

McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Executive Committee Meeting
February 8, 2012

Present: Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb, Judge Robert Freitag, Sheriff Mike Emery, Kim Campbell, Alyssa Curran and William Scanlon

Dr. Ed Wells and Dr. Frank Beck (ISU Stevenson Center)

ISU Stevenson Center Data Report

Dr. Wells discussed some of the preliminary conclusions of the case processing information:

- Case processing time was lower from 2009-2011, but trends have started to move in the direction of longer length of stay in 2012.
- Processing time by race shows little differences until late in the case

There was a long discussion regarding the median length of time for case processing by case charge category.

For the April Council meeting, Dr. Wells was asked to provide data on the time to disposition by case type; time in custody and investigate whether information regarding charges involving domestic violence can be sorted out.

Dr. Beck discussed the increase in average time for length of stay in 2012 and some of the case types that are having an impact on length of stay. Violent offenses account for about 14% of the total caseload in custody, and they average 30+ days longer in custody over the total life of the case.

All members of the Executive Committee asked if there was a way to track the impact of persons with mental health issues impact the case processing time and the length of stay. There is anecdotal evidence that mental health issues significantly impact both measures. Sheriff Emery will look at possible ways to identify these cases and define what is being tracked.

Report by CJCC Intern (Alyssa Curran)

Ms. Curran reported that she is almost completed with the data collection regarding the success rate for those persons in pre-trial services; changes on bond amounts on the rate of success in pre-trial services; and the review of changes in the case charges from booking to disposition. She will present her report at the March Executive Committee meeting and the April CJCC meeting.

Case Disposition Standards

Following discussion on the issue, Judge Freitag will ask all judges in the Criminal Division to review the case disposition guidelines, will set a meeting with the judges, State's Attorney's office and Public Defender's office to review the standards and receive any feedback on the standards. This meeting will occur prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

He reported that the standards do provide him some leverage in case processing in some specific cases.

The standards will be provided to the Bar Association as well.

Executive Committee membership

With the resignation of Karen Zangerle from the Executive Committee, there is a need to appoint another member. Following consideration of all the members of the CJCC, Greg Allen (McLean County Jail Superintendent) was appointed to the position. Judge Freitag will notify him of the appointment.

CJCC Webinar

William Scanlon gave an overview of the Justice Management Institute webinar on Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils. This webinar included a PowerPoint presentation and discussions with four different CJCC from across the country. The main points of the webinar included:

- Place a priority on strategic planning and goal setting
- Demonstrate the benefits of the projects engaged by the CJCC
- Secure a source of funding for CJCC staff and projects

Mr. Scanlon will distribute the PowerPoint presentation when it is available, and will notify the committee if the webinar is offered again.

CJCC Goal Setting

This will be focus of the March 21 meeting. Judge Freitag asked all members to concentrate on goal setting and come with some ideas. This will be a large portion of the meeting and the April 5 Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:45 a.m.**
Jury Room 4B (RM 414)
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