

**McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
October 4, 2012 – Meeting Notes**

Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb called the meeting to order and thanked all for attending.

ISU Stephenson Center Report

Dr. Frank Beck reviewed the data report from September. He is able to make comparisons between all persons in the jail from 2007-2012. There is more detail available on drug violations and offenses including violence:

- The average bed days used each quarter by class of offense;
- The cumulative bed days used each quarter;
- Number of persons in the jail by race (the majority of persons in the jail are now white, reversing the trend of having a majority of the jail population composed of African-American men). The African-American men population in the jail is still disproportional to the number of African-Americans in the general population of the county.

Dr. Beck emphasized the reduction in the jail population is from the reduction in the numbers of persons being booked, not through a faster case disposition or reduced length of pre-trial incarceration.

The next steps to be taken include:

- Update the jail analysis
- Further comparison of violent and non-violent offenses, and their impact on length of stay
- Case processing analysis of the 2011 cases (as they reach disposition)
- Compare case processing results to expectations for case disposition
- Information for the strategic planning session (November 16)

Introduction of Jason Chambers – McLean County State’s Attorney

Mr. Chambers thanked the group for inviting him. He is looking forward to beginning work.

Committee Reports

Juvenile Justice Committee

Lori McCormick discussed the continuing work of the Council. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services are attending the meetings. The Council is still reviewing the summer employment program (employment for high risk/high need student populations). There will be a report given at the October 11 meeting. Some of the recommendations will include increased remedial employment training for the younger population, and expanding the options for younger youth.

Specialty Courts

Mike Donovan explained that with both the Recovery Court and Drug Court in full operation, there is little for the committee to do. Many members of both specialty court teams attended the recent Specialty Courts Conference – the focus of the conference is veteran’s issues.

The Drug Court is at full capacity (48 clientele), and 35 of those are employed. There have been seven separate graduations of the drug court.

The Recovery Court will host their second graduation in October. The Recovery Court needs continuous focus on employment and housing issues.

Adult Redeploy Program

Mike Donovan updated the group on the background and status of the Adult Redeploy Program – this is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Corrections to place appropriate offenders in community-based programs instead of housing them in the IDOC. This is a federally-funded grant program through October 2013, and there are 13 participants in McLean County.

The program is designed to provide access to services, and build a strong partnership with local social service and employment programs.

There is also a juvenile redeploy program which includes advocacy, mentoring and counseling for both the youth and family to change the environmental factors which brought them to the criminal justice system.

Both programs are being evaluated by outside agencies and a report will be available shortly.

Strategic Planning for the CJCC

The Executive Committee has set November 16 as the date for the Strategic Planning session. The ISU Stephenson Center will try to assist in setting goals and work plans for the Council. The Executive Committee has reviewed strategic plans of other CJCC organizations, and a full report and list of goals and objectives will be presented to the Council for review and approval. Issues to be considered include committee structure, goals for the Council and committees and review of the bylaws.

Other

The meeting schedule for 2013 was reviewed:

CJCC Executive Committee	CJCC Council
December 12 (2012)	
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: 1:40 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.