

McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
April 5, 2012

Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb welcomed those in attendance.

The next three CJCC Council meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday, July 5
Thursday, October 4
Thursday, January 3

All meeting will begin at 1:00 pm in RM 400 of the McLean County Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington.

ISU Stevenson Center Data Presentation

Dr. Frank Beck gave the presentation regarding length of stay and time to disposition. The data shows:

- The number of persons in the jail is rising slightly over 2011, and the length of stay is flat or rising. Total bed days used is up for most classes of felonies and DUIs.
- In comparison of violent vs non-violent offenders, the number of persons in jail for violent and non-violent offenses fell from 2008-2011, but there are more offenses overall.
- Persons in-custody with a "violent" offense will spend between 20-50 days more incarcerated than the average prisoner. That variation decreases as the severity of the offense increases.
- Some of the over-crowding in the jail can be explained by the fact that violent and non-violent offenders spend almost the same amount of time in custody during that calendar year.
- The Stevenson Center will report on sentencing data with bookings for new arrests and warrants at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Results for case processing time were:

- Dr. Beck gave an overview of the table regarding case processing time and time to disposition. Case processing times have decreased since 2008, but are still delayed by the pre-sentencing investigation time requirements.
- Persons in custody are resolved more quickly than a defendant who is not in custody on the same charge.

There was a limited discussion.

The National Center of State Courts has released a report on time to disposition and recommendations for standards for courts to follow. A copy of that report will be circulated to all CJCC Members.

Pre-Trial Services Review

Alyssa Curran (CJCC Intern) circulated her analysis on the McLean County Pre-Trial Services program:

- There is a 85% success rate for the program, when persons fail to complete the program it is largely due to a new arrest or technical violation of the conditions of release.
- There is no significant difference between completion rate for males vs. females or between categories of race for the defendant.
- Amount of bond does not affect the completion rate, nor does the type of bond (personal recognizance vs. cash bond)

Persons with questions can contact Alyssa at: Alyssa.curran@mcleancountyil.gov

Legislative Update

Kim Campbell circulated a legislative update to all members. There were no questions regarding the report.

Juvenile Justice Council update

Kim Campbell updated the group on the changes at the Council. There will be a summer jobs program - thanks to the work and financial support of the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and State's Attorney's office. They are currently screening applicants for the program, and will be meeting on April 10 to move forward on two job sites.

The summer jobs program is for high risk youth, with some persons on juvenile probation referred to the program.

Goal Setting for Council

The Executive Committee discussed this issue at the March meeting, and will be conducting a long-range planning session. Dr. Frank Beck has agreed to facilitate that effort, and efforts will be made to include the new State's Attorney (Jason Chambers) in those sessions.

Other

William Scanlon discussed the preliminary efforts of the Circuit Clerk and Court to investigate new case management systems. The EJS integrated justice system was initially developed in McLean County from 1997-2002, most of the system is 9-12 years old. These efforts are just to evaluate trends in the Courts, and report back to the County.

Cheryl Gaines recognized those persons in attendance who have concerns about the federal Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) policies. While out of the control of any local agency or program, this issue will be discussed at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 1:00 pm**
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115 E. Washington
Bloomington, IL