

# Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

<b>NOTES</b>		DATE 3/26/15
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b><u>Voting Members</u></b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge James Fleetwood <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Tim Norton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dave Unruh <input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Cook  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council Member Lavonta Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Dickgrafe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Buchanan  <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Masterson <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Osburn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marv Duncan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Alumbaugh</p> <p><b><u>Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance</u></b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Judge William Woolley* <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capt. Scott Heimerman* <input type="checkbox"/> Ron Holt* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan Jarman* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Dean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt. Woodson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Bradley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandra Flanders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Crow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aric St. Vrain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Taylor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Anderson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitch Kolf                      * Voting designee</p>	
<b>LOCATION</b>	Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room	
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>COMPLETION DATE</b>
Sheriff's Department will look into why average length of stay in booking is increasing so much.	Sheriff Easter	4/23/15
Slide 16, PSI's carried over. What does that mean?	Marv Duncan, Mitch Kolf	4/23/15
Lavonta Williams requested information about how juvenile detention works with the Big Brothers Big Sisters P3 program	Marv Duncan, Mark Masterson	4/23/15

## Discussion

Judge Fleetwood called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. The February 26, 2015 minutes were approved.
2. New Business
  - a. Population report
    - i. Slide ten (Diversion- Active Caseload) was brought up, there was a month with a statistical anomaly that nobody was able to figure out what happened.
    - ii. Slide three (Average Length of Stay: Booking)- Sheriff Easter said he will do some checking to see what is causing the increase in the average length of stay in booking. They have had some issues with communication with new judges, and confusion over exactly what they want. If they want pre-trial to talk to someone or not. Sergeants get in trouble when they release someone against judges orders, so confusion over what judges want may lead to deputies being extra cautious.
    - iii. Slide 16 (District Court Probation: Pre-Sentence Investigation)- Judge Fleetwood had a question about PSI's carried over and what this means? Marv Duncan and Mitch Kolf will look into this.



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- iv. Slide 5 (Jail: Annual Average Daily Population) was looked at because a question was asked about Work Release. Judge Fleetwood said they have been talking about increasing the use of work release. Sheriff Easter said they have seen an increase, but there is still available space.
- v. Slide 14 (Drug Court- Sedgwick County ADP)- Mike Alumbaugh made a comment about the slight increase in January. Tom Struble, said he would expect it to continue to rise. There has been a greater use of drug court.
- b. Jail Population Savings Update
  - i. Presented by Marv Duncan. Presentation updated by intern Mitch Kolf.
  - ii. Commissioner Norton had asked at the February meeting for an update.
  - iii. Presentation shows that significant savings were made by initiatives and programs taken by the county and city, and the average daily population growth has been controlled.
  - iv. Question was asked from the public about what some of the programs were. SCOAP and DA Diversion programs were explained.
  - v. Judge Fleetwood made a comment that this information is the most effective we can put out in the public about what this committee does. The changes we made didn't have a detrimental effect on crime/safety in the community, so this is very valuable.
- c. Mental Health Pod Update
  - i. Presented by Sergeant Woodson- Sergeant in charge of the mental health pod.
  - ii. Talked about what they do and have accomplished.
    - 1. They provide mental health management skills to help inmates with mental health issues deal with anger and improve their quality of life in the jail. They do this primarily through group therapy sessions after removing the inmate from the general population into the mental health pod. The major accomplishment is a 26% decrease in use of force. We have fewer incidents of inmates and deputies getting hurt.
  - iii. Questions
    - 1. Lavonta Williams asked if they know the percentage in the Mental Health Pod who are homeless? Sgt. Woodson said they do not collect that data.
    - 2. Judge Jennifer Jones asked why the female section is harder to fill? Sgt. Woodson said that in general females go through the process faster and are released from jail sooner. So they have realized they can remodel and allocate less beds to females and more to males.
    - 3. Karen Powell asked for a summary of the mental health services the jail provides? Sgt. Woodson said the majority are group therapy, that focus on coping skills. Their main focus is how to deal with their anger issues in the detention facility. Can encourage medication compliance, but cannot force them to take meds. Sheriff Easter wanted to reiterate they are not a mental health treatment facility in the jail (they do provide mental health care), and that the 26% reduction in use of force is huge.
    - 4. Lavonta Williams asked if the Mental Health Pod requires extra training. Sheriff Easter said that all deputies have to do CIT training.
    - 5. Lavonta Asked if we have submitted anything to our legislature about the importance of mental health coverage? Sheriff Easter said the Kansas Sheriff's have a legislative liaison, but anything coming specifically from Sedgwick County is through the Board of County Commissioners.
- 3. Old Business
  - a. None.
- 4. Other Business



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- a. Sheriff Easter wanted to make a comment about how impactful the work this group was to curb the growth of the jail population (based on the cost savings presentation). We are now seeing the benefits of the plan put into place in 2004.
  - b. Mike Alumbaugh just wanted to thank the group and say he has really looked forward to the meetings.
  - c. Lavonta Williams made a request for more information about the juvenile detention area, and possibly their relationship to the Big Brothers Big Sisters P3 program. Wants to know the numbers and if we are working with them.
5. Public Comment
- a. A public comment was made by Janice Bradley that this group should be advocating to the legislature for expansion of Medicaid because of the increased funding the state would receive to serve the mentally ill. She wanted to know how much money could be saved from shifting money to the feds.
  - b. Mary Dean had a question about why inmates can't be forced to take medication? Sheriff Easter said that it is state law, they can only force medication in extreme situation with a Judge's order.
  - c. Mary Dean also asked if there was a representative from the Public Defender's office, and if it was required for him to be here? Judge Fleetwood said it is not a requirement, the difficulty is that they have a limited number of hours over there. Mary Dean said she understands, but that she thinks it would be good for them to come.

Adjournment