

McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2011

Present: Judge Elizabeth Robb, Judge Robert Freitag, Karen Zangerle, William Yoder, Kim Campbell, Martha Jane Foster, Sheriff Mike Emery, Dr. Frank Beck, Dr. Ed Wells and William Scanlon

ISU Stevenson Center Reports

Dr. Beck (Director, ISU Stevenson Center) gave an overview of the statistical information for the McLean County Jail (MCJ) from 2007 - 2011 for the number of persons booked; average length of stay, and total bed days. He has sorted the information by year and by case charge category. He was also able to report on the number of different persons in the jail by charge and year. There was a general discussion regarding the information presented and the consensus of the group was that this is the type of information needed (with some additional modifications) for policy decisions.

Dr. Wells reviewed the data on case dispositions and case processing intervals (by year). The data is from 2007 - 2009 to allow sufficient time for the majority of cases to proceed to disposition. The report gives information on the time it takes to reach various points from custody appearance to sentencing; and gives information regarding the number of appearances (by type) that occurred in the cases. The group reviewed the data, and discussed some additional data points and categories which should appear in the report. A modified report will be available by the April CJCC meeting.

This data represents about ½ of the bed days, as it is examining pre-trial bed days. There will need to be information presented regarding the bed days for sentenced individuals.

Committee Reports

Judge Freitag will email the committee chairs regarding a deadline for committee reports for the April meeting.

Case Disposition Reports

Mr. Yoder reported that the Criminal Misdemeanor (CM) report is completed and reviewed. There will be a discussion at the March judge's meeting regarding CM disposition standards.

The Criminal Felony (CF) report is drafted and the State's Attorney's office will review it with the Public Defender, and then send it for review by the Court.

Council of State Governments Report - Strategies to Reduce Recidivism

This report is available at: <http://www.justicereinvestment.org/summit/report#summitrpt>

The report will be emailed to the Executive Committee for review.

Schedule of Meetings

Full CJCC Meetings

April 7
July 7
October 6

Executive Committee Meetings

March 15
May 10
June 14
August 9
September 13
November 8
December 13

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:45 a.m. in Jury Room 4B