

**McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**June 10, 2015**

Present: Chief Judge Kevin Fitzgerald, Judge Robert Freitag, Jason Chambers, Carla Barnes, Dennis McGuire, Bill Wasson, Hannah Eisner and William Scanlon

ISU Stevenson Center: Dr. Frank Beck and Christina Davila

**ISU Stevenson Center Data Report**

Christina Davila provided an update to her work on case processing time –

- She has sorted the cases by case type, violent offense vs non-violent offense, drug offense, by year, if the defendant is in custody or not, and by demographics
- The factors effecting case processing time: severity of charge; cases with violent offenses; non-custody status
- Factors not effecting case processing time: Age/Sex, number of charges within case
- There is a moderate relationship between the number of appearances an case processing time.

There was a discussion regarding the breakdown of cases in custody verses non-custody and by charge severity for case processing time.

Mr. Chambers asked the ISU Stevenson Center look at the number of persons charged with DUI (DT) and Class 4 felonies who remain in custody more than 30 days.

The conclusion of this research is that the case related factors – severity of charge, involvement of drugs or violent offenses contribute to 31% of the time variability, demographic factors contribute 2% of variability, and other factors make up the other 67% of variability within case processing time. These include such factors as:

- DNA or other testing results
- Nature of the investigation and agency conducting the investigation
- Defense strategy and defendant level of cooperation
- Evidentiary issues
- Witness availability
- Caseload of court and attorneys

There was discussion regarding the variation of the type of hearing scheduled, and the differences in the charges filed and those to which the defendant pleas. The ISU Stevenson Center will look at the number of appearances by severity of charge, and compare those numbers to the CJCC Case Disposition standards set in 2011.

Dr. Beck did mention that the time to disposition did increase over time (since 2007), and he was asked to provide further detail at the August meeting regarding that trend.

Dr. Beck provided a brief updated on jail population reporting:

- He has reconciled most issues between the EJS reported data and the jail head count at 6:00 a.m. daily.
- He reviewed the chart created. Following discussion on the issues, it appears that there was a change in the methodology by the McLean County staff for determining the jail population in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014. Dr. Beck will speak to Greg Allen and Jamie Kessinger about those differences. The correlation of the two methodologies still approaches 99%.

Dr. Beck will be able to report further on the issue at the August meeting.

### **McLean County Mental Health Action Plan**

Bill Wasson reported that the County Board has adopted a resolution to create a mental health coordinating council – dedicated to policy and vision of the mental health services within the County.

The McLean County Board of Health is concurrently developing a Mental Health Advisory Board – this is an implementation focused group for mental health services.

The County Board is also considering adoption of the NACO “Stepping Up” Initiative – the National Organization of Counties is developing partnerships to provide assistance to counties that want to see better results in mental health services – through diversion programs, reduced recidivism and improved outcomes and support for recovery. It combines the experiences of policy makers, treatment providers, health professionals and the patients to reduce jail populations and to develop policies and programs supporting community resources.

Finally, the County was unsuccessful in their pursuit of the MacArthur Foundation planning grant.

### **Other**

Judge Freitag has set the following for the agenda for the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- a. ISU Stevenson Center Data Report
- b. Update on the County Mental Health Action Plan
- c. Update on the Arthur Foundation/AOIC Pre-Trial Assessment Pilot Project
- d. Presentation by Joan Hartman, Chestnut Health Systems Crisis Stabilization Unit
- e. Committee Reports

Persons with additions to the agenda should contact him.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 a.m.

### **Next Meetings:**

Executive Committee: August 12, September 9

CJCC: July 8, October 14