

**McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

May 10, 2016

Present: Lori McCormick, Chief Judge Kevin Fitzgerald, Jamie Kessinger, Greg Allen, Judge Robert Freitag, Sheriff Jon Sandage, Bill Wasson, Hannah Eisner, Carla Barnes, Jason Chambers and William Scanlon

ISU Stevenson Center: Dr. Frank Beck and Derek Conley

ISU Stevenson Center Report

Derek Conley reported that they have been working with Carl Becker on the remodeling of the jail. They have been providing average daily population and historical demographic and population trend reports.

He has reported on:

- Number of bookings by charge category (6:00 a.m. count)
- Average Daily Population by charge category
- Average Daily Population by gender
- Special Needs classification – mentally ill; suicide watch; medical isolation, protective custody
- ADP for those pre-trial vs sentenced – this is complicated by the fact that frequently those sentenced have their pre-trial time classified as time served under the sentence

Approximately 90% of those in jail are in for a felony case.

There was discussion regarding the average length of stay and the number of traffic cases within the report. Mr. Conley agreed that the Stevenson Center could determine how many persons within the TR case category were serving sentences pretrial and post-disposition (sentenced).

McLean County Adult Detention Facility Remodel

There have been 3 days of meetings with a number of jail and justice-related agencies with the project team from HOK Architects (St. Louis, MO) and Farnsworth Group Engineering (Bloomington, IL). The work has largely focused on the site selection, redesign of interior and exterior spaces. Utilization of specialty spaces - laundry, kitchen, storage have been the focus of the last few meetings. There will be an opportunity for all justice agencies to participate in the process or review the recommendations.

Farnsworth Group will be asked to make a presentation at the July 13 CJCC meeting.

Chestnut Health Systems Crisis Stabilization Unit

Chestnut Health Systems has received state funding for a 14-day stabilization unit at the Martin Luther King Drive facility in Bloomington. The unit is now in operation. The residents within the crisis stabilization unit are required to perform most daily maintenance tasks.

There was discussion on how a behavioral health stabilization unit may function in the McLean County Jail. There needs to be remodeled and separate bed space, segregation units, space for counseling and programming and the jail medical office needs expansion before a unit may be developed.

Pre-Trial Assessment (PSA) Pilot

Lori McCormick, Director of Court Services, gave an update on the 90-day review of the PSA pilot project.

- The Criminal Division is addressing some of the scheduling issues regarding bond reviews and bond reports.
- The number of persons on pre-trial release has quadrupled (now approximately 120 persons).
- There was an expectation of a reduction in the pre-trial population of the jail, but now it is slowly climbing (some seasonal variation is within that number).
- There will be in-depth conference call with the pre-trial services unit in June, with a Criminal Division meeting to follow regarding any recommendations

Statistics are being kept to measure the effect on failures to appear and recidivism – this is being paid for by McLean County, not the AOIC.

Cook County is also part of this pilot, and their pre-trial services unit is producing a PSA report and a full bond report on all felony cases in custody before arraignment.

Disposition Standards

Members of the Criminal Division of the Court, the Public Defender and State's Attorney will be revisiting the criminal case disposition standards which were established in 2011. The DUI standard cannot be met due to some of the statutory requirements. Judge Freitag will ask Judge Yoder to participate in this effort.

Other

Judge Fitzgerald and Judge Freitag have been asked Judge Elizabeth Robb (ret.) to present on local Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils for the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. This presentation will be June 3, 2016.

The United Way is working with an ISU professor on a criminal justice related project. They have asked the Stevenson Center for certain data involving the cost of housing an inmate per year. The Executive Committee authorized the release of the data.

Bill Wasson, County Administrator, gave an overview of the County's and Court Services' efforts to secure a US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant. The grant would expand crisis intervention training (CIT) with law enforcement agencies, EMTs and emergency dispatch workers. The goal would be to develop a system of diversion to crisis stabilization instead of the jail or an emergency room. Jail staff may get some form of this training.

Additionally, the County and Court Services are working on a federal initiative on data-driven diversion alternatives. Most of the work has focused on data protocols, health care data exchanges and memorandum of understanding.

Jason Chambers, State's Attorney, reported that his office is seeing a marked increase in the number of post-conviction motions, and those motions are consuming more time and resources to address. He is interested in tracking any increase, but the offices do not keep specific data on those filings. This would require a physical file review to track. The committee tabled the idea until resources can be identified for such an effort.

William Scanlon reported that many of the CJCC members had attended an overview of a data collection project with the AOIC and McArthur Foundation – Measures for Justice. There are 75 different data points which are trying to be collected from 6-8 representative counties. This is an automated data collection project and overlaps some of the CJCC jail data analysis.

Cassy Taylor, Criminal Justice Projects Manager, has been working on specialty courts certification. There will be a specialty courts conference for both the Recovery and Drug Court on June 29 at Heartland Community College in Normal. The goal is certification for both programs.

A tentative list of agenda items for the July 13th meeting was discussed:

- a. ISU Stevenson Center Data Report
- b. Report on PSA Pilot
- c. BJA Grant, and data driven diversion
- d. Overview of Jail Remodel – Farnsworth Group

The agenda will be finalized at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:45 a.m.**