

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

MINUTES

DATE 9/26/13

ATTENDEES

Voting Members

- Judge James Fleetwood Judge Jennifer Jones Judge Warren Wilbert
- Sheriff Jeff Easter Chief Norman Williams District Attorney Marc Bennett
- Commissioner Karl Peterjohn Commissioner Dave Unruh
- City Councilmember Lavonta Williams Sharon Dickgrafe
- Bill Buchanan Mark Masterson Steve Osburn Marilyn Cook
- Marv Duncan Mike Alumbaugh

Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance

- Judge Ben Burgess* Ann Swegle* Kerrie Platt* Jason Scheck* Gail Villalovos* Jama Mitchell* Chief John Daily
- Major Glenn Kurtz Erica Lopez Dr. Tim Rohrig Karen Powell
- Renfeng Ma Jeff Robbins David Miller Roger Taylor
- Melinda Wilson Chris Fisher Stephen Owens John Todd
- Janice Bradley Bill Anderson Colonel Powell.

* Voting designee

LOCATION

Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETION DATE
Add Mark Masterson's revisions to the 2014 Legislative Platform	Marv Duncan	October 23 rd (Commissioner's Workshop)
Add discussion of findings/recommendations from the 2003 Jail Population Criminal Justice Study for future meeting agendas	Marv Duncan	Ongoing
Add new item to future agendas calling for public comment	Jeff Robbins	October 24, 2013

Discussion

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. A Quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Kerrie Platt identified several changes to August 22nd, 2013 minutes
 - i. "Ms. Platt" should be changed to "Marilyn Cook" under Criminal Justice Population Discussion
 - ii. "HB 2070" should read "HB 2170".
 - iii. "Mr. Bardez Bain" should be changed to "Undersheriff Bardez Bain"
 - b. The minutes, with recommended changes, were unanimously approved.
2. New Business
 - a. Criminal Justice System Population Discussion



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- i. No discussion
- b. Mental Health Pod Update
 - i. Sheriff Easter explained that his department is working with COMCARE to address transitioning inmates
 - ii. Inmate selection will begin in about a month and the pod should be running January 1st. Mental health professionals are identifying potential candidates
 - iii. A personnel shortage is making preparations more difficult
 1. The Sheriff's Department is currently down 23 positions
 - iv. Lt. Moore and Tina Gilmore are creating a mentoring program that will help lower recidivism rates by facilitating the transition from jail to community
 1. Other jails have reported success in similar programs but Sheriff Easter said that these programs alone are not responsible for preventing overcrowding in jails
 2. Most participants are DUI, petty theft, or city commits
 - v. Judge Fleetwood asked if the Sheriff had seen any programs focused on veterans while touring other jail facilities. Sheriff Easter said that he had not. Undersheriff Bardez Bain said they had not seen any similar program targeting select offenders. The Sedgwick County jail does ask new admits if they are veterans
 - vi. Mark Masterson asked if mental health pod inmates would be eligible for work release. Sheriff Easter said they could be but they are going to administer it within the facility.
 - vii. Mark Masterson inquired about how medications will be prescribed during the transition to community based services. Sheriff Easter said they would work with CONMED.
 1. Currently inmates receive 3-5 days of meds because doctors are concerned about medication abuse.
 2. Sheriff Easter said that setting up a process where transitioning inmates can meet with a doctor would be beneficial
 - viii. Mike Alumbaugh asked if the implementation of Obamacare will affect COMCARE or CONMED. Major Glen Kurtz said it will not affect inmates while they are in the jail but getting inmates enrolled will be a challenge
 - ix. Commissioner Peterjohn inquired about the effects of placing a previously uninsured population on Medicaid. Sheriff Easter said that it would not affect the cost while inmates are in the jail and that once transferred to a hospital, the hospital must seek reimbursement from the Federal Government. Whatever they do not collect falls back on CONMED
 1. If the total charge surpasses \$300,000 they County will share the expense on a sliding scale
- c. Discussion: Should We Review at Future Meetings Selected Findings/Recommendations of Sedgwick County Jail Population/Criminal Justice System?
 - i. Marv Duncan asked the Council whether or not they would like to review some of the findings/recommendations from the Jail Population Criminal Justice Study in 2003 at future meetings
 1. Marc Bennett said it would be a good way to review findings to the extent they are being relied upon. Mike Alumbaugh said it would be valuable to look at the past failures for our benefit
 2. Judge Fleetwood encouraged council members to become familiar with the document—the document is available on the website



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3. Mark Masterson recommended that we map out the schedule by topic so that there is time to study in advance of discussion

3. Old Business

- a. Marv Duncan asked to review changes to the 2014 Legislative Platform made by Mark Masterson.
 - i. The first change addressed HB 2170s funding of behavioral intervention but not supervision officers. The second recommended modification changes the wording regarding the role of the adult residential center.
- b. Marc Bennett moved to vote in favor of adoption, Mike Alumbaugh seconded. The motion received unanimous approval

4. Other Business

- a. Marc Bennett said He is putting together a community meeting on October 16th to discuss copper theft
- b. Marc Bennett said that Judge Wilbert implemented his second docket call and since then 72 cases have been pled at the afternoon docket. The Judge feels that this is taking a substantial number of cases off of the low level felony docket. He said he is cautiously optimistic that the changes are making an impact.
- c. Mark Masterson said the Sentencing Commission is adding 15 questions to their online FAQ and that they are tweaking legislation dealing with retroactivity. They are also discussing issues on quick dips.
- d. Judge Fleetwood asked to add a fifth agenda point to future agendas reminding the Committee to ask for public comment; he then welcomed public comment.
 - i. John Todd said they were holding a meeting September 27th at the Wichita Packaderm Club to hear a presentation regarding the war on drugs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.