

**McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
July 11, 2013 – Meeting Notes**

Chief Judge Elizabeth Robb called the meeting to order and thanked all for attending. An attendance list was passed around and it was noted that Sandee Hoffman was taking notes instead of Will Scanlon.

ISU Stevenson Center Report

Dr. Beck distributed a hard copy of his presentation and then pointed out the highlights of what the data shows. The Statistics he is reviewing are between 2007 and 2012 or 2013, depending on the chart. What the report shows is that the most severe charges had an average stay of 76 days. For the first 6 months of 2013, 197 separate bookings occurred with an average of 54 days for each of those booked. This comes out to 10,643 bed days in the first half of the year for Class 1 felonies.

The graphs that Dr. Beck provided, include a breakout of criminal misdemeanor, traffic, generic and no charge (where they were booked, held, but no charges filed, and in some cases, they are booked in on a warrant hold for a different county).

Dr. Beck was happy to report that there was an error was discovered in the coding and it artificially inflated the charges number. It has been resolved. This is reflected in the second graph. Each of the remaining graphs is labeled. He notes on the 9th graph that there are 2 big patterns; CM-Class A is dropping off in length of time while traffic is spending longer then CM matters.

Graph 11 looks at the number of bookings for mental health and notes that these bookings are not being double counted. Dr. Beck noted that these inmates have to wait longer to go to state facilities and also that more of them are being diagnosed as being more severely disabled, and because of that, there is no place for them to go.

Update from Sheriff Emery regarding National Institute of Corrections Assessment

Sheriff Emery said that on July 23rd the NIC will be back on site for a 3 day assessment program on mental health. After the assessment, they will be making a presentation to the county board. They will hold a public meeting on July 26th, time and location to be announced.

Access to Justice Project

Judge Robb discussed the Access to Justice Listening Conference she attended with Will Scanlon. Judge Robb also discussed the JusticeCorps Project for “down state” Illinois. This is a “pilot” project placing college students in the lobby to help navigate visitors that come to court. In the months of February and March 500 people utilized the JusticeCorps.

Judge Robb discussed the issue of meeting federal requirements for Language accessing the courts. We are ahead of the game when it comes to providing language interpreters for court. Interpreters are primarily used for traffic matters and those at risk for incarceration.

Legislative Report

Kim Campbell handed out a report on recent legislation.

Review of CJCC Strategic Plan

A draft of the CJCC Strategic Plan was emailed to all participants. Changes are in red. Apologies to Sarj regarding Pre-Trial services – this will be added. Any additional comments or suggestions should be directed to Will Scanlon prior to the October 13th CJCC meeting.

CJCC logo – the Normal Community High School Art Class was given a challenge at the end of the school year to produce a logo. The selection came down to 3 students. Kim Campbell will present the names of the 3 students at the October meeting.

Other

Judge Robb will be giving a presentation featuring McLean County's CJCC's strategic plan to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.