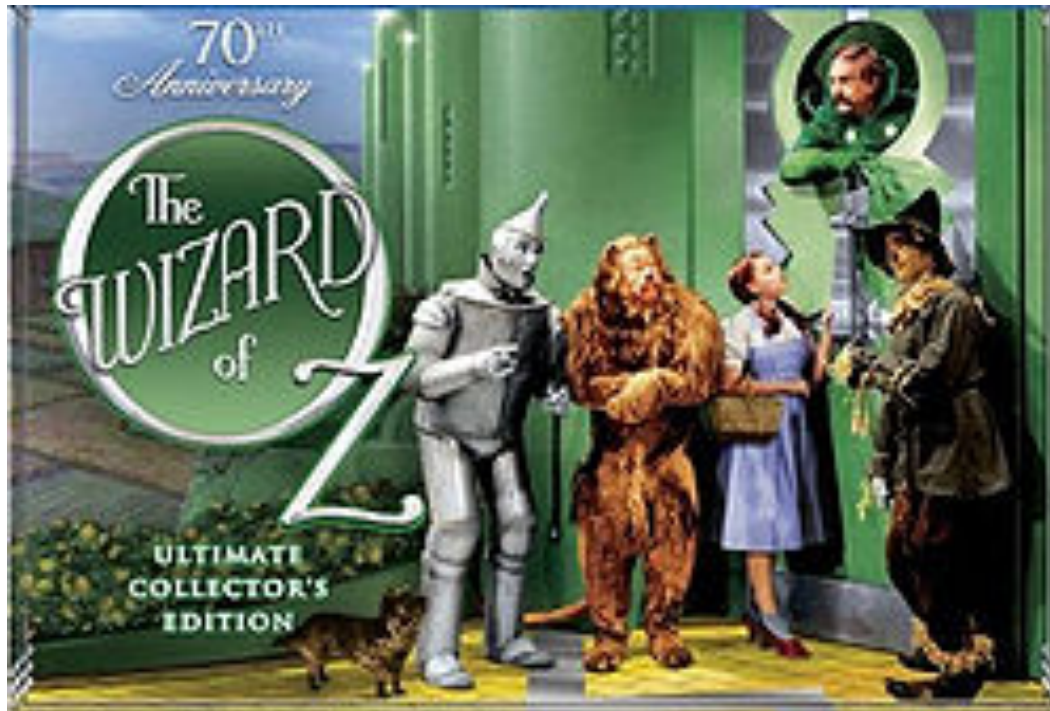
- Improve Services For Mentally Ill Defendants
 - Better Identification of Defendants with significant Mental Illness
 - Medications In The Jail
 - Early Identification and diversion from criminal justice system if possible – Local Law Enforcement
 - Reduce Recidivism of Mentally Ill Defendants

Mental Health Court Was A Result of the County Task Force

- The County Board Determined To Fund A Mental Health Court
- Court Includes The State & County Agencies:
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Why Should The Court Be Involved In Administration of the Court's Sentence?

- Legitimacy – The OZ effect.



We are off to see the Wizard

- Because of all the wonderful things he does



Traditional Court Role Maintained – Similar to Juvenile Court

- Some Treatment Courts have the Judge as a part of the treatment team – no so with the Eau Claire County Mental Health Court.
- Treatment Team includes a social worker from the Dept. of Human Services, A probation agent from the Dept. of Corrections, District Attorney, Public Defender and Corporation Counsel.

How Does The Court Work?

- Defendants are referred to the program
- Evaluation By The Treatment Team
- If meet criteria, then the defendant enters the program.
- Treatment Team Makes Recommendations To The Court.
- Three phases: stabilization, adjustment & preparation for after court program ends.

Stabilization – Phase 1

- Appropriate Mental Health Treatment & Medications
- Most participants also have a substance abuse history to be addressed
- Temporary Housing

Phase 2 - Adjustment

- Maintain Mental Health and Substance Abuse Objectives
- Examine Income, Benefits and Obtain Employment To Capability
- Obtain Housing
- Stay Out of Trouble

Phase 3 – Preparation For After Care

- Always going to be mentally ill
- Have a Plan to:
 - Maintain Mental Health
 - Substance Abuse
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - How To Stay Out of Trouble.

