

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday July 3, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Rackauskas; Members McIntyre, Schafer, and Wollrab

Members Absent: Members McKibbin and Rankin

Other County Board
Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Ms. Beth Kimmerling, County Coroner; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center

Others Present: Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center

Chairman Rackauskas called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the minutes from the June 5, 2012 Committee meeting and the May 15, 2012 Stand-up meeting for approval.

Motion by to Approve the Minutes of the June 5, 2012 Meeting and the May 15, 2012 Stand-up meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the State's Attorney's Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report as submitted by Mr. Ron Dozier, State's Attorney.

Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner, presented her Monthly Report for May 2012. She noted that the report shows 99 deaths reported in May, but there were actually 100 deaths. Ms. Kimmerling indicated that 100 deaths are significantly above average. Normally, there are only 80 deaths per month.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if various headings in the "May Death Investigations..." section of the report are each a different category or are the *Accident* and *Traffic Crash* deaths included in the list on the right side of the report. Ms. Kimmerling replied that the report breaks out the accidental deaths to reflect what type of accidents they were and separates the types of traffic crashes as well. She indicated that the right hand side shows which deaths out of the 100 deaths reported required an autopsy or follow-up. Ms. Kimmerling added that the *Coroner Rule* is the number of death certificates she signed. She noted that the *Accident* and *Traffic Crash* deaths are not included on the right side.

Ms. Kimmerling advised that the report will be revised to make it easier to understand.

Chairman Rackauskas asked about immunization for staff in the Coroner's Office. Ms. Kimmerling responded that the Coroner's Office is required to provide Hepatitis B immunizations to staff and also offers tetanus immunizations.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Kimmerling.

Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, presented his May 2012 Statistical Reports. He stated that there was nothing unusual to point out in the report.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented a request for approval of a Data Agreement between McLean County Court Services and Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.'s GAIN Coordination Center per SAMHSA Grant. She explained that per the SAMHSA grant specifications, an evidence based assessment tool that screens for Co-Occurring disorders is to be implemented in both specialty courts, namely Drug Court and Recovery Court. All costs associated with the training and usage of the tool will be paid for out of the SAMHSA grant funding.

Ms. McCormick stated that Mr. Mark Benson, Clinician, is being trained to provide the assessment to the individuals in the programs.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if the "De-identified Information" on page 15 of the Packet is done by humans. Ms. McCormick replied that the information is received without identifying markers.

Motion by Schafer/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of a Data Agreement between McLean County Court Services and Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.'s GAIN Coordination Center per SAMHSA Grant specifications.
Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of an extension of the Illinois Department of Human Services Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant SFY 2013. She advised that the Department of Human Services notified the Court Services Office on June 22, 2012 that the Juvenile Redeploy Grant will be extended, and she expects to receive \$165,482.00 for SFY 2013.

Ms. McCormick stated that in order to continue the funding, the contract needed to be returned on or before June 30, 2012. She indicated that upon receipt of the contract, County Board Chairman Sorensen signed the contract on June 25, 2012.

Ms. McCormick advised that she had a meeting with the IDHS representative a couple weeks ago where she learned that even though some areas in State government were cut, the Redeploy program was not cut.

Motion by Wollrab/McIntyre to Recommend Approval of an Extension of the Illinois Department of Human Services Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant SFY 2013.
Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick presented a request for approval of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority – Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). She stated that based upon a formula utilizing violent crime data and criminal justice expenditures, McLean County has qualified for FFY 2010, funds totaling \$10,575 to be used in the Juvenile Division to assist in implementing on-site mental health assessments for at-risk youth in both diversion as well as formal court proceedings. Ms. McCormick indicated that in speaking with Judge Robb and the Juvenile Division as well as the Juvenile Detention Center, it was determined that they need to contract with juvenile licensed therapists who can provide the mental health assessments.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the County is currently providing mental health services. Ms. McCormick replied that the County is providing only limited services when the Court orders juveniles to have mental health assessments. She added that it is very difficult to get those at this time. Ms. McCormick stated that her proposal is to

use this money to contract with a licensed therapist in the community to assess quickly, make recommendations and possibly offer counseling.

Chairman Rackauskas asked what line item will be used for the matching funds of \$1,175. Ms. McCormick replied that the funds will come out of Supplies and/or Books and Videos to provide the therapist with necessary supplies.

Chairman Rackauskas asked how many youth can be served with this grant. Ms. McCormick replied that she anticipates that the therapist will cost \$40-45 per hour and each assessment would take up to four hours to assess and write the report. She indicated that it would be one assessment per identified youth. Ms. McCormick stated that the Court Services Department has a Youth Assessment Screening inventory that provides the Probation Officers an immediate feel and immediate computer report that would show if there is a mental health area that needs to be assessed further.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if the need is greater than the available grant funds. Ms. McCormick responded that the need is far greater than the funding of \$10,575. She added that Judge Robb is working with a private foundation in the hopes of obtaining additional monies at a later date.

Motion by Wollrab/Schafer to Recommend Approval of
an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority –
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG).
Motion carried.

Ms. McCormick reviewed the Court Services Adult/Juvenile Division Statistics for April 2012, and the Juvenile Detention Center statistics.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. McCormick.

Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, reviewed the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Monthly Statistical Report and the CASA Report. She stated that CASA has been experiencing a 30% increase in numbers. Ms. Brucker noted that she does not know why there has been such an increase, although high profile child abuse cases such as the Sandusky case often prompts people to come forward.

Ms. Brucker reported that in May, 62 CASA volunteers donated 1,043 hours to kids.

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Chairman Rackauskas asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Brucker.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the Public Defender's Monthly Caseload Report as submitted by Ms. Kim Campbell, Public Defender. There were no questions on the report.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the Sheriff's Office Jail Population Report as submitted by Sheriff Mike Emery. There were no questions on the report.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the Jury Commission Quarterly Report as submitted by Ms. Cindy Brand. There were no questions on the report.

Chairman Rackauskas presented the June 30, 2012 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$478,276.55 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee Bills as of June 20, 2012, as transmitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Rackauskas asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Wollrab/Schafer to Recommend that the Justice Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:11 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary