

**McLean County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
June 27, 2019 meeting**

Judge Casey Costigan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ISU Stevenson Center Report: Dr. Frank Beck and Jalisa Holifield
Jail Usage**

Summary of Jail Use and Housing in Other Facilities

When comparing January 2016- April 2019 jail usage, the five-day rolling average in April 2019 saw an increase in jail population figures, with highest point reaching 222 persons. These figures are higher than 2018's highest point of 212 persons, however, this increase has not reached the population levels occurring in 2008. The 2008 figures were due, in part, to an increase in the number of misdemeanants and length of stay for misdemeanants. Researchers note the current increase is not the result of an increase in misdemeanants.

Days Housed in other facilities has increased in early 2019 (Jan- Apr) , coinciding with the jail remodeling process, with 39 days with 5-9 persons housed outside of McLean County, and 46 days with 10 or more persons housed in other facilities.

The Stevenson Center plans to next explore juvenile justice data and analyze trends in jail use by women, relative to men. They will also take part in discussions relative to the new case management system.

McLean County Jail Remodel- Jamey Kessinger

Completion of the remodel of the existing space in the Law & Justice Center is moving forward, however, linear beds and some pods had to be shut down during the remodel, which resulted in out of county placements. The east pod will be closed for 3-4 weeks while they replace windows. One of the benefits of the new space is the new visiting kiosks which provide increased security features. In addition, the contained supervision, as opposed to linear supervision, allows for increased programming and volunteer group visits. Tablets, available for rent through the commissary in the future, will enable people to access education materials and games. Details and protocols are still being worked out.

Behavioral Health Coordinating Council- Trisha Malott

The McLean County Behavioral Health Forum is scheduled for October 17 at the Marriott in Normal from 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. BHCC is also onboarding two projects – Frequent Users Systems Engagement (FUSE) project and the Triage Center. CSH FUSE is a proven model identifying frequent users of jails, shelters, hospitals and/or other crisis public services and then

improving their lives through supportive housing. The McLean County Triage Center is a community triage program based on the “living room model” for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Community triage provides individuals in severe distress with up to 23 consecutive hours of supervised care to assist with deescalating the severity of their crisis and/or need for urgent care. The primary intended outcome of community triage services is to divert individuals whose crisis may resolve with time and observation from either unnecessary hospitalization or incarceration. In conjunction, McLean County is beta testing a tool developed by NYU, to provide a law enforcement mental health assessment tool.

Future Issues- CJCC Executive Committee- Judge Costigan

Judge Costigan reviewed past work of CJCC with key priorities of the jail census and over-population, pretrial reform, and analysis of jail usage and case processing. Judge Costigan proposed it may be time to identify new or additional issues for analysis. The group is going to continue to analyze and keep the jail population under review, but the CJCC is now in the position to address new areas of concern. Three topics proposed by members are gun violence, analysis of crime trends from juvenile to adult and an analysis of trends in women in jail.

Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act (CTAA)

Judge Costigan reminded the group of the implementation of the CTAA on July 1, 2019. Civil fee assessments are changing and all traffic and criminal cases will have an assessment based on 14 new fee schedules. Some of the issues involving application of portions of the Act are still under review by the Conference of Chief Judges and AOIC. This will continue to be on the agenda for further discussion, including the waiver of fees.

Case Management Project – Camille Rodriguez/Craig Nelson

A request for proposals was announced on July 9th for a Justice System Consultation. This consultant will serve the County by providing analysis and guidance regarding the recommended path for retention/replacement/re-development. Proposals are due on August 15th.

Revised CJCC Meeting Schedule - Attached

Other

Women’s Justice Institute – McLean County Project- Cassy Taylor

An overview of the Women’s Justice Institute (WJI) mission was presented, including an explanation of the goals of the Women’s Justice Task Force: To reduce the number of women held in Illinois prisons by 50%; To reduce harm to justice-involved women, and children, families and communities entangled in current systems; To improve well-being and outcomes among women, children, and their communities. McLean County was selected as the Central region hub (Cook- Northern, McLean- Central, 2nd Circuit- Southern) and has two co-chairs, Dr.

Dawn Beichner and Judge Rebecca Foley. A request was made to allow Dr. Frank Beck to formalize an analysis of McLean County trends in jail use by women. The task force will be convening a Sequential Intercept Mapping session in McLean County in the Fall- date still to be determined.

Department of Justice Initiative – Adam Ghrist and Doug Quivey

Federal Prosecutor, Adam Ghrist, addressed the council to offer a collaboration with the U.S. Attorney's Office to engage the community through Project Safe Neighborhoods. The Department of Justice Initiative, Project Safe Neighborhoods, is a national initiative to bring together federal, state, and local law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and community leaders to identify the most pressing crime issues and develop comprehensive solutions.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: **Friday, October 18, 2019 at 12:00 noon.**