

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

August 8, 2012

Present: Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb, Judge Robert Freitag, Sheriff Mike Emery, Kim Campbell, Gregg Allen, William Scanlon and Dr. Frank Beck and Dr. Ed Wells (ISU Stevenson Center)

ISU Stevenson Center Statistical Report

Dr. Ed Wells reviewed three tables – Median length of time for felony case processing (by race); median length of time for case processing (violent vs non-violent charge); and median length of time for case processing (drug vs non-drug related offense). He noted:

- There is a lot of variation between races in the length of time to disposition, but race is not the factor determining the length of the case, criminal history is suspected as the root cause of the variation
- All other race categories are too small to provide a statistically significant sample
- Persons in custody tend to have their cases processed quicker than non-custody

There are a large number of Hispanic persons in the Other category in custody. Other includes driving offenses, warrants from other jurisdictions, and family/dissolution cases. The Executive Committee asked for a breakdown of the Other category to help define why Hispanics are in custody.

About 25% of all cases have more than 4 status or pre-trial appearances prior to trial or disposition. There was a discussion on how to determine how many cases are delayed due to a change in judge. The judge data is included in the appearance data. Mr. Scanlon was asked to determine if the appearance tables for 2007-2010 cases can be included in the data set provided to the Stevenson Center.

Dr. Beck provided an overview of the use of jail bed space and length of stay. He provided tables on average number of bed days used by category of offense (felony), drug vs non-drug offense, and violent vs non-violent offenses. All of these tables can be sorted by year, and by race. He provided some specific examples of analysis of data and there was discussion regarding impact on case disposition practices. Average length of stay is increasing for non-drug offenses. Dr. Beck cautioned that this is a complicated data set, and no definitive conclusions can be made until there is more data and verification of the validity of the outcomes.

Strategic Planning

The Executive Committee agreed to begin a strategic planning (long-range) process for 2013-2014. William Scanlon was asked to circulate the CJCC strategic plans he has found in other jurisdictions to the entire group.

Following discussion, the next Executive Committee meeting was moved to September 19. Dr. Beck will provide some questions/discussion items to the Committee by September 12, and a date will be set in

November for a strategic planning session. The strategic planning session will include Jason Chambers and Lori McCormick.

Latinos United For Change

Judge Freitag reported he has not been contacted by any representative of the group (as was discussed at the July 5 Council meeting). He believes the Executive Committee should be accessible and transparent to groups wishing to address issues, and he is still open to having a conversation with representatives of the LUC.

Following a short discussion, Judge Freitag will contact Jack Porter to determine if a meeting can be held prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

Other

A proposed schedule of meetings was circulated and approved:

2012

CJCC Executive Committee	CJCC Council
September 19	October 4
November 14	
December 12	

2013

CJCC Executive Committee	CJCC Council
February 13	January 10
March 13	April 11
May 8	July 11
June 12	October 10
August 14	
September 11	
November 13	
December 11	

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 a.m.

Next Meeting: **September 19, 2012 at 7:45 a.m.**