

**McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

April 12, 2017 Meeting

Chief Judge Kevin Fitzgerald called the meeting to order and led introductions.

ISU Stevenson Center Data Report

Dr. Frank Beck gave a broad overview of the current status of several data collection and analysis efforts and what the Center is focusing on in the next few months:

A. Recidivism:

- Reviewed ICJIA data that was presented by Dr. David Olson to see if it provides useful insight into recidivism by those sentenced to DOC from McLean County.
- It is possible to look at recidivism by 2-year cohorts from McLean County--after their release from DOC.
- Merged in the dates that charges are filed. We can now determine if charges are filed before or after the disposition of a previous charge.
- Merged recidivism data into our main data for analysis such that the number of prior misdemeanor and felony convictions are now attached to booking numbers.
- Attempted to replace the 50-day filter between disposition dates by using arrest dates. This has been unsuccessful so far.

B. Use of the McLean County Jail

- Able to count and graph the number and percent of persons in the jail less than 24 hours, 24-72 hours, and more than 72 hours for felonies and misdemeanors by day, month, and year—back to 2002
- Able to examine the above by race and ethnicity
- With respect to the PSA, we are able to see how the above patterns changed in 2016 and 2017, compared to before.

C. Crisis Intervention Training (Bureau of Justice Assistance grant)

- Developing survey to use as a pre and post-test, measuring prior knowledge and knowledge retention among first responders
- Awaiting approval of Illinois State's institutional review board
- Need a better measure of behavioral health issues in the jail
- Re-incorporating "Mental Problem Risk"
- Stevenson Center needs a fuller understanding of what is and is not possible in measuring use of the jail (over time) by those with behavioral health issues

D. Public Safety Assessment

- Analyzing number/percent of re-offenders by charge severity, recommended level of supervision, whether released, and bond level
- Analyzing frequency of “failure to appear” by charge severity, recommended level of supervision, whether released, and bond level
- Comparing rates of re-offense and failure to appear before and after PSA began
- Examining judicial discretion—the extent judicial decisions fit or do not fit the decision-making framework

There was discussion of the impact of the crisis intervention training on the mental health reporting rates – the data may be skewed following the training. It may be appropriate to measure the number of crisis stabilization referrals or crisis intervention team referrals in conjunction with this measure.

Veteran’s / Service Members Court Development

Cassy Taylor, Director of Court Services, reported on the initial meeting of the group developing a specialty court focused on veterans:

- A. The initial meeting was held on March 21 and there will be monthly meetings for some time
- B. The group is trying to figure out the most beneficial model for the target population
- C. There are three ways for interested persons to participate –
 1. Be a member of the veteran’s court advisory board
 2. Participate on the court team
 3. Become a peer mentor

All will require training for those participating.

Following development of the court, certification will be sought. The certification process for both the Drug Court and Recovery Court are nearing submission.

Pre-Trial Assessment (update)

Cassy Taylor gave an overview of the PSA. There was a meeting with the Kane County Chief Judge and Court Services office to discuss the pilot. Both of the offices are pleased with the instrument, particularly that it does not require a face-to-face interview. Caseloads of those under supervision have increased dramatically.

Sharjeel Rizvi, Supervisor of the Pretrial Services Unit, provided some statistics for the program:

- The office has completed 2347 PSA
- 60% of the defendants were released within 24 hours of arrest
- 68% of those supervised were ordered into supervision following a custody hearing
- 446 persons are being supervised within the pretrial unit
- There is a 91% appearance rate for those under supervision (most of the 9% FTA are from another jurisdiction or state)

- 90% successful completion of supervision

Judge Fitzgerald remarked that the Illinois Supreme Court has issued a formal policy statement supporting the creation of a state-wide evidence based pretrial supervision program, but did not endorse a specific program. There are several legislative proposals impacting the assessment of various pretrial models. Budget impacts on the AOIC will affect the implementation – the AOIC has asked for 125 new pretrial officers in the FY 2018 budget.

There are a small percentage of persons who commit a new offense prior to the completion of a PSA. Those persons have small or insignificant impact on the completion rate. Court Services is an advocate of the PSA for its ease of use and speed in which the report can be completed. They do believe that they are over supervising cases (persons being supervised that, if convicted, would not be supervised).

Remodeling of McLean County Adult Detention Facility

Bill Wasson, County Administrator, gave a brief update on the status of the remodeling project. Site preparation and relocation of utilities continue. Bid evaluation and value engineering are on-going with the award of contracts on or before April 28. Construction will commence soon thereafter.

Other

Jason Chambers, State's Attorney, suggested the inclusion of Associate Judges in these meetings to get their perspective on certain pre-trial issues. The matter will be brought to the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned: 12:40 p.m.

Next Meetings:	May 10	Executive Committee
	June 14	Executive Committee
	July 12	CJCC Meeting