

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 2/26/15

ATTENDEES	<p><u>Voting Members</u></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Judge James Fleetwood <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Jennifer Jones <input type="checkbox"/> Judge John Kisner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheriff Jeff Easter <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Chief Nelson Mosely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Attorney Marc Bennet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Tim Norton <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dave Unruh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Cook <input type="checkbox"/> City Council Member Lavonta Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Dickgrafe <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Buchanan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Masterson <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Osburn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marv Duncan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Alumbaugh </p> <p><u>Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance</u></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Jeffery Goering* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Swegle* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Struble* <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Scheck* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Villalovos* <input type="checkbox"/> Col. Richard Powell* <input type="checkbox"/> Jama Mitchell* <input type="checkbox"/> Lt. Daniel East* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capt. Scott Heimerman* <input type="checkbox"/> Ron Holt* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Dean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capt. Jared Schechter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carli Sanchez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Taylor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melinda Wilson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rick Morey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitch Kolf * Voting designee </p>		
LOCATION	Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETION DATE	
Commissioner Tim Norton requested updated cost savings figures from changes made to the corrections systems with increase in programs.	Marv Duncan	3/26/15	
Commissioner Tim Norton Requested information about how the Mental Health Pods are working. Is anything known about recidivism, and what medications are they getting?	Sheriff's Department	3/26/15	

Discussion

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The January 22, 2015 minutes were approved with the following amendment from Mike Alumbaugh stating he has withdrawn his request made in that meeting.
2. New Business
 - a. Population report
 - i. Commissioner Tim Norton wanted to know what the total monthly ADP in the jail would have been, and how much more the cost would have been over the last 5 years if we had stayed on the trajectory that we were? Then compare those costs to what we have spent on programs over the last 5 years, and figured out savings. Marc Bennett- said he had heard Bill Buchanan give a presentation over this topic. Norton would like to see the information again. Marv Duncan- We will update the information and bring it next time.
 - ii. A question was raised by Mark Masterson about why municipal diversion is declining? Marc Bennett said that it is declining around the entire state.
 - iii. Commissioner Tim Norton asked for an update on the Mental Health Pod that was implemented in the County Jail. Sheriff Easter said that they can put some information together for him. Easter said that it is going well, but there are some unexpected results. For one they expected the mental health pod to



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work as a transition back to the general jail population, but they haven't seen that. When inmates leave the mental health pod they revert back to bad behavior. When they are around other people who suffer mental illness they are patient with each other, but in the general population there is bullying, etc. This means that stays in the mental health pod are longer than expected. Use of force in the jail is down. We haven't looked at recidivism yet. Their transition to joining COMCARE is better. We are trying to focus on transition from jail back to society, for the mental health population. It is a trying time for them. Tim Norton asked if we have had the mental health pod long enough to have people be in the pod, get released, and then arrested again and are back in the pod? Sheriff Easter said yes this has happened. Mark Masterson asked if the Jail has seen inmates act out just to get into the mental health pod and out of the general population, and Sheriff Easter said they have not seen this. A request was made for information about what medications inmates with mental illness receive, specifically are injectables used?

- iv. Mike Alumbaugh directed a question to Marc Bennett based on a comment Marc had made about Riley County and other counties not using diversion. He asked if the temporary decline in diversion use will continue and if it will affect state funding so that when diversion use increases again those programs are negatively affected? Marc Bennett said that most diversion programs are run through the municipality or county, and that there is not really state money associated with diversion programs. It is required to have certain diversion programs, but other diversion programs are discretionary. Diversion is recognition that people make mistakes, and is an opportunity to avoid conviction and any negative future impacts on their lives. People do not get into the system. It would be bad if it went away. We hope the decrease in diversion use will not continue. A comment was made by Mark Masterson, that defense attorneys may realize that in some cases probation is easier than diversion. Mike Alumbaugh, just wanted to make sure this program was not in danger of being cut.

3. Old Business

- a. None.

4. Other Business

a. Legislative Tracking

- i. Marv Duncan provided a document with a review of bills being tracked.
- ii. Mark Masterson made a comment on HB 2056 that addresses the LSIR process and removing the target population statutory language. It also creates a new risk assessment tool, moderate and high risk go to corrections, below that go to court services. This will take a lot of planning because the bill does not mention who is responsible for the risk assessment, how to implement it, and has no fiscal note. We do not know how this will work. Mark Bennett made a comment that defense attorneys hate it. Implementation will be a mess. It is an unfunded mandate.
- iii. Marilyn Cook made a comment on HB 2290. Will crisis center have to be locked for this to be enforced?

- b. Marilyn Cook gave an update on the Community Crisis Center. They received a grant from the state to implement it. We currently do not have a dedicated facility, but we modified two rooms at our Morris location that were formerly storage rooms so that we could start providing the sobering beds portion of the Community Crisis Center. Sobering beds are available 24/7 and provide a safe environment for those under the influence of drugs or alcohol to regain functionality. Sobering services provides a



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point of assessment, intervention, and engagement into additional treatment services. We opened yesterday and already had four referrals. Stays usually last 12-23 hours. The Sobering unit is staffed by peer recovery coaches 24/7 as well as an addiction counselor and EMT during first and second shift hours. We are still searching for a permanent location. Referrals of intoxicated adults can be made to 1720 E Morris, Suite 107. We want law enforcement to know about this. Those too intoxicated to communicate; who require medical attention, or are combative/involuntary cannot be referred.

5. Public Comment
 - a. None
- Adjournment