

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 7/24/14

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 Council Member 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 Jeffery Goering* Ann Swegle* Tom Struble* Jason Scheck*
 - Gail Villalovos* Col. Richard Powell* Jama Mitchell*
 - Capt. Scott Heimerman* Judge Ben Burgess Paul Riedel Dr. Tim Rohrig
 - Karen Powell Renfeng Ma Carli Sanchez David Miller Roger Taylor
 - Melinda Wilson Chris Fisher Stephen Owens Mike Crow
 - Walt Chappell Janice Bradley Bill Anderson Courtney Train
- * Voting designee

LOCATION

Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

COMPLETION DATE

Obtain data regarding the re-offense rates of individuals with felony and misdemeanor charges as well as obtain data regarding what the re-offense crimes are

Ellen House / Tom Struble

Next meeting

Compare re-offense rates of those on pretrial services with those out on bond

Tom Struble / Ellen House

Next meeting

Discussion

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes from May 22, 2014, and June 26, 2014, were approved.
2. New Business
 - a. Criminal Justice System Population Discussion
 - i. There was no discussion.
 - b. Discussion of data regarding re-offense rates of individuals with felony and misdemeanor charges as well as data regarding their re-offense crimes
 - i. This item was set over to the August 2014 meeting.
 - c. Discussion of comparing re-offense rates for individuals on pretrial services with individuals on bond.
 - i. This item was set over for the August 2014 meeting.
3. Old Business
 - a. Changing or appointing a voting designee for council members.
 - i. Marv Duncan reminded council members that they may designate one chief staff person to represent them at council meetings. The designee needs to be identified in written correspondence to Mr. Duncan and he will send them on to



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the Chair of the Council. Mr. Duncan also reminded the council that designees can be changed only by notifying the Chair in writing. E-mail is sufficient for written correspondence.

1. Mr. Duncan reported that Captain Scott Heimerman was appointed for Chief Norman Williams. Judge Jeffery Goering was appointed for Judge Fleetwood.
2. Mike Alumbaugh stated his intent to appoint a designee.
3. There were no questions.

4. Other Business

- a. Mark Masterson reported that the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) security protocols in accessing KCJIS (Kansas Criminal Justice Information System) were changed in January, and they are making sure they are in compliance with the new protocols. Mr. Masterson said he needs to clarify who the changes will affect, all field service officers versus those with access to certain databases. It was clarified that the changes will not affect individuals receiving the data. Mr. Masterson said he will report back regarding any further action.
- b. Mr. Masterson reported that over the last five years there has been a 42% reduction in intake events at the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC), from approximately 5000 to fewer than 2000, which has resulted in a change to staffing arrangements. He said that over the next month the management structure will change to include more part-time staff, a core of full-time staff, and a manager in the building covering a broader span of hours. Mr. Masterson reported that this will involve moving from 12 hour shifts to eight hour shifts, which will save the department money in the hundred thousand dollar range (a conservative estimate).
- c. Sheriff Easter stated they discontinued running warrant checks on inmates due to charges from SPIDER. However, they found out in June that 25 people in jail had warrants but had not been booked on those warrants. This issue is being resolved by training and re-educating officers to run warrant checks upon arrest, and checks will be done monthly through a computer program with classification to avoid being charged. This could reduce the number of re-arrests and may reduce length of stay.
- d. Judge Fleetwood said Sheriff Easter has been keeping him notified of alternatives such as bed space in work release.
- e. Mr. Masterson informed the group that the KDOC provided an additional allocation to expand behavioral health interventions at Community Corrections, and the BoCC approved accepting the award.
 - i. It was reported that a position is posted for the Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program to facilitate release planning for individuals from the mental health pod or those identified as having mental health needs.
 - ii. There was discussion of the need to work with ConMed to have them provide medication and other information regarding mental health inmates at the time of release.

5. Public Comment

- a. Janice Bradley reported that the petition to decriminalize the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana is close to gaining the necessary signatures to be included in the November election. She stated that people have expressed their willingness to vote for the measure but there has been some pushback from the city. Ms. Bradley said they will rely on support from the people.
- b. Walt Chappell reported that there will be a presentation in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney General at WSU on August 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m., to discuss a variety of issues, including a study done on traffic stops in Wichita from November 2012 to April 2013.



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- i. Mr. Chappell also discussed the need to keep people out of jail. He said to stop profiling, and he reported that too many people are being jail on probation violations.
 1. Gail Villalovos clarified that the City works with drug offenders prior to having them detained on probation violations.
 2. Tom Struble clarified that there is supervisor oversight prior to filing an arrest and detain order on clients.
- c. Mr. Chappell asked about having a discussion on probation violations placed on the next agenda. Judge Fleetwood said a motion can be made at the next meeting.
- d. Sheriff Easter asked about providing a race and gender snapshot of the jail population to the council. Judge Fleetwood said a motion can be made at the next meeting.

Adjournment