

## Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 5/26/16

ATTENDEES

**Voting Members**

- Judge James Fleetwood  Judge Jennifer Jones  Judge Jeffrey Goering
- Sheriff Jeff Easter  Chief Gordon Ramsay  District Attorney Marc Bennett
- Commissioner Richard Ranzau  Commissioner Dave Unruh  Marilyn Cook
- City Council Member Lavonta Williams  Sharon Dickgrafe  Mike Scholes
- Steven Stonehouse  Mark Rudy  Marv Duncan  Vacant SCAC

**Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance**

- Ann Swegle\*  Tom Struble\*  Jason Scheck\*  Gail Villalovos\*
- Undersheriff Brenda Dietzman\*  Jama Mitchell\*  Capt. Scott Heimerman\*
- Judge William Woolley\*  Judge Ben Burgess  Karen Powell  Renfeng Ma
- Clay Germany  Timothy Rohrig  Mark Bowman  Wes Ellington
- Roger Taylor  Melinda Wilson  Stephen Owens  Janice Bradley
- Russ Pataky  Mary Dean  Jennifer Baysinger  Lisa Tipton  Ellen House
- Bill Anderson  Walt Chappell  Dan Soliday  Devin Walt  John Todd
- Courtney Carpenter

\* Voting designee

LOCATION

Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

COMPLETION DATE

None

## Discussion

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

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. April 28, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
2. New Business
  - a. Population Report
    - i. Sheriff Easter says there was a question about slide three, in regards to why the length of stay in booking was on the rise. The big issue driving this was the fact that staff was keeping weekend commitments in the booking area. He was not sure why that was happening, but it has been corrected.
  - b. Criminal Justice Comprehensive Master Plan for Sedgwick County
    - i. Mr. Marv Duncan says it has been about five years since the last update to the CJCC Master Plan. Sheriff Easter asks if the discussion will take place here. Mr. Duncan says there will be some updates for the history and different reports. Sheriff Easter says that the board needs to look at it to determine where the board will be going over the next few years. We need to look at what other groups are doing and determine what we want to accomplish in the next three to five years. Sheriff Easter says that there are places doing things differently than Sedgwick County and are actually closing some jails due to lack of population as the recidivism rates drastically decline. District Attorney Marc Bennett says the intern will get the history and reports updated, but CJCC



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members will give input for where we're headed. County Manager Mike Scholes says the primary responsibility will be with Public Safety Director Marv Duncan. District Attorney Marc Bennet says that Dr. Jodie Beeson at Wichita State might be helpful to analyze data; however, the ideas need to come from CJCC members for where things need to go. Sheriff Easter says one thing that's going to change is that in the new food contract there will be some opportunities for work release participants to earn their food handlers license before final release. This being done without input from CJCC, but this is the type of thing that CJCC should be conferring about. Commissioner Unruh says he is interested in seeing a good assessment of where we're at right now; then at some point maybe bring in someone like they did when CJCC first started.

3. Old Business

- a. Sheriff Easter says there was request to know about the racial breakdown. Sheriff Easter asks the board if they want it on the population report. Sheriff Easter says he will send it and get it on the population report.

4. Other Business

- a. Next meeting: June 23, 2016 10:00-11:30, Detention Facility
- b. Sheriff Easter introduces Chief Gordon Ramsey.

5. Public Comment

- a. Mr. Bill Anderson says he is interested in knowing if we put people in jail for not paying fines. Judge Jones says that we do not put people in jail for not paying fines. A number of years ago there was a lawsuit; since then, there has been no docket for this activity, thus, there is no one being put in jail by the City. DA Bennet says he has never seen a judge send someone to jail; however, he has seen probation extended if restitution has not be paid. Mr. Anderson asks if there is a way to find that information. DA Bennet said he would start by talking to Ellen House to find this information. Mr. Tom Struble says it will be listed on warrants, but it will be listed with any other violations.
- b. Ms. Janice Bradley says they are going to be doing voter registration at River Fest. The focus will be getting released convicts registered to vote.

Adjournment