

**McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 9, 2011**

Present: Judge Robert Freitag, Judge Elizabeth Robb, Sheriff Mike Emery, William Yoder, Kim Campbell, Dr. Frank Beck, Alyssa Curran (CJCC intern) and William Scanlon

**ISU Stevenson Center Report**

Dr. Frank Beck gave a detailed report on the statistical analysis being conducted by the ISU Stevenson Center -

Case Processing Time findings

- Case processing time does not differ by class of felony, with the exception of Class X and Class M (which take considerably more time)
- Case processing time rises dramatically between 1<sup>st</sup> status hearing and the 1<sup>st</sup> plea setting. The increase in time is present in all case types
- Race and ethnicity do not effect total processing time, but cases involving African American defendant are processed faster, only due to the fact that they are more likely to remain in custody during the case
- Case processing time is less for defendants in custody
- Case processing time has been decreasing since 2008
- There is a larger decrease in case processing time in 2010 between the last trial setting and the sentencing, the conclusion is that more attention is being paid to the case, reducing the total time in custody

Length of Stay findings

- Annual bed usage peaked in 2008 and is lower in both 2009 and 2010
- Bed usage has increased slightly in 2011 (will likely meet 2009 in usage)
- The number of persons in custody for most felony classes is lower than the past 4 years
- The decrease in the total bed usage is due to fewer total bookings, length of stay has remained constant over time
- There are fewer bookings due to fewer warrants, there has been a slight decrease in the number of bookings on new charges
- Women spend less time in custody than men (for the same class of offense), African Americans and Hispanic males spend more time in custody than white males (for the same class of offense). This relationship has not been examined with information on prior criminal history nor whether the offense was violent/non-violent

Dr. Beck and Dr. Wells are still working through an issue regarding the double counting of bed days for time in custody (sentence to time served) verses pre-trial detention. They will be working with William Scanlon to try to resolve those issues.

Following discussion, Dr. Beck agreed that the Stevenson Center will be making the following comparisons for future reports:

1. Sentenced verses Time Served bed days and their effect on total bed days
2. If age of the defendant effects the time in custody
3. Time in custody for those incarcerated on a "violent" verses a "non-violent" offense

### **Jail Booking Committee Request for Information**

Judge Freitag reviewed requests for information by the Jail Booking Committee

1. They are requesting an Administrative Order establishing pre-set bonds for Class 4 or "low-risk" felonies. By statute, these cases are required to see a judge to establish bond, so an administrative order is not a possibility. There was discussion of a legislative solution, and that will be proposed by the appropriate committee.
2. There have been statutory changes to bonds that are not reflected in the EJS case management system. William Scanlon will discuss these with Mr. Allen and find a solution with Information Technologies.
3. The committee detailed some concerns about the current operation of the work release program. Judge Freitag will refer this matter back to the committee for discussion with ASA Banach and allow them time to craft a proposed solution.

### **Executive Committee Membership**

With the appointment of Mr. Yoder as Associate Circuit Judge, the new State's Attorney will be a new member of the CJCC Executive Committee. Judge Robb will be meeting with the appointee and discuss the CJCC with that person. Mr. Scanlon will provide background materials to Judge Robb for that meeting.

Mr. Yoder remains the chair of the Case Disposition subcommittee.

A new member from the League of Women Voters has been appointed: Robert Sutherland (email: [sutherlandrd@gmail.com](mailto:sutherlandrd@gmail.com)) Judge Freitag will be sending him a welcome letter, and Mr. Scanlon will provide him some background materials.

### **Report of CJCC Intern**

Alyssa Curran gave a review of the Prison Journal summary that she had prepared. There was a discussion of some of the findings, and questions regarding whether the article was peer reviewed. Ms. Curran will research those topics.

### **Other**

None

Meeting adjourned: 9:07 am

Next Meeting: **December 7, 2011 at 7:45 am**  
**Committee Chairs will be invited to this meeting**