

McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Executive Committee Meeting
November 18, 2015

Present: Judge Kevin Fitzgerald, Judge Robert Freitag, Greg Allen, Jamie Kessinger, Carla Barnes, Lori McCormick and William Scanlon

ISU Stevenson Center: Dr. Frank Beck and Derek Connelly

ISU Stevenson Center Data Analysis

Dr. Beck distributed his November report to the committee. Disposition standards were set by the Conference of State Court Administrators and the American Bar Association in the mid-1990s. Those standards are:

Felony Cases		Misdemeanor and DUI cases	
90%	120 days	90 %	60 days
97%	180 days	97%	90 days
100%	360 days	100%	120 days

In comparison, McLean County is only achieving that standard in 1/3 of the felony cases (33%). The number of days to disposition does not vary greatly comparing lower level felonies (Class 4) to higher level (Class 1 or X). The average time to disposition has not varied greatly from 2006 to 2013 (with the exception of the year 2011).

In regard to misdemeanors and DUI cases, the disposition rate is lower than the ICSCA and ABA standard.

When comparing case disposition time between judges over this date range (2006-2013) there is little variability.

There was discussion of the tables and methodology. The committee asked the ISU Stevenson Center to refine the data to include:

- Disposition time for cases in custody verses non-custody (a case is “in custody” if the defendant spends 30 or more days in custody during the case)
- Separate the time periods into 2006-2010 and 2011-today
- Separate the cases by severity by year

Pre-Trial Assessment (PSA) Review

A stakeholder meeting with the AOIC and Arnold Foundation occurred on November 17. The official start date for the project is January 11, 2016. Court Services has managed to integrate the data within the PSA with EJS. There will be further training on December 7-8 in McLean County.

There was discussion of the assessment model and time period for completing the assessment. All judges will need some training regarding the assessment and how to evaluate the results. There will be a lot of statistical measures of the data during the assessment pilot (through June 2017).

Logan and Livingston County Court Services offices are looking to begin using the Virginia Pre-Trial Screening tool during this evaluation.

Other

There will be a pre-bid meeting and tour for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility on December 3.

The AOIC has delivered video interpretation equipment (Stratus Video Interpretation Services) to the Court. Training will occur this week, with an implementation date of December 1, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:45 a.m.