

**McLean County  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Executive Committee Meeting  
March 11, 2015**

Present: Chief Judge Kevin Fitzgerald, Judge Robert Freitag, Sheriff Jon Sandage, Carla Barnes, Greg Allen, Jamie Kessinger, Dennis McGuire, Adam Ghrist and William Scanlon

ISU Stevenson Center: Dr. Frank Beck and Julia Neaves

**ISU Stevenson Center Data Report**

**A. Time to Disposition Analysis**

Dr. Beck stated that Christina Davila is working on the case processing time and gave an overview of the table. Disposition time is from filing to sentence. The table splits the cases by severity of charge (CF cases only), and can further be divided by whether the case included a drug charge or was a violent offense (by charge code). In most instances, the average case processing time is longer for a drug or violent offense than those not categorized in that manner. The number of counts within a specific case has no relationship on the total case processing time.

There was a discussion on how to define “in custody” to analyze if a case takes longer to process for those not in custody verses those in custody. Following discussion, the consensus of the group is:

*A defendant will be considered in custody if they spend thirty (30) days in custody from case filing to sentence.*

**B. Recidivism Analysis**

Julia Neaves discussed her work on recidivism. The study can only include those offenses which occur in McLean County – data is not available from the remainder of the state. It is also difficult to determine when persons are released from IDOC as this is not a data file available to the Stevenson Center. Julia was advised to speak to Tara Kunkel with the National Center of State Courts about their recidivism research on the methodology they used for that data element.

The recidivism data will include those in drug court verses recovery court, but a clear control group will not be available.

They will be pursuing some information to coordinate those with a mental health flag from booking with those receiving services through the IL Department of Mental Health Datalink.

**C. Average Daily Population**

Dr. Beck is working on reconciling the information on average daily population with the MCJ daily count.

Committee Reports

Best Practices – no meeting

Community Relations – Adam Ghrist is the new chair. He will be working on a new website for the CJCC.

Jail Utilization – working with the ISU Stevenson Center on Average Daily Population reporting

Data Management – have reviewed a potential new case management system – Justice Systems of Albuquerque, NM (February 25, 2015), and will be attending a presentation on the Illinois State Police electronic citation program on March 11 in Joliet, IL.

### **Proposal to Amend Bylaws**

A proposal to amend the CJCC bylaws was discussed. The proposal would move the County Administrator from a non-voting member to a voting member, and would add the position (or designee) to the Executive Committee.

Following a short discussion both proposals were approved and will be presented to the full CJCC on April 8, 2015.

Meeting adjourned: 8:55 a.m.

Next Meetings -

**CJCC Meeting Dates  
(12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**July 8  
October 14**

**Executive Committee Meeting Dates  
(7:45 a.m.)**

**May 13  
June 10  
August 12  
September 9  
November 10 (Tuesday)  
December 9**