Tracking Results

Reduced Contact With Law Enforcement

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5	11/17/08	Term 3/11/11	3	1	3	7	1	1	1	3
6	12/22/08	DOD 01/02/10	3	1	1	5	1			1
7	01/26/09	II	3	2	0	5				
8	03/30/09	II	1	4	3	8			1	1
9	03/30/09	Term 11/09/09	0	1	2	3	2	6	2	10
10	05/01/09	II	3	1	3	7				
11	09/01/09	Term 06/03/10	0	2	1	3	1			1
12	10/05/09	III	3	1	3	7		3		3
13	10/01/09	Term 07/29/10	0	0	3	3	2			2
14	08/13/10	II	1	3	1	5	2			2
15	10/14/10	I	2	3		5	3			3
16	11/05/10	II		1	1	2				
17	11/12/10	I	1	1	1	3	1			1
18	02/04/11	I	1	0	1	2	1			1
		TOTALS	26	31	43	100	18	10	8	36

Tracking Results Incarceration Stays - Reduced

Mental Health Court Incarceration Data: 07/01/2011
(Jail Day = More than 12 hours in custody)

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1	7/21/08	Cmpltd 9/01/09	0	1	237	238	7			7
2	7/21/08	Term 08/14/09	2	28	166	196	138			138
3	9/10/08	Term 02/16/09	34	1	28	63	114	1	4	119
4	10/13/08	Cmpltd 9/17/10	0	0	18	18	2			2
5	11/17/08	Term 3/11/11	198	256	311	765	8	92	4	104
6	12/22/08	DOD 01/02/10	128	81	65	274	6			6
7	1/26/09	II	39	311	29	379	1			1
8	3/20/09	II	0	13	157	170	9	11	4	24
9	3/30/09	Term 11/09/09	2	88	56	146	14	13	83	110
10	5/18/09	II	31	1	91	123	145	8		153
11	9/1/09	Term 06/03/10	0	3	2	5	43			43
12	10/5/09	III	5	59	29	93	124	2		126
13	10/1/09	Term 07/29/10	365	84	100	549	113	27		140
14	8/13/10	II	1	30	185	216	8			8
15	10/14/10	I	135	205	208	548	32			32
16	11/5/10	II	15	32	145	192				
17	11/12/10	I	4	231	67	302	34			34
18	2/4/11	I	0	1	13	14	7			7
TOTALS			959	1425	1907	4291	805	154	95	1054

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM (CSP)

Clinical services for MHC participants are provided by the Eau Claire County Community Support Program (CSP). The CSP is a comprehensive treatment, rehabilitation and support program that offers an array of services designed to:

- Determine the best medication regimen for symptom relief
- Increase skills where there has been a negative impact from the serious mental illness
- Assist the individual to end the cycle of repeated criminal charges.

Case Management and Treatment Services Include:

- Medication prescription and side effect evaluation
- Medication management services
- Employment skills training, counseling and support.
- Symptom management and supportive psychotherapy
- Psychosocial rehabilitation services for skill areas, activities of daily living, independent living skills, budgeting, problem solving, and decision making

All persons served in the CSP have their own personal team of professionals to provide them support and services with focus on recovery. The MHC is committed to allocating resources and developing ways to better address the unique needs of persons with serious mental illnesses who are charged with criminal offenses.

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EAU CLAIRE COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM



**TOGETHER WE CAN
ACCOMPLISH GREAT
THINGS**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Eau Claire Mental Health Court is to increase community safety and restore productive and law abiding citizens to the community by breaking the cycle of criminal behavior through effective, long-term behavioral health treatment and intensive court supervision.

WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH COURT (MHC)?

The Eau Claire County Mental Health Court Program (MHC) was developed to improve the response of the Eau Claire County criminal justice system to people with mental illness. The MHC diverts from jail to treatment, people with serious mental disorders charged with misdemeanors and non-violent felonies.

The MHC Coordinator & Probation Agent works in collaboration to monitor participant compliance to the court requirements and prescribed recovery plan. The MHC works to improve a participant's recovery and reduce his/her involvement in the criminal justice system.

