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Jim Cosby, Director  
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Dear Mr. Cosby:

Eau Claire County, Wisconsin has enthusiastically participated in the National Institute of Corrections Evidence Based Decision Making in Local Criminal Justice Systems Initiative since October of 2011. We are honored NIC is asking for formal re-engagement of phase II/III teams. The Eau Claire County CJCC strongly supports these efforts as a means to improve justice system outcomes while ensuring the cost-effective use of public resources.

1. Reflect upon the work that your team has done since forming your EBDM team in Phase II.

Identify (in bullet form) your most significant accomplishments.

- Diverted from arrest over 1,000 low risk/first time offenders from the system
- 2015 diverted 242 people
- Collected over \$25,000 in restitution since inception of the Diversion Program
- Recidivism study significantly lower recidivism rates for diverted individuals.
- Pretrial holds only 1.7 days
- Maintain .6% growth in jail population since 2012
- ADP decrease 5.9% from 2014 to 2015
- 5.7% Increase in bookings from 2014-2015

- Case closure rates have increased each year since 2012 (2012 – 96%, 2013 – 98%, 2014 – 100%, 2015 – 101%)
- Felony case dispositions increase 49.5% from 2012-2015
- Misdemeanor cases filed decreased more than 12% since 2010

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| • Comprehensive use of risk assessment tools       | • Dosage based dispositions                                            |
| • Pre-charge diversion program                     | • Probation focus medium/high-risk individuals                         |
| • Data Analyst hired                               | • Identification and monitoring of Super<br>utilizers                  |
| • Creation of monthly data dashboards              | • Automated court notifications                                        |
| • CTC bond protocol with emphasis on risk          | • Legal and researched based bond conditions                           |
| • Case consolidation at intake                     | • Methamphetamine committee with focus on<br>early intervention (2015) |
| • Incentivized plea offers, often with jail stayed | • OWI early intervention program (2015)                                |
| • Incarceration focus on medium/high risk          |                                                                        |
| • Increase in jail assessment and programming      |                                                                        |

2. Beginning with Phase III, identify (in bullet form) the steps your team/members of your team have taken to advance EBDM to other localities in your state.

- Support provided to other counties: presented on EBDM to 45 of the 72 counties, collaborate with one jurisdiction on data analysis, presented at discipline specific conferences on EBDM, other counties have adopted and/or plan to implement Diversion Program and treatment courts.
- State work: one member serves on the State CJCC Council, two members serve as EBDM capacity builders, two serve on the State EBDM policy Team, Six serve on State EBDM workgroups.

3. What benefits does your team envision for itself—and your local/state partners—through your formal re-engagement with the EBDM Initiative?

Formal re-engagement with EBDM will continue to strengthen the need and support for a state wide implementation of EBDM principles and practices. As a county we will continue to grow in our knowledge and implementation of EBDM principles and practices. This will allow us to continue to share our results in a formal and supported manner throughout the state.

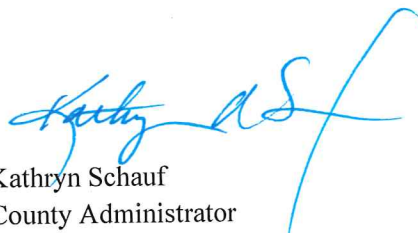
4. What forms of technical assistance would be helpful to your team in Phase VI?

- Policy team process: strategic planning, succession planning
- Education and communication: videos, stakeholder education
- Additional substantive issues: probation holds, specialty courts, CIT training and co-responder program

Sincerely,



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