

**McLean County  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**

**July 11, 2018**

Chief Judge Mark Fellheimer introduced himself and Judge J. Casey Costigan. Judge Fellheimer succeeds Judge Kevin Fitzgerald as Chief Judge, and Judge Costigan succeeds Judge Robert Freitag as presiding judge of the Criminal Division of McLean County. Both Judge Fitzgerald and Freitag retired on July 6. Members of the Council introduced themselves.

Dr. Frank Beck, ISU Stevenson Center, sends his regrets for missing the meeting for a family emergency. His report was tabled until the Executive Committee meeting.

**Changes in judiciary and on the CJCC**

There will be a transition of judges in McLean County over the next several months. Judge Fellheimer outlined some upcoming changes within several areas. The next assignment order will be effective on September 6, 2018 and include a new Associate Judge.

Judge Costigan will chair the Executive Committee beginning with the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Judge Fellheimer spoke of the value of the work of the CJCC and how he looks forward to working with the various professionals and groups. He stated that judges could find themselves operating in a vacuum and stated how helpful the feedback will be on what practices work best or are effective.

There will be a change in the office of State's Attorney. Jason Chambers will be sworn in as Circuit Judge on August 21, 2018. The County Board will be making the appointment to this position on that date.

**Recidivism research**

Dr. David Olson, Loyola University, spoke on the on-going research into recidivism. Loyola University is working with several counties and the IDOC on the recidivism rate for those on parole. He is trying to duplicate that research with the probation population. He has updated the April 2018 report with updated uniform crime data. There has been a fairly substantial drop in misdemeanor crime in McLean County, but much of that is attributable to the decriminalization of marijuana in September 2016.

As additional data becomes available, the report will be amended.

Loyola University is also working closely with Winnebago County on the initiation of a criminal justice coordinating council.

Cassy Taylor, Director of Court Services, commented on the work done by Loyola with the analysis of the probation data. There are five (5) counties being studied and it may help outline some trends and highlight the progress of specialty courts in reducing recidivism. Loyola University hopes to expand the data to most Illinois counties.

**Supportive Housing Initiative**

Bill Wasson, County Administrator, outlined the progress of the BHCC and others in developing a supportive housing model. The County has completed data analysis on the population and has tried to identify those appropriate users who use health, support and homeless services on an on-going basis. A supportive system would provide stabilization and reduce resource utilization.

The County is still working on an information sharing model.

There was questions about what an implementation model would look like. There would be an ACT (acceptance and commitment therapy) model to provide counseling, housing and employment support. This would require partnerships with Chestnut Health Systems and the Center for Human Services. Implementation will include recruitment of participants – which can be difficult. There was a short discussion on the issue.

### **Bylaw amendments**

William Scanlon, Trial Court Administrator, outlined the bylaw changes.

There was a motion to approve the bylaw amendments by Bill Wasson, seconded by Jason Chambers. The question was called, and approved by voice vote.

### **Other**

There will be a workshop on developing an updated sequential intercept model for McLean County hosted by Chestnut Health Systems on Thursday, July 12 in the County Board Room.

Adjourned      12:50 p.m.

Next meeting:            **Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 12:00 noon.**