

**McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
July 9, 2014 Meeting Notes**

ISU Stevenson Center Data Report

Dr. Frank Beck distributed his report from June 30, 2014:

- The number of bookings has increased in Class 1 felonies (currently at the highest number in the last seven (7) years, but the total number of bookings is down over the same timeframe.
- The average length of stay has stayed the same over the time period of 2007-2014, and the total number of bed days used for the first half of the year is up over previous years. This does not bode well for the jail population if there is any increase in bookings.
- More persons using bed days are charged with more severe crimes (higher classified felonies). There has been a steady increase in bed days overall from 2009-2014, and lesser charges account for a smaller percentage of bed days over that time period.
- Dr. Beck reviewed additional graphs outlining various demographic groups – males, females, sorted by classification, Charge severity and other elements.

There has been a reduction in the average daily number of persons who are sentenced to periodic or weekend imprisonment. This number is misleading in that it represents the average for the week, and most bed days are consumed on Friday – Sunday.

Mark Goldman (Goldman & Associates Consulting) has requested the bed days data; jail trend data (population and characteristics); and the jail demographics. Dr. Beck is working with the consultants to provide as much data as possible.

Judge Robb thanked Dr. Beck for working on this issue and providing timely data to Mark Goldman.

Pre-Trial Services

Sheriff Mike Emery reports that there is a different usage of the jail since 2008 – the staff and judges are more aware of the data and the management of the facility is more systematic.

The pre-trial services division of the McLean County Court Services office is reviewing those who may qualify for a bond reduction and the recidivism rate for those on pre-trial supervision. The former CJCC intern (Alyssa Curran) did prepare a review of pre-trial services for the period of 2011-2012 (which will be distributed with these minutes).

Jail Review and Assessment

The consultants provided a forum for interviews and toured the jail during their site visit in June, and are considering a number of options for remodeling or new construction. They are sorting out the "needs"

verses the "wants", but are trying to address several on-going issues for the jail while addressing any mental health needs of the population.

The final report will be provided to the County Board in late September/early October. It will be distributed to the CJCC when available.

County Board Mental Health Committees

Both committees have completed their review (Best Practices and Needs Assessment). Written reports have been submitted to the County Board Chair and distributed to the Board. Reports are available on the McLean County website – www.mcleancountyil.gov

Chairman Sorenson is in the process of appointing a combined 3rd Advisory Group to unite these reports and continue the process of identifying the next necessary steps to achieve appropriate levels of care and support within the community.

CJCC Sub-Committee Reports

Community Relations (Kim Campbell) – the committee is working on a community survey, the committee is also working on changes to the website; and is working on other social media feeds for the CJCC.

Best Practices (Lori McCormick) – William Scanlon reported that the committee is meeting to discuss the case disposition standards adopted by the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court. Initial review shows that while it was adopted in 2011, no reports have been generated, it is not used to move cases along to disposition, and it has been largely ignored in many instances.

Data Management (William Scanlon/Liz Barnhart) – the committee has not met since April, but Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, and Mr. Scanlon have conducted two (2) site visits to review and observe new case management systems in Peoria and Winnebago Counties.

Legislative Update

Kim Campbell distributed and briefly reviewed a report of new and pending legislation. Persons with questions regarding specific bills may contact her for further information.

Resolution of Appreciation for Carol A. Reitan

The resolution was reviewed and approved by unanimous proclamation.

Other

Two (2) new judges have been appointed within the Circuit – Matthew Fitton in Ford County; and William Workman in Logan County. Amended assignment orders will be distributed on or about June 11. There will be a shifting of judges to reflect the new assignments, and there will be a few administrative changes.

Next Meetings:

August 13	Executive Committee
September 10	Executive Committee
October 8	CJCC Council