MHC Team: The MHC team is a diverse group of professionals. The members on the MHC team represent a collaboration of agencies and officers of local and state government; District Attorney's office; State Public Defenders office; State Department of Corrections (DOC); Department of Human Services (DHS), and Eau Claire County Corporation Counsel. The MHC team meets weekly prior to court to review the status of participants, determine, as indicated, potential rewards or sanctions, along with phase advancement, and evaluate eligibility criteria for those individuals who may be interested in participating in MHC.

GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION

The Referral can be completed by: DHS staff, an attorney (defense or prosecuting), judge, or correctional staff.

The Mental Health Court Participant: The potential participant must be diagnosed with a serious mental illness and have pending misdemeanor or non-violent felony criminal charges that have resulted from an untreated mental illness, and be willing to work with a dedicated team of experienced mental health professionals to address the behaviors and lifestyle choices that were the basis for the criminal behavior.

Screening: Upon receipt of a formal referral, the referral source will need to meet with their client and have them sign releases to allow MHC coordinator to access documentation regarding former treatments both inpatient and outpatient, psychiatric and AODA. The MHC Coordinator will interview the potential MHC participant to assess their interest in the program, motivation for change and provide information about the opportunity for recovery focused community-based treatment through Eau Claire County's Community Support Program (CSP).

If legal and diagnostic eligibility criteria are met through thorough screening, the MHC team members vote on whether to offer the individual the opportunity to participate in MHC, with treatment through the CSP.

Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee admission to the MHC.

ELEMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH COURT

- Participation is voluntary and desire for life style change is essential.
- Participants have a diagnosed serious mental illness or co-occurring disorder, which is the basis for their criminal behaviors.
- Public safety is a high priority. Participants are carefully screened prior to admission.
- Provide participant with a high level of support and supervision.

Expectations of Mental Health Court Participants:

- Initially, participants need to appear in court on a weekly basis. As one progresses through the phases of the program, appearance in court will be bi-monthly
- Admission into the (CSP).
- Maintain appointments with MHC and CSP professionals.
- Collaborate with CSP professionals in development of an Individualized Recovery Plan and Crisis Plan.
- No alcohol or illegal intoxicant use.
- No new crimes committed.

Eau Claire County's Community Support Program CSP

Participants in the Mental Health Court receive their psychiatric services through the Community Support Program (CSP). In Eau Claire County, the CSP is a county run program. In other Wisconsin counties, CSP's can be a county provided service or a contracted service through an independent agency.

The CSP is a recovery oriented, comprehensive, community-based outpatient program that serves adults experiencing a severe and persistent mental illness. CSP helps individuals with mental illness live and function in the community through a wide array of services and is a State of Wisconsin HFS 63 Certified Program.

CSP staff provide emotional, social, medical, psychological and familial support as well as assistance with daily living tasks necessary to maintain a home and a healthy lifestyle. CSP promotes principles of recovery, including self-determination, independence and empowerment.

Eau Claire County's CSP contracts with two Midelfort Clinic psychiatrists for a total of 14 hours of psychiatry per week. This includes assessment, diagnosis, medication, prescription, and consultation.

All professional employees who work in the CSP have years of outpatient psychiatric treatment experience. The make up of the CSP team is:

- 3.2 FTE R.N.'s**
- 7 FTE Bachelor level Psychiatric Social Workers**
- 1 FTE Vocational Specialist**
- 1 FTE Master level Psychiatric Social Worker**
- .8 PTE Psycho-social rehab aide**

CSP team services offered includes: Case Management, Symptom Management, Medication Management, Client and Family Illness Education, Crisis Intervention, Clinical Services, Vocational Assistance and Psycho-Social Rehabilitation.

The Mental Health Court also utilizes these a number of community agencies as well as these services provided by Lutheran Social Services:

Supported Employment

Touch Stones - AODA Intensive Outpatient Treatment

Fahrman Center – Inpatient AODA treatment

Residential AODA Outpatient

Urine Analysis and Breath Analysis

**Eau Claire County
Mental Health Court (MHC)
Participation Criteria**

Potential candidates must meet the following criteria to be considered for participation in the program:

- Participant must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Eau Claire County.
- Participant has been diagnosed with a *serious* mental illness (i.e. schizophrenia, bipolar mood disorder, psychotic disorder, or major affective disorder); their criminal behavior is directly connected to this condition and they meet diagnostic and functional criteria for recovery services through the Community Support Program (CSP).
- Participant is likely to benefit from treatment; they have some insight into why they are interfacing with law enforcement.
- Participant agrees to sign all releases of information, as requested.
- Participant agrees to comply with the Mental Health Court's (MHC) Treatment Conditions/Terms of Participation.

