

**McLean County**  
**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**October 18, 2019**

Chief Judge Mark Fellheimer welcomed everyone and introduced the guests to the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the mission of the CJCC, the role the CJCC and its members can play in the community and coordination with the Juvenile Justice Council and other entities.

**ISU Stevenson Report**

Dr. Frank Beck, Director, discussed the current data analysis:

- **Jail Population & Other Facilities** The current review of jail statistical data shows the total jail population and the out-of-county jail population from 2006 through September 2019. The total jail population has increased by about 90 individuals since the beginning of 2019.
- **Total Bed Days Used by Felons** The bed day data illustrates the percent of total bed days used by felons for January through September, 2007 to 2019. The percent of total bed days used by felons has increased over the past 9 years. The lowest percentage of total bed days used by felons was 74.07% in 2008 whereas the highest percentage of total bed days used by felons was 88.74% in 2015. The value for 2019 thus far is 85.75%.
- **Bookings by Gender** A comparison of the total bookings of men and women from 2002 to 2018 has been completed. The data illustrates that the highest percentages of men booked were 79.3% in 2003 and 79.1% in 2006. The highest percentage of women booked was 26.6% in 2018. The percentage of bookings that are of women has been increasing since 2011.
- **Misdemeanors by Gender** They have completed a comparison of the number of bookings for criminal misdemeanors by gender for 2002 to 2018. The data illustrates that the percentage of men booked for criminal misdemeanors has decreased while the percentage of women booked for criminal misdemeanors has increased. Since 2015, the percent of women booked for criminal misdemeanors increased by 7 points.
- **Length of Stay by Gender** The average length of stay for women has remained relatively consistent from 2002 to 2018. The longest average length of stay for women was 7.7 days in 2007 whereas the shortest average length of stay for women was 4.9 days in 2004. The average length of stay for men has been increasing since 2011. This is related to the increased percent of those in the jail on felony charges. The longest average length of stay for men was 16.4 days in 2017 whereas the shortest average length of stay for men was 9 days in 2005.

The Stevenson Center will be focusing on further analysis of gender; effectiveness of crisis intervention training and juvenile data in the near future.

Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator, notified the group that a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant for crisis intervention training has been extended to assist in previous efforts to have 100% of officers trained in the community.

## **Case Management System**

William Scanlon gave a summary of the current CMS evaluation project – a request for proposals was evaluated over the summer and MTG Consulting was selected to evaluate the current case management system (EJS) and to make recommendations on replacement of the system. The first round of meetings with internal departments has occurred and there will be three additional meeting visits between October 24 and November 20. A final report will be available to the County by mid-February.

## **City Life Program**

Andrew Held, Program Director, appeared and provided an overview of the program:

- The program is part of the program Youth for Christ (YFC). The key essence of the program is trying to reach high risk youths ages 11-19 where they are – not try to get them to attend a worship service. In Bloomington, this effort is to bring programming and intervention services to reduce youth violence and hybrid gang membership.
- City Life has partnered with Bloomington High School in trying to manage students with mental illness and behavioral health issues. Outside of the spiritual component, they offer information and counseling on a variety of issues including economic literacy; civil literacy, employment and life skills. The goal is integration of the youth into adult life, regardless of previous background.
- The main needs are volunteers to meet with youths (consistency in the presence of adults is key) and funding. One long-term goal is the development of a youth transitional home – providing a safe home space for older teens before they are able to live independently.

City Life will be meeting with several building and trade unions to give additional employment options to students.

## **Jail Remodel**

Jamie Kessinger, Chief Deputy – MCSO, stated that the new jail is about 99% complete and the remodel is almost completed. The new jail beds are 100% utilized.

## **Emerging Adults Probation**

Mike Donovan, new Director of Court Services, was introduced, as well as, Suzann Montoya, Assistant Director – Juvenile Division. Ms. Montoya outlined the new program – they are focusing on a population of 18-21 year-olds with some different evidence-based programming. They have a high risk population and they are partnering with YouthBuild and City Life on transitioning from the criminal court system to the community and employment.

This is a new program and a number of jurisdictions and the AOIC is reviewing it with great interest.

## **Public Relations**

The CJCC had a public relations committee which has been dormant for a couple years. There is some interest in creating a more dynamic public presence. The County has a media specialist who may provide some resources to this effort. Ms. Taylor will review the availability of the media specialist and speak to Judge Fellheimer about some possibilities.

### **Polling of Members**

Trisha Malott, BHCC Coordinator, reported on the October 17 Community Behavioral Health forum. There were 285 persons in attendance. There were speakers and seminars all day regarding mental health, services and treatment and discussions regarding education of the public on the issue. The keynote address was on trauma and adverse childhood experiences (ACE).

The BHCC and JJC will be added to the CHCC agenda to provide updates.

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Next meeting: **Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 12:00 noon**  
County Board Room (RM 400)  
McLean County Government Center  
115 E. Washington Street  
Bloomington, IL 61701