

Attendees: Jordan Kilby, Sue Wilkins, Shantelle Gaynor, Jennifer Streano, Judge Halligan, Alex Beal, Frank Knaak, SK Rossi, Quinn Ziegler, Laurel Hesse, Kristen Jordan. By phone: Natalie Michailides and Ann Miller

Membership:

Attendees noted that a representative from Municipal Court and the City Attorney's office is recommended.

ACTION ITEM: Kristen Jordan will reach out to Judge Jenks and Keithi Worthington regarding representation and attendance in this working group.

Hot Topics:

- Using the PSA tool in DV/Sexual violence cases is inappropriate and inadequate
 - DV/PFMA are now automatically moved up one step in the DMF, so the PSA score can never be lower than a Level 2 Active. This was done by OCA in Helena.

ACTION ITEM: Sue Wilkins will provide the costs associated with monitoring- gps and drug testing to the group.

- Data collection related to the use of the PSA tool:
 - Tracking responses from clients, as required in PSA DMF- we are not doing this, and it is not requested by Judges that clients respond to court reminders
 - FTAs need to be reported to courts, post PSA- this will improve now that there is a new PSA Coordinator
 - Can we track why FTAs occur? – Yes, but a process will need to be identified to do this, not currently happening now
 - Can we check if pleas come from an inability to pay bond? – Yes, but a process will need to be identified to do this, not currently happening now
 - FTAs are “subjectively” being recorded – situations are considered

ACTION ITEM: CJCC Department to investigate what charges fall into the 5x5 and 6x6 part of the PSA DMF rubric. This will provide additional information on what constitutes a “minor offense”.

- Definitions:
 - FTA= defined by jurisdiction but in Missoula County it's when a warrant has been issued.
 - Minor offense – Jailable v nonjailable?
- Other tools that could be used in the Pre-trial space:
 - Culturally relevant PSA tool- currently being validated by Flathead Tribal Defenders Office, not for public use/distribution until validation is completed
 - Appleseed Survey on societal harms related to court fees, including drivers of incarceration
 - Frank Knaak has experience using this tool
 - For discussion by group on relevance and how/if we can roll it out in Missoula
 - Poverello
 - YWCA
 - Inmates

- Other places?? OPD?

ACTION ITEM: Frank Knaak to send the survey to Kristen Jordan for dispersal to group.

- ODARA (Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment) could be used along with the PSA score in PFMA/DV cases. Judge Halligan has spare licenses. Here is a link to an online version: <https://www.knfp.ch/en/risk-assessment-instruments/odara.html>
- Skewed PSA Results:
 - Multiple misdemeanors can create a Level 3 Active
 - Criminal behavioral cycles are misrepresented since a PSA considers ALL prior criminal activity, even in a defendant has been “crime free” for years.
 - PSA score is not helpful in PFMA/DV cases

General Direction:

- **Data to collect:**
 - Track if folks charged with DVs are becoming more accountable and/or recharged?

ACTION ITEM: Jennifer Streano may have this information available- she'll look into it and share what she has with the group.

- Data collection that compares outcomes in DV PSAs without the automatic step and with the automatic step
- Are DUIs similar? How does a PSA affect DUI specific recidivism?
- **General Information:**
 - Secondary tools are used by Missoula Correctional Services if ordered by a judge
 - Ohio Risk Assessment

ACTION ITEM: Sue Wilkins to send Ohio Risk Assessment to Kristen Jordan who will send it to the group.

- PSA inmates are not released from jail without information from other risk assessments
- **Meeting Frequency:**
 - Every month for a few months, then every other month- alternating with the general CJCC meetings