

McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Executive Committee

September 21, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Judge Robert Freitag (Chair), Sheriff Mike Emery, Kim Campbell, Jane Foster, Bill Yoder, Judge Elizabeth Robb (ex-officio), and Karen Zangerle

Committee Chairs and Staff Present: Don Everhart, Chief Kent Crutcher, Lori McCormick, Greg Allen, William Scanlon and Lydia Scott

Statistical Researchers Present: Dr. Ed Wells and Dr. Frank Beck, ISU Stevenson Center

Open:

Judge Freitag opened the meeting. He advised the group would meet today and the next full CJCC meeting is on **October 7th, 2010**. He stated that Dr. Wells and Beck will be presenting the data they have for this month and then the Committee Chairs will make short presentations.

Discussion:

Dr. Beck handed out the September 2010 report on the trends in cases for new charges filed in McLean County, 2008-2009.

Dr. Beck said that a monthly report on bed days used would not be useful because it would be given after the fact, but it may be more useful to compare several months at a time from consecutive years to see trends in usage. Chief Crutcher asked if in addition to cases filed, we could have the number of bookings to compare and see if activity is up or down. Dr. Beck advised that can be done. Will Scanlon asked if we can also see the number of bed days used. Dr. Beck said that using the average daily population reports would be more effective. Greg Allen said he will provide the average daily population reports for the past few years to Dr. Beck. Everyone agreed that it would be useful to know the population as it is fluctuating so that we can deal with the overcrowding more immediately.

Bill Yoder questioned the number of new cases filed according to the September report. He said that according to the Justice Committee meeting numbers, there has been 847 new felony cases filed in 2010 and that each month they get the number of total cases filed and subtract the previous month's total, so their number is accurate. Dr. Beck was uncertain as to the differences and it stimulated new discussion on the statistics that have been pulled from EJS. It was determined that the cause of the difference may be that the cases being looked at in the report are only the cases that are taking up bed days, not all felonies because not all new felony cases take up bed days. Yoder advised he would like to see stats on all of the felony cases so that the bigger picture can be viewed and then they can get a better understanding of the cases the use bed days as well. Judge Robb agreed with this view. Will Scanlon said it might be better to get aggregate numbers of bed days and bookings and review them all.

Dr. Ed Wells said that he is trying to measure the length of time of various processes within the justice system but that with multiple IDs, it is very difficult to measure. He needs to know what steps are most

important to measure and what the starting and stopping points are for the steps so as to measure them uniformly. Will thinks that if we start at the arraignment date and measure the time to the plea date and then measure the time to the sentencing date that would be most important to know. He thought it would be best to know how many hearings were scheduled in-between each step in the process as well. This information would be used to determine which judges are setting hearings 30 days apart as apposed to those setting the same types of hearings 60 days apart. Lastly, Will suggested that we should know how many post trial events and hearings are scheduled that would keep an inmate in our jail after the fact.

Dr. Wells said that he needs to know how many years worth of information are wanted. It was in 2008 that the jail population exploded according to Sheriff Emery, so it would be useful to go back an extra year. Dr. Wells will start his analysis January 1, 2007.

Judge Robb asked that Dr Wells and Dr. Beck please present at the full CJCC meeting on 10-7-10.

Judge Freitag asked that the committee chairs to please give a short presentation of what their committees had been doing since the last meetings.

Special Courts Committee

Chief Kent Crutcher advised that they have not met in the past 3 months because they don't have a direction or task to work on currently. Yoder said he thought they should narrow their scope to reviewing the progress of the specialized courts that we have in place now and report back. Judge Robb suggested that their committee meet with Judges Foley, Drazewski and Costigan to get information on the progress so that they can report on the accomplishments and successes of the specialized courts. She also suggested that the committee review the cost and manpower needed to get other types of specialized courts, like veterans courts, up and running. Chief Crutcher said that he would have his committee start on these goals.

Case Disposition Standards Committee

Bill Yoder said that the committee has met twice. He said that his staff and Kim Campbell's staff met once at the Public Defender's Office and once at Panera to lay ground work. He advised that DUI and Felony cases were being headed by Jane Foster and Misdemeanors were being headed by Matt Banach. He advised that he had minutes from the groups and the Lydia can send those out to the Executive Committee. Judge Robb asked everyone had been asked to participate and if they did. Bill advised that member so of the PD and the SAO had been present, but that via email, all members were invited to join and participate in the meetings.

Financial Compliance Committee

Don Everhart said that the Finance Committee needed a task to work on and some direction. Judge Robb and Judge Freitag said that it would be most useful for the committee to write an explanation of the changes in the way the fees are distributed since the State Police did a run around to benefit them and it may affect our automation fee which basically reduces the amount that comes to the County and the municipality. Also Judge Robb said that the task of reviewing the warrant calendar needs to be done. It is outside of the normal scope of the committee but a review of the warrant calendar and the process needs to be done, so the committee could work on that.

Jail Booking

Sheriff Emery brought up the issue of Ordinance Violation (OV) warrants and bed days taken up in the jail. The Sheriff's Office is spending the money to travel to places like Cook County to pick up people on OV warrants and we are housing out right now at a cost of about \$50-\$60 per person per day. It makes the municipality that issued the warrant money, but it is costing the Sheriff's Office and it is to a point where the municipality will have to be billed for the travel and the housing on OV warrants. Judge Robb said that the OV warrants are clogging up the jail and the system. Chief Crutcher asked if it would be beneficial to revert back to having the OVs become criminal charges. Judge Robb said that would not help the situation either. Sheriff said that he would need to start PR-ing the people that come in on OV warrants to avoid housing out and letting other jurisdictions release the people so that we don't have to go transport them back. No one brought up an objection to this. Judge Robb said that the municipalities would need to meet and decide on geographic limits or other solutions to the issue.

Greg Allen said that the Jail Booking Committee would be meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2010, and that they would be discussing OV warrants specifically.

Juvenile Justice Committee

Lori McCormick said that the Juvenile Justice Committee has quarterly meetings and they have had a good turnout of over 20 people per meeting. She said they are going to be discussing combining with the Juvenile Justice Council at their December 10th, 2010 meeting.

Close:

Judge Freitag advised that the next Executive Committee meeting would be **November 9, 2010, at 7:30 am at PATH**. He asked that each chair please provide a short written summary of their progress and be prepared to present at the full CJCC. He also asked that each chair provide an updated list of members to Lydia to be distributed at the CJCC meeting. Reminder that the next full CJCC meeting on October 7th, 2010, at 1:00 pm in room 400 of the Government Center.