

**McLean County  
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
January 23, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Judge Mark Fellheimer.

The October 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**Jule Foundation Teen Enrichment Program – Andre Hursey, Director**

Mr. Hursey provided an outline of the Jule Foundation and its services ([thejulefoundation.org](http://thejulefoundation.org)):

- Provide positive mentoring relationships with participating youth. The program serves teens from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, focusing on 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Expose youth to different educational and recreational activities within the community and beyond. Have partnered with several social services agencies, and focus on students taking the ACT/SAT. Have community space at the Eastview Church building on Union Street in Bloomington.
- Provide educational support and information to prepare youth for college, trade school or careers. Trying to take interested teens to HBCU in Atlanta, GA and other locations. Partnering with several trade unions to provide internships and apprentice opportunities.

There was a brief discussion regarding Mr. Hursey's program, support and financial needs. Other than financial needs, the program needs volunteers and a commitment of time.

**ISU Stevenson Center**

Dr. Frank Beck gave a brief update:

- Working on juvenile data with the Juvenile Detention Center staff. This is a labor intensive process.
- The jail has seen an increase of 5000 bed days in 2019 over 2018. Felony cases comprise the largest share of that increase.

**MTG Consulting – Case Management Evaluation**

Robert Kaelin, Project Director, reviewed the case management evaluation process.

- There have been 26 interviews with 50+ individuals and more than a dozen departments. The review included a technical environment review and defined some critical issues, future vision and four options.

- The options are – rebuild, buy from a single source, buy several software solutions (best of breed) and integrate them, and a hybrid – buy some software packages and build the rest. The group is working on narrowing the options and conducting a cost/benefit analysis of the best option.
- The new system will include a records management system (RMS); case management system (CMS) document management system (DMS) and jail management system (JMS). The presentation outlined all four options.
- The approval of the project, request for proposals process, evaluation and implementation of all software packages will take 48-60 months.

There was a brief discussion of the likely option to be pursued and if integration will be maintained – it is likely it will, but necessitate some business process changes.

Judge Fellheimer updated the group on the likelihood that criminal E-filing will be coming in 2020 or soon thereafter. The Circuit Clerk's office is starting to experiment with some criminal E-filing.

### **Criminal Justice Initiatives for CJCC**

Judge J. Casey Costigan led discussions on the focus of the CJCC – while still giving attention to the jail population, the focus will be on youth violence and supporting programs that reduce or prevent youth violence. There will be a continued effort to provide education to the membership regarding violence prevention programs, particularly those not well publicized. There will also be efforts to match funding opportunities to those youth violence prevention programs.

Cassy Taylor, Assistant County Administrator, provided information on how the McLean County Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (BHCC) is working on a wrap around services model under a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant.

### **CJCC Strategic Plan**

Cassy Taylor spoke about revising the CJCC Strategic Plan which dates from 2012. Following discussion, the consensus was to revisit the document and review the bylaws. This proposal will be discussed at the February 6<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting.

### **Amendment of CJCC Bylaws – Add US Attorney's Office as Ex-Officio Member**

Adam Ghrist, Assistant US Attorney, was present and spoke in favor of adding the US Attorney's Office – Central District of Illinois as an ex-officio member. There was a roll-call vote and the proposal was approved unanimously. A revised version of the bylaws will be circulated.

### **Other**

The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council is developing a McLean County Action Plan which will include youth psychological services. They are also pursuing a SAMSHA grant for outpatient treatment services.

Judge Costigan spoke briefly about the criminal trial docket. Over the next several months there will be several murder trials.

Judge Fellheimer described the current process for cannabis expungements. There may be several hundred to process within the Circuit Clerk's office.

Adjourned: 1:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 12:00 noon**