

**McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

**January 11, 2017
Meeting Summary**

Chief Judge Kevin Fitzgerald welcomed all Council members, staff and guests to the meeting.

ISU Stevenson Center Data Report

Jail usage:

- 2016 saw an increase in jail usage by those charged with non-felony, but total bed days declined.
- Bookings increased for DUI, CM, Traffic and other violations. There were small or no increases in some felony case categories.
- Length of stay is relatively stable, and due to the small change in total bookings, there are fewer bed days used, but any change in the number of bookings or the number of person who are incarcerated will result in an increase in length of stay. The number of beds used by non-felony cases has increased.
- Bed days include both pre-trial and post-trial incarceration. Some increase in DT bed days may stem from more imposed stayed jail time for DUI compliance issues.

There was a brief discussion on the number of non-felony cases increasing from 2015 to 2016. The pre-trial services assessment (PSA) was instituted in January 2016, but there is no clear evidence that the number of persons incarcerated for non-felony cases are increasing due to the initiation of the PSA. There has been a change in the cannabis law (decriminalizing possession); changes in judicial assignments; changes in jail policy regarding personal recognizance release and other factors which may affect the overall incarceration rate and length of stay for non-felony cases.

If the goal is to minimize the time it takes to process cases for persons in custody and for those with minor offenses, the court will have to reexamine the case disposition standards and make a determination of what is the average and appropriate length of time to disposition. This is work for the Executive Committee and particularly the Criminal Division over the next year.

Veteran's Court

Cassy Taylor, Director of Court Services, discussed the development of a veteran's court – likely to be a track of the Recovery Court. Both Judge Robert Freitag and Judge William Yoder are strong advocates for such a program, but the Recovery Court team and Court Services are looking for assistance for development for the program.

Pre-Trial Services Assessment Report

Sarjeel Rizvi, Director of Pre-Trial Services, gave a summary of some of the statistics that are kept in relation to the pre-trial services assessment:

- There have been a total of 2347 assessments conducted in calendar year 2016 (about 50% felony/50% misdemeanor).
- On average 80% of felony cases are recommended for release; 72% of CM cases are recommended for release and about 60% of all cases are released within 24 hours of PSA completion.
- Approximately 60 % of those ordered to pre-trial supervision were charged with felonies (regardless of whether they were given a bond and subsequently released, or given a personal recognizance bond and ordered to pre-trial supervision).
- Approximately 19% of those on pre-trial supervision have been discharged as unsuccessful – 27 persons with new offenses; 26 have failed to appear. Misdemeanor cases contributed to 59% of the new offenses and 50% of the failures to appear.

There was a brief discussion regarding further evaluation of the program. There will be a joint meeting between those jurisdictions utilizing the PSA tool in McLean County in the spring.

Juvenile Delinquency Initial Appearance Changes

Chief Judge Kevin Fitzgerald reviewed the changes to initial bond hearings in juvenile delinquency cases. Due to proposed changes by the Illinois General Assembly, and a civil rights lawsuit filed in Cook County, he determined it would be prudent to act accordingly. Beginning in November 2016, hearings have been held for all juveniles taken into custody in the same manner as adults – a probable cause hearing is held within 48 hours of arrest, with a detention hearing within 40 hours as defined by statute.

If there are further amendments to the law, or further requirements of the process within a court case, the Court will make the appropriate adjustments.

Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

Bill Wasson, County Administrator, gave a complete overview of McLean County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council.

The attached slides provide a detailed review of that presentation.

Meeting adjourned: 12:56 p.m.

Next Meetings:	Wednesday, February 8, 2017	Executive Committee (7:45 a.m.)
	Wednesday, March 8, 2017	Executive Committee (7:45 a.m.)
	Wednesday, April 12, 2017	Council Meeting (12:00 noon)