

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 3/24/16

ATTENDEES	<p><u>Voting Members</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Judge James Fleetwood <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Jennifer Jones <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Jeffrey Goering <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff Jeff Easter <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Gordon Ramsay <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Attorney Marc Bennett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Richard Ranzau <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dave Unruh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Cook <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council Member Lavonta Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Dickgrafe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Scholes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Stonehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Rudy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marv Duncan <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant SCAC</p> <p><u>Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ann Swegle* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Struble* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Scheck* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Villalovos* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undersheriff Brenda Dietzman* <input type="checkbox"/> Jama Mitchell* <input type="checkbox"/> Capt. Scott Heimerman* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge William Woolley* <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Ben Burgess <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Powell <input type="checkbox"/> Renfeng Ma <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clay Germany <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Rohrig <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Bowman <input type="checkbox"/> Wes Ellington <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Taylor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melinda Wilson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Owens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Bradley <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Pataky <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Dean <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Baysinger <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Tipton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellen House <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Anderson <input type="checkbox"/> Walt Chappell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Soliday <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Devin Walt * Voting designee</p>	
LOCATION	Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETION DATE
None		

Discussion

Public Safety Director Marvin Duncan called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 25, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
2. New Business
 - a. Population Report
 - i. Councilwoman Lavonta Williams asks what the average length of stay is for residents of the jail. Mr. Marv Duncan says she can find that information on slide four. Councilwoman asks what this means. Undersheriff Brenda Dietzman says that the Sheriff's Office is working with IT people to provide better data. The data spikes right now are in part due to the work on ensuring data integrity. The data on slide four is total time spent in housing and booking.
 - b. Legislative Discussion
 - i. DA Bennett says the juvenile justice bill will be voted on in 53 minutes. His main concern is that the alternatives need to be in place first. If juvenile justice isn't funded, with the thinking being that the alternatives will take care of it, then the kids will be left with nothing. Essentially, this would send them to the adult system. About half the amendments DA Bennett proposed were passed by the legislature. Several of those amendments were lockbox provisions, meaning that savings coming from the alternatives programs would be locked away from use in other ways by the legislature. Each judicial district needs to be asking for what would specifically be beneficial to their district. Ms. Marilyn Cook asks



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when this will be implemented. DA Bennett says that various provisions have different start dates. New York has also done something similar and their advice is to keep programs going until alternatives cause a natural death.

- ii. Mr. Duncan asks if there is anything going on in the realm of COMCARE. Ms. Cook says there is some change in step therapy. Essentially, mental health had always been exempted before this.

3. Old Business

- a. Councilwoman Williams asks Mr. Tom Struble if they are seeing an increase in heroin. Mr. Struble said he's not sure about heavy increase, but a lot of it would be prescription medications. Ms. Cook says a lot of people start on prescription medications then turn to heroin. At a certain point it becomes easier and cheaper to get heroin than it is to get prescription medication. Ms. Cook says they are going to be working with GraceMed. Councilwoman Williams was put on a task force and was just looking for some information before April.
- b. Mr. Marv Duncan says that Mark Masterson retired. We have asked Steve Stonehouse to fill in until Masterson's position can be filled.
- c. Mr. Jason Scheck said that competency restoration was one of the reasons brought up last as to why there was a backlog at the jail. COMCARE looked at doing some of them, unfortunately, none of the current cases can be done locally; they will all have to wait for Larned, which means the wait will probably be three months or more. DA Bennett indicates that the trend is increasing for need of competency evaluation. Crisis center services are definitely needed. Statewide, one of the issues is that some of the CMHCs are not performing all the competency evaluations that they could, thus increasing the load on the State. CMHCs are beginning to partner with the State so that they can have training to do local competency evaluations, which would indirectly help Sedgwick County as the bottleneck at the State would be lessened.
- d. Ms. Cook says that it looks like it will be five or six months before Osawatomie's moratorium will be lifted. After that there will be an operating period before CMS will come back to reevaluate. There are currently eight people waiting to be transferred at Via Christi. The whole system is being stressed by this.

4. Other Business

- a. Upcoming educational opportunities or information to share
- b. Next meeting: April 28, 10:00 – 11:30, Detention Facility

5. Public Comment

- a. Ms. Janice Bradley said that last meeting there was an announcement of the expungement clinic. When it was shared on Facebook it was the most shared event in the history of the Peace and Social Justice Center. Because records were not able to be retrieved as quickly as was thought, \$50,000 was left over to help pay for legal fees incurred by those individuals wanting their records expunged. DA Bennett said they are still working on using the money. We're going to figure out how to pay for them. Ms. Bradley said she understands that the City cut their fee rate to \$50. She would like to see the County do something similar. Ms. Bradley had come to the Courthouse on expungement day to help get people registered to vote. There is a wide misconception that if you have a felony conviction, you can never vote again, which is false. Once someone is off papers, they are eligible to vote again. Is there a way to get this type of information out? DA Bennett says that there were close to 1,000 people on expungement day. About 150 have already been processed. It will take some time to get through the more than 500 they had left to look at. The Defense Bar felt like it had been a good effort. DA Bennett says that this was just a first step. Judge Woolley says the fees charged by the County aren't really the County, it's the State that charges those. Realistically, the State is probably not going to



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reduce those fees. A second point is that the largest use of time came from record searching to ensure things were expungable. There was information at this expungement clinic that might be helpful for people to go ahead and figure out how to get things expunged, even if they couldn't do it that day, so as an informational piece, the expungement day was successful. DA Bennett was approached by someone he had prosecuted years ago and was asked about the expungement process for his conviction. DA Bennett said it would be a question of how exactly to pull this off again. Ms. Bradley wanted to know if there was a way to do this so that people wouldn't have to take off work. DA Bennett says that is a good question and something to look at if this type of thing is to be part of the future. The Defense Bar raising money for this was one of the primary reasons it was possible. Judge Woolley said people started lining up at 6:00 a.m. The fifth floor was packed. The Wichita Bar Association is working on this, so it's not over.

Adjournment