

McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
January 14, 2015 Meeting

Chief Judge Kevin Fitzgerald led introductions of the members and public present.

ISU Stevenson Center Data Report

Dr. Frank Beck reviewed the data tables for the period of January 1 – November 30 (years 2007-2014):

- There are fewer number of bookings overall for 2014 than previous years
- The average number of bed days used is less for less classes of felonies, but relatively the same for other case types
- The total number of bed days used is less than all previous years studied. The calculation of a bed day is a person who is booked prior to 12:00 midnight and still there after midnight.

The McLean County Adult Detention Facility staff report that they record the population at 6:00 a.m. daily. Their records indicate the average daily population number is about 10-12% higher than the total number of bed days used as defined by ISU. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the calculation of the bed days used, and the data from the jail. The jail only takes one measurement of the average daily population, but may get some clarity of the jail usage if they compared the 6:00 a.m. population with the 6:00 p.m. population. Dr. Beck agreed to look into the process of counting those who booked in and out within the same day and report to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Beck then reviewed the total bed days used per quarter. Again, his analysis shows fewer bed days used in 2014 than other years, particularly in the 3rd quarter of the year (July 1 – September 30). There was a similar discussion regarding the anecdotal data available from the jail and this report.

The written report was reviewed regarding the process undertaken to measure case processing time and recidivism.

There were questions regarding the practice of individuals who may get arrested simply to find shelter from cold weather. Melinda Fellner reported there are a few persons who have engaged in that conduct in the past, but it is very limited.

The Normal and Bloomington Police Department both report that overall arrests are down in 2014 when compared to previous years (all case categories) for a variety of reasons.

NIC Electronic Medical Records Report

Sheriff Jon Sandage reviewed the report of the National Institute of Corrections regarding electronic medical records (EMR). The report had been previously distributed via email to CJCC members.

This report is a roadmap to get to EMR, it looks like a request for proposals, but the County, Jail and Sheriff all have a few questions to be answered before proceeding. One of the highlights of the report is that the implementation of a secured data network in a correctional facility usually faces operational

challenges, but not impossible. The Sheriff's Office is trying to balance the needs of the population, their staff, the corrections/criminal justice process, and the healthcare providers and agencies which serve the County in this system. Not all specialized requirements are yet known or met.

All of this is contributing to a delay in implementation of EMR.

Dr. Beck questioned whether or not the EMR can be integrated into a new case management system (or the current E Justice Case Management System). The integration, due to HIPPA regulations and other privacy laws, will be very limited.

Sheriff Sandage did not have an update to the progress of the jail remodeling process.

Other

Karen Zangerle, Executive Director for PATH, reported they have successfully moved a few jail inmates from jail to appropriate long-term placements through a guardianship process. She hopes to be able to use those experiences to help persons who may have dementia or similar long-term diagnosis and are otherwise housed in the jail.

Judge Fitzgerald thanked everyone for attending. He will be surveying all current members about their committee assignments and participation in the CJCC, and any vacancies or additional assignments will be taken up at the April meeting.

Adjourned: 12:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.**
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