

McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Executive Committee Meeting
December 7, 2011

Present: Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb, Sheriff Mike Emery, Gregory Allen, State's Attorney Ronald Dozier, ASA Jane Foster, Public Defender Kim Campbell, CMO Lori McCormick, Mike Donovan, Alyssa Curran (CJCC Intern) and William Scanlon

ISU Stevenson Center: Dr. Frank Beck, Dr. Ed Wells

ISU Stevenson Report

Dr. Wells and Dr. Beck gave their report for November on the total number of bed days used and the number of persons in the jail. Their findings:

- The demographics of the jail have remained constant over the years examined - per the US Census
- There has been a reduction in the number of bookings for most categories of felonies
- There has been an increase in the average length of stay in Class 1 and Class 2 felonies since 2007
- The decrease in jail usage since 2008 is a factor of a lower number of bookings, not length of stay

They will continue work on case processing time data, including misdemeanor (CM) and driving under the influence (DT) cases. The analysis of the jail data will be expanded to include race, in custody vs out-of-custody and violent vs. non-violent offenders.

A full report will be available for distribution prior to the January 5, 2012 Council meeting.

Committee Reports

- Financial Compliance - no report
- Jail Booking and Policy - no report
- Specialty Courts - no written report. Court Services is tracking the number of veterans in Adult Probation intakes (2011 = 15). The data includes the branch of service, crime, age, criminal history and involvement with the Veteran's Administration. All of this will be tracked in the Drug Court and Recovery Court as well.
- Juvenile Justice - The Juvenile Justice Council will not be meeting in December, but there is a Juvenile Abuse/Child Protection Roundtable on December 16. A summary of that meeting will be available at the 1/5/12 Council meeting. The Juvenile Justice Council has put out their RFP for a summer youth employment project.

CJCC Intern Report

Ms. Curran is currently conducting research with the Pre-Trial Services program regarding the type of bond and success rate for persons in the program. There are 500 cases to review, but the preliminary results indicate that the type of bond is not a factor on successful completion (compliance with court orders; negative drug screens; appearance at court hearings; completion of any programming/counseling).

She is also reviewing a sample of files to track if charges change from arrest to disposition, and provide some narrative as to when and why those charges are changed.

Ms. Curran is looking forward to expanding her work with some projects under consideration by Judge Robb.

Juvenile Justice Conference - Judge Robb

This Conference was sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change program for Juvenile Justice Reform. Judge Robb has a great number of items to share with the group and will be distributing those via email, and will be discussing the Conference fully at the JA/CP Roundtable on December 16.

She noted a program developed by the Ogle County (IL) State's Attorney regarding vocational and job training for children in the juvenile delinquency system. This is a cooperative partnership with the Workforce Development Center. When further information is available, it will be distributed.

Other

Gregory Allen requested input on a new project for his committee (Jail Booking and Bond Policies and Procedures). The primary suggestion was to examine the McLean County Work Release program - number of cases over time, recidivism, number of escapes/non-compliance, is the program cost effective, and how many other jurisdictions of a similar size use work release in sentencing (and how do those jurisdictions use it).

January 5, 2012 Meeting (tentative)

- ISU Stevenson Center report (Dr. Frank Beck / Dr. Ed Wells)
- Transition in the State's Attorney's office (Ronald Dozier)
- Legislative Update (Kim Campbell)
- Juvenile Justice Report (Lori McCormick)
- New Lawyer Mentoring Program and the MCBA (Campbell)
- Jobs Partnership Program (Dozier)
- West Bloomington Revitalization Project (Karen Schmidt)

Meeting adjourned: 8:45 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7:45 am