

**McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

October 10, 2018

Chief Judge Mark Fellheimer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ISU Stevenson Center Data Analysis

A. Draft Evaluation of the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) in McLean County

Public Safety Assessments (PSA) completed from January 1st 2016 to December 31st 2017 were included in the data analyzed. A total of 4,416 PSA's were documented in the data but only 3,488 were able to be evaluated for success or failure. 928 PSA's were not evaluated because the defendant was ultimately found not guilty, the charges were nollo prosequi or dismissed (684 PSA's), or no bond hearing took place (244 PSA's).

A PSA is successful if the defendant does not return to jail or begin a new PSA before the disposition of the case tied to the initial PSA. A PSA is a failure if the defendant returns to jail and a new PSA is conducted before the disposition of the case tied to the initial PSA. The data shows that 9.9%* of PSA's conducted in 2016 and 2017 failed.

[*9.9% - This value does not include PSA's that were started in late 2017, where the case has not yet reached a disposition; so, the percentage of failures may rise as data from 2018 is included.]

B. PSA Failures by Supervision Level Recommended and Ordered 2016 and 2017

The rates of failure by percent are spread out across the supervision level recommended. The levels of supervision ordered fall predominantly within "release with no supervision" and "non-release"* categories. The rates of failure by percent are predominantly concentrated within PSL-1 and PSL-4, when ordered by a judge.

[*Non-release - is a recommendation of the PSA. A judge cannot order a non-release but may set a high bond that may or may not prevent the release of a defendant.]

C. PSA Recommendation, Judicial Discretion, and Failures by Supervision Level Recommended, 2016 and 2017

Judicial adherence to the PSA recommendation does not constitute a success or failure of the PSA itself. When the judge follows the PSA recommendation there is a slightly higher percentage of success with the PSA compared to the judge not adhering to the recommendation of the PSA. When a judge did not follow the PSA recommendation, the adherence across the levels of supervision falls predominantly within the "release with no supervision" and "non-release" categories.

D. Bookings, Average Bed Days, Total Bed Days and Number of Bookings by Charge Severity

Table 1a of the presentation is a comparison of the number of separate bookings from January through September, 2002-2018. The number of misdemeanor bookings rose from 2002 to 2008 (1,338 bookings). After 2008, the number of bookings declined, with the lowest number recorded in September 2018 at 706; this is the lowest number of misdemeanors over the first 9 months of a year, since 2002.

Table 1b is a comparison of average bed days used per booking from January through September, 2002-2018. The average bed days used for misdemeanants reached 8 days in 2008, the highest average on record thus far. The average bed days used for misdemeanants in 2018 is recorded at 4. Table 1c, a comparison of total bed days over the first 9 months follows the trend of the average bed days, peaking in 2008 at 10,207. The current total for 2018 is 3,087 days. These tables are shown graphically in Charts 1b and 2b.

When examined as a percent in Chart 4b, we can see that the total bed days used by misdemeanants rose (2006-2008), then declined. Relative to a decade ago, the jail is being used to house defendants incarcerated for more serious crimes.

E. Next Steps

By the November Executive Committee meeting, an analysis of Crisis Intervention Training to date will be complete.

By December the analysis regarding mental health will receive an update and an expansion by including the most recent data and the determinants of length of stay will include bond amount.

McLean County Jail Expansion and Remodeling

Eric Schmitt gave an update of the remodeling. The move-in date for the new space is set for November 26, 2018. Demolition of the older portion of the jail will begin during the week of October 29 and that will take 4-5 weeks.

Changes to Judiciary

First, Chief Judge Fellheimer congratulated Don Knapp on his appointment as McLean County State's Attorney.

The following changes will be coming to the judiciary:

- Judge Jason Chambers was appointed on August 21, 2018
- Judge Sarah Duffy was appointed on September 6, 2018
- Judge David Butler will be retiring on December 5, 2018
- Judge Lee Ann Hill will be retiring on December 19, 2018
- Justice Thomas Harris will be moving to the Appellate Court on December 3, 2018

The Circuit is currently in the process of appointing two associate judges. The Supreme Court is currently working on the appointment process for Justice Harris' position.

The Circuit will be at a full complement of judges on or about February 2019.

Veteran's Court

Judge Casey Costigan gave an overview of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Veteran's Court. The court was mandated by statute and has been in existence for approximately 10 months. There are currently 10 program participants, with four of the five counties having clientele. The US Veteran's Administration makes the determination if someone qualifies as a veteran for the program and treatment.

The McLean County Court Services office has received a SAMSHA grant to develop treatment options and peer mentoring for 5 years. The Court is currently looking for a Veteran's Court Coordinator and a mentoring program coordinator.

In the McLean County Drug Court there are approximately 45 participants, and in the Recovery Court, 16-20 participants. Judge Yoder spoke about his experience as supervising judge for the Recovery Court – he finds it challenging, interesting and satisfying.

All three courts are working toward their certification by the AOIC.

Legislative Update

William Scanlon circulated a legislative update to all members. He noted that significant changes are coming under the Traffic and Criminal Fee Assessment Act in 2019.

Other

Bryant Green, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, spoke on their work on recidivism in the IDOC population and probation population from the 2014-2017 data available. He and Dr. David Olson (ICJIA) hope to have a preliminary analysis by December 2018.

There was a brief discussion on the IDOC incarceration trends in McLean County from 2011 – 2017.

Meeting adjourned: 12:55 p.m.

A 2019 meeting schedule will be circulated following the November Executive Committee meeting.