If the potential participant meets one or more of the following criteria, he/she will be ineligible for the program:

- Participant has a medical or psychiatric condition causing a degree of impairment or instability such that it would interfere with program participation, treatment and/or functioning.
- Participant has a legal charge pending for which he/she would be deemed ineligible.
- Participant has prior felony convictions for violent crimes or crimes involving a weapon (Act 25 criteria).
- Participant understands that if the court discovers a participant meets one or more of the ineligibility criteria after admission, that participant will be terminated from the program.

FINAL ELIGIBILITY WILL BE DETERMINED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SCREENING PROCESS BY A MAJORITY VOTE FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT (MHC) TEAM.

**TREATMENT CONDITIONS/TERMS OF PARTICIPATION
FOR EAU CLAIRE COUNTY**

**MENTAL HEALTH COURT
PARTICIPANTS**

_____ **Name of Participant**

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth

Court Case #: _____

As a Mental Health Court participant, I understand and agree to the following plan and condition(s):

Please Initial All That Apply:

_____ I understand that being honest and truthful is essential for my recovery and my success in the Mental Health Court (MHC). Not being truthful with any member of the Community Support Program (CSP) or MHC team is considered the same as being dishonest with the Court and will be subject to sanction(s) or possible termination.

_____ I understand that my outpatient psychiatric treatment will be provided through the Community Support Program (CSP), and I will be working with a team of mental health professionals.

_____ I will keep **ALL** appointments with court appointed examiners, treatment providers, and case management staff.

_____ I will take all dosages of psychotropic medication prescribed for me. I understand that I must participate in medication management services that will be provided through the MHC/CSP, as determined by the Mental Health Court.

_____ I will cooperate with all psychological and/or psychiatric testing and therapy as requested.

_____ I will not obtain or change address or employment without the approval of the MHC team. I will also keep the team advised of my current address and phone number.

_____ I will refrain from any acts, attempts, or threats to harm others or myself.

_____ I will not possess, purchase, or consume any controlled substances not prescribed for me, abuse over-the-counter preparations, use illegal intoxicants, legal imitations, stimulants, herbal treatments, or mood altering substances.

_____ I will keep the MHC/CSP team notified of all medical treatment I receive outside of the CSP, including prescribed medications and I will sign Releases of Information (ROI) as the MHC/CSP team may require, enhancing communication between treatment providers.

_____ I will not consume alcoholic beverages, including non-alcoholic imitations.

_____ I understand that a Representative Payee will be appointed initially for benefit income. I understand that I must participate in budgeting and money management services that will be provided by the CSP team per direction of the MHC team.

_____ I must participate in vocational programming that may include, but is not limited to competitive employment, supportive employment, community service or other, per direction of the MHC team.

_____ I understand that utilizing a 12-step recovery program for my addiction(s) will be a requirement for MHC participation. This will require signing a waiver for Department of Corrections (DOC).

_____ I will identify to the MHC team, all persons with whom I have regular contact, and/or whom I anticipate having regular contact with, including, but not limited to, friendships, social relationships (romantic or otherwise), family relationships, co-workers, neighbors, sponsors, roommates, proposed roommates, and 12-step or other treatment program associations, throughout the entire period I am in the program.

_____ I understand that at any given time in the program, the Mental Health Court (MHC) team has the right to investigate any and all relationships, contacts or associations, and require that I discontinue, or limit any relationships, contacts or associations as explained by the MHC team, as a condition of my further participation in the program.

_____ If I fail to complete Mental Health Court (MHC), or am terminated from MHC, my case will be referred back to the criminal justice court.

Other Conditions:

I agree to comply with these conditions. Copy given to participant on: ____/____/____.

Participant's Signature & Date

Staff Signature & Date

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