Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 12/3/15

ATTENDEES

**Voting Members**
- Judge James Fleetwood
- Judge Jennifer Jones
- Judge John Kisner
- Sheriff Jeff Easter
- Chief Gordon Ramsay
- District Attorney Marc Bennett
- Commissioner Tim Norton
- Commissioner Dave Unruh
- Marilyn Cook
- City Council Member Lavonta Williams
- Sharon Dickgrafe
- Mike Scholes
- Mark Masterson
- Steve Osburn
- Marv Duncan
- Mike Alumbaugh

**Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance**
- Judge Jeffery Goering*
- Ann Swegle*
- Tom Struble*
- Jason Scek*
- Gail Villalovos*
- Undersheriff Brenda Dietzman*
- Jama Mitchell*
- Lt. Daniel East*
- Capt. Scott Heimerman*
- Judge Ben Burgess
- Maj. Glenn Kurtz
- Karen Powell
- Renfeng Ma
- Timothy Rohrig
- Mark Bowman
- David Miller
- Roger Taylor
- Melinda Wilson
- Stephen Owens
- Janice Bradley
- Russ Pataky
- Mary Dean
* Voting designee

LOCATION
Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room

ACTION ITEMS

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**Discussion**

Judge Fleetwood called the meeting to order. No quorum present.

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. October 22, 2015 minutes were not approved

2. New Business
   a. Criminal Justice System Population Discussion
      i. No discussion
   b. Meeting Schedule (Duncan)
      i. Judge Fleetwood asks everyone to put the CJCC 2016 dates on their calendars.

3. Old Business
   a. Spike on slide 3, average length of stay, booking hours (Dietzman)
      i. Judge Fleetwood asks if anyone from the Sheriff’s Office has information on the spike in the data on slide 3. Mr. Jared Schechter said there was a data issue in July. In August, extra time in booking was caused by an increase in the female population.
   b. Status of Comcare RFP (Cook)
      i. Ms. Marilyn Cook says there has been no change in status, though there is a draft in the public domain.
   c. How do Shawnee, Johnson, and Wyandotte Counties implement/provide behavioral health services (Cook)
      i. This presentation was made at a previous meeting by Chris Chronis and Kamme Carlsten. There are 26 CMHCs in Kansas. The services provided are dependent on the needs of the population served. In 1990, a mental health reform law
passed at the state level. The philosophy changed from state hospitalization to engaging people to ensure they could stay in their communities. Money was allocated to provide services and help individuals recover in their own communities. Comcare initially built up child services.

ii. The community based initiative indicated a philosophy that rehabilitation is possible. Many patients will continue to take medication for the rest of their lives, but they will be able to function without being in a state of crisis. In 2007, Kansas CMHCs were given $49 million; by 2010, the funding dropped to $28 million.

iii. In 2013, Kancare was implemented. The three managed care organizations (MCOs) ultimately began authorizing fewer services. All the changes have impacted all the CMHCs in Kansas.

iv. Comparing business models is difficult. Sedgwick County is closest to Johnson County. Johnson County’s CMHC is governed the same as Comcare. In Sedgwick County, there is a large Medicaid population, unlike Johnson County. Johnson County provides a little over $21 per capita; whereas, Sedgwick County provides a little over $6 per capita. Because of the breakdown in Medicaid populations, Johnson County must provide more support to be able to provide the services.

v. Shawnee County has one CMHC. The CMHC in Shawnee County only serves adults. There is an affiliate that only serves children/youth. The jail is operated differently as well.

vi. The center in Wyandotte County has a similar level of poverty and a similar Medicaid population. The CMHC in Wyandotte has a number of 501(c)(3)s components. Wyandotte also does not contract out anything.

vii. All the other centers are now currently doing some of their own fundraising work. Comcare has not done this in the past. It is not uncommon for Comcare to get some money as part of memorial gifts.

viii. Comcare contracts out fifty percent of rehabilitation services. Comcare does not contract out any of the unpaid work. Comcare keeps all of the uninsured patients.

ix. D.A. Bennett says this informs the conversation as Johnson County is the normal comparison and we can say that they provide mental health services the same way that Sedgwick County does. D.A. Bennett also mentions the Bexar County people are coming later this month. Bexar County has often been referred to as the Cadillac of these types of systems, so it might be worth listening to Bexar County and potentially looking outside the state at other systems. D.A. Bennett says that his understanding is that the Commission was looking at this primarily to find out if they are working as efficiently as possible.

d. Continued from last meeting – Community discussion on mental health issues (All)

i. Mr. Mike Scholes is interested in finding recommendations as soon as possible. He believes the Commission’s goal is to find ways to improve efficiency. Commissioner Unruh would like to get this issue off the table. The only issues that are looking to be solved are day-to-day operational efficiencies, not real dramatic changes to the services provided. Commissioner Unruh believes that Comcare is already providing good services.

ii. The Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) issue cannot be overstated according to District Attorney Bennett. D.A. Bennett is also worried that OSH may not increase the number of beds in their facility. Ms. Marilyn Cook indicates that there has been lower transports from EMS. D.A. Bennett concurs that there has been a positive impact made on the jails, the courts, EMS, and more.
iii. Mr. Mike Scholes suggests that the system is constantly changing. He is interested in developing a hybrid model to ensure that Comcare can take advantage of as many funding sources as possible.

iv. Judge Fleetwood says that in the past there have been a lot of good changes made. It appears that we won’t have to sweat an RFP that could cause breakdowns in partnerships; at least not any time soon. Additionally, it is good to encourage self-analysis to improve operations. The main thing is to be sure that the partnerships that have been developed are maintained.

4. Other Business
   a. Upcoming educational opportunities or information to share
      i. Ms. Marilyn Cook says all members of CJCC are welcome to attend the Crisis Center Summit on December 13th. D.A. Bennett mentions that the changes made for Bexar County allowed for $600,000 in overtime savings.
      ii. Councilwoman Lavonta Williams wants to know if we are still doing crisis intervention training. Mr. Jason Scheck says that crisis intervention trainings are still occurring.

5. Public Comment
   a. Mr. Walt Chappell says that on Sunday, there will be a presentation on the Islamic faith. He also wants to thank the City for implementing the amnesty program. Suspension of a driver’s license as a way to coerce people to pay should be something that CJCC reviews.

Adjournment