

**McLean County  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

**May 9, 2012**

Present: Judge Elizabeth Robb, Sheriff Mike Emery, State's Attorney Ron Dozier, Public Defender Kim Campbell, Jail Superintendent Gregg Allen and William Scanlon

ISU Stevenson Center: Dr. Frank Beck, Dr. Ed Wells and Alyssa Curran (CJCC Intern)

### **CJCC Strategic Plans**

Alyssa Curran gave an overview of her review of strategic plans of other Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils. She focused on Lake County, IL and Sedgwick County, KS. Some key elements:

- Focus on cognitive behavioral therapy (COG) for the appropriate offenders. The return on investment is high if assigned at the appropriate risk level
- Expand pre-trial services to reduce pressures on jail
- Improve caseflow for both person in-custody and out-of-custody by conducting analysis of Caseflow management processes.
- Use thin client (specialized) applications for public use terminals - improves productivity for both the public user and staff

Both examples and a few other CJCC Strategic Plans will be circulated to the Executive Committee.

Alyssa thanked everyone for her opportunities as an intern this school year. She has taken an internship with the Gerber Community Foundation in Freemont, MI (NE of Grand Rapids, MI). She will be working on a poverty alleviation project.

### **ISU Stevenson Data Report**

Dr. Frank Beck led discussion of the data sets created for the CJCC analysis of the jail population from 2007-present. He has compiled a number of tables from the 11,000+ columns of data elements in the EJustice system (EJS). He has also validated the arrest code table by the number of persons in the jail and the sentences table. The analysis focuses on the seven (7) most common arrest data points. There was spirited discussion about the inclusion of the out-of-county warrant arrests - they total 10,000+ arrests over the data set, so they will be included.

Dr. Beck has produced a data management flow chart - how they sift the data to make determinations of the length of stay across time and collapse multiple cases with the same defendant into one data element. The bookings data includes every booking and release, but does not include work-release (as the defendant still consumes a jail bed). The sentences table only includes the most serious charge for the defendant.

There was discussion the tracking of cases by judge to determine the length of time to disposition. It may be difficult to sort all cases by judge, but a weighted average over time may be possible.

Dr. Beck provided information on the total number of bed days used by the most severe charge (2007-2011). There has been a reduction of the number of persons entering the jail since 2008, but the total length of stay per prisoner has increased, thus any decrease in the jail population has not been directly attributable to case management practices. There was discussion regarding the role of the judge in case management and other factors affecting case processing time.

Further analysis will be conducted and information on ethnicity of the population; age of the population and length of stay for violent vs non-violent offenders will be available shortly.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 a.m.

Next CJCC Executive Meetings: **June 13, 2012 at 7:45 a.m.**  
**August 8, 2012 at 7:45 a.m.**