

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

September 21, 2016

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

ISU Stevenson Center: Dr. Frank Beck, Brian Stuart and Jon Monsma

ISU Stevenson Jail Data Report

Dr. Beck has gathered data on inmates who have reported to have a mental illness (though the medial screening process). He now has data on number of bookings by charge severity for persons who reported having a mental illness, and those who do not have a mental illness. He found:

- Few inmates who may be evaluated following the booking or deteriorate during their term in the jail, and who are found to have a mental illness will be reported through this process. Data may exist in the jail notes, but it will not be an easily found data element. If not done at screening, it is unlikely that the EJS data will be updated.
- There are three current definitions within the jail for mentally ill classification – low functioning; suicidal and protective custody. There was a brief discussion regarding an expansion of those classifications – it may be readdressed following the jail construction.
- Those who self-report would have reported generally in the following categories: currently diagnosed as mentally ill; previous suicide attempt; relative suicide or attempt; irrational behavior or prior psychological care. There will be a low number who will need medication or treatment who are not within these categories.

Dr. Beck said he would chart the frequency of the categories and report in November.

There was discussion regarding the total bed days used by those reporting mentally illness. The numbers have stayed fairly constant over time. There was a jump when awareness was increased with the introduction of the Recovery Court in McLean County (2010-2011).

Those booked with violent offenses and reporting a mental illness can also be tracked. There are not significant differences in the number of bed days between those reporting mental illness and those not reporting. Persons with mental illness are more like to be charged with a criminal felony offense.

The group had a long discussion on the issue of the increase of bed days for criminal misdemeanor cases in relation to the increase in bookings. Bookings have only increased 11%, but bed days are up 44% (January – August). The defendant does not have to be held for a pre-trial services assessment (PSA) to be completed. The jail reports that they are no longer authorizing I-bonds or Personal Recognizance bonds without judicial approval. This has compelled defendants to wait for a formal bond review hearing, and those are delayed anywhere from 7-21 days. Additionally, bond reports are only done on

CM cases upon court order. Judge Freitag and Judge Fitzgerald will look into reducing the number of CM cases remaining in custody.

CJCC Clergy Member

Judge Freitag asked for input on the new CJCC clergy member. To date he has not received any names or contact information. He will be asking Kelly Becker of the 1st Christian Church (Bloomington) to attend.

October Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda for the October 12th meeting will be as follows:

- ISU Stevenson Center Data Report
- Introduction of Clergy Member
- Introduction of Cassy Taylor, Director of Court Services
- Review of PA 99-897 (decriminalization of marijuana)
- Other legislative changes/court cases
- Report on the Drug Court and Recovery Court
- Other

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 9 at 7:45 a.m.**