

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 5/22/14

Voting Members

- Judge James Fleetwood Judge Jennifer Jones Judge John Kisner
- Sheriff Jeff Easter Chief Norman Williams District Attorney Marc Bennett
- Commissioner Karl Peterjohn Commissioner Dave Unruh
- City Councilmember Lavonta Williams Sharon Dickgrafe
- Bill Buchanan Mark Masterson Steve Osburn Marilyn Cook
- Marv Duncan Mike Alumbaugh

ATTENDEES

Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance

- Judge Ben Burgess* Ann Swegle* Tom Struble* Jason Scheck* Gail Villalovos* Colonel Powell* Jama Mitchell* Chief John Daily
 - Major Glenn Kurtz Erica Lopez Dr. Tim Rohrig Karen Powell
 - Renfeng Ma Zach Gearhart David Miller Roger Taylor
 - Melinda Wilson Chris Fisher Stephen Owens John Todd
 - Janice Bradley Bill Anderson
- * Voting designee

LOCATION

Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE		COMPLETION DATE
Collect data for the re-offense rates for those on pretrial services.	Tom Struble		Next meeting
Compare re-offense rates of those on pretrial services with those out on bond.	Tom Struble		Next meeting
Track re-offense rates for those out on bond and those that are not charged.	Ellen House and Jeanette Clary		Next meeting

Discussion

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from 4/24/14 were approved.
2. New Business
 - a. Criminal Justice System Population Discussion
 - i. No discussion
 - b. Discuss decreasing length of stay (All)
 - i. Sheriff Easter stated that we've done well in the past, and many of those in the jail are there for serious crimes. There is a need to analyze the risk of reoffending, and not everyone in the jail is there for drug crimes.
 - ii. Judge Fleetwood stated that judges have utilized the alternative placement and realized efficiencies. Judge Fleetwood asked if it is possible to analyze re-offense rates for pretrial services. Tom Struble said that it is possible to gather



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those figures while those individuals are under supervision. District Attorney Marc Bennett asked if we could compare those figures to the re-offense rates of those out on bond. The Sheriff stated that he suspected those on bond will have higher recidivism rates. Marc Bennett stated that we need to start tracking re-offense rates for summons groups, those on bonds and those that are not charged and said Ellen House may be a good resource for that.

- c. Felony Holds (All)
 - i. Lavonta Williams asked how long it takes for those who are brought in on drug charges to be released. The Sheriff responded that unless there's a large amount of materials involved, they are released relatively quickly. Lavonta Williams asked the same question about child crimes, and the Sheriff stated that those individuals are considered in custody at that point.
 - ii. Marc Bennett asked what can be done to decrease the wait time for probation violation hearings. Judge Fleetwood stated that the judges have started indicating on warrants if an individual can go directly to pretrial services, and he will continue to bring this issue to the judges for discussion.
 - iii. The Sheriff stated that the vast majority of those in the jail are awaiting a trial. We have done a good job decreasing length of stay. Once an individual is remanded into state's custody, they are quickly shipped out. Bill Buchanan asked if there was data to support this, and Judge Fleetwood said there are age reports. Judge Kisner stated that they track every case from first appearance, and the largest issue is the lack of public defenders.
 - iv. Judge Fleetwood is going to look at lower bonds for pretrial services to help move individuals there faster.

3. Old Business

- a. Jason Scheck discussed the ongoing efforts of COMCARE to help increase access to prescription drugs for those in need of them that are leaving the jail. Sheriff Easter noted that there have been discussions with COMCARE to try and connect individuals that are due to be released in two week with COMCARE services to increase access to prescription drugs and provide assessments. Karen Powell stated that freewill plays a role in following plans and asked if there was a way to condition someone's bond. Judge Kisner agreed that there is a need for further monitoring. Marc Bennett mentioned that we should continue to look at models that have one stop shops for those coming out of the jail that can help to reduce re-offense rates that Marilyn Cook has mentioned in the past.

4. Other Business

- a. Commissioner Peterjohn stated that he has been contacted by Saline County, and they are inquiring about the County's alternative placement programs. He asked that the council be aware that follow-up calls to individual departments may occur. The group expressed that they would be willing to work with their counterparts in Saline County to help provide support and information.

5. Public Comment

- a. There was a follow-up question regarding the discussion about probation violation and length of stay. The District Attorney answered the question.

Adjournment