Discussion

Sheriff Easter called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. The minutes from July 24, 2014 were approved with the notation of actual figures for item 4b. Specifically, that in 2009, there were 5,140 intake events, and in 2013, there were 2,975 intake events.

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. Ellen House and Tom Struble presented a power point in which they looked at all bonds in Full Court that were posted in 2013. The total recidivism for those on bond (676) was a little over 10%.
      1. The most serious offenses were broken down by: those on felony bond with a new misdemeanor, those on felony bond with a new felony, those on misdemeanor bond with a new misdemeanor, and those on misdemeanor bond with a new felony. When looking at the population on pretrial services, the majority of bonds with recidivism were those on felony bond with a new misdemeanor.
      2. It was clarified that Ms. House and Mr. Struble looked at the actual charge, not arrest rate, and made sure that the offense date occurred after the bond was given.
ii. It was clarified that the average length of stay for those on pretrial supervision in 2013 was 71 days. It was reported that the length of stay varies between municipal and district, with district being longer, and the average length of stay has been fairly consistent over the past few years.

c. Discussion of comparing re-offense rates for individuals on pretrial services with individuals on bond.
   i. This item was discussed at the same time as item 2b.

d. CJCC Legislative Platform review
   i. Marv Duncan explained that each year the Sedgwick County Manager starts the process of reviewing county platforms, which allows for the opportunity to make changes, review, modify, and delete items from each platform. The platform is then adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, which allows for the same message to be presented to the State legislature.
   ii. Mr. Duncan stated he will go through each section, ask for feedback, update the section, and bring them to the October meeting for final approval. Mr. Duncan said any additional suggests can be sent to him directly.
      1. No changes were suggested for C1: bonding process.
      2. Judge Kisner said he will talk to Judge Fleetwood about being more aggressive for C2: Kansas State Judicial District Courts – Public Defender. Judge Kisner said public defenders are currently underfunded and overwhelmed due to increasing case loads.
      3. No changes were suggested for C3: Jail Population – Key Issues of State Prisoners in County Jails & All Felons, Including Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Going to State Prisons.
      4. Mark Masterson said he needs to update language for C4: Increased Funding for State-Mandated Community Corrections Adult Intensive Supervision, due to behavioral health funding. He said he needs to address funding for operation costs and supervision officers.

e. CJCC letter of support for the Community Crisis Center (CCC) project
   i. Marilyn Cook explained that a letter of support was requested from CJCC to accompany an RFP for $1 million of state funding that has been designated to avert sending individuals to state hospitals. She said Judge Fleetwood signed the letter on behalf of CJCC, and she asked that the group ratify the letter at this time.
   ii. Ms. Cook said the RFP is for the full amount, which will be awarded on September 15, 2014, and would be enough to implement the CCC.
   iii. Jason Scheck said CCC would provide 15 detox beds and would be a resource for law enforcement as well as help decrease jail and EMS costs.
   iv. The council ratified the letter, and Judge Fleetwood will be informed of this.

3. Old Business
   a. Sheriff Easter discussed Walt Chappell’s request that CJCC be given data regarding the race of individuals housed in jail. He said he can also provide a snapshot that is broken down by detainment type, such as district court and municipal court commitments, pretrial cases, probation violations, juvenile writs, court ordered returns, and fugitives from justice.
      i. The council voted to have that data provided twice a year, once in July and once in December.

4. Other Business
   a. none
5. Public Comment
   a. The public was given a chance to make comments regarding the legislative platform as well as other general comments.
   b. No comments were made regarding items C1, C2, and C4 of the legislative platform.
      i. Regarding item C2, Mr. Chappell said legislators need to cooperate to increase funding for public defenders.
      ii. Mary Mead was in agreement with Mr. Chappell’s comments, and she said she is willing to do what is necessary to bring light to the lack of funding. Ms. Mead said she is also worried about individuals taking plea deals because they lack money to go through a court trial.
   c. Mr. Chappell thanked the council for bringing forward a motion to provide data regarding the race of individuals housed in jail. He then asked about data that would include violent and non-violent offenses as well as the arresting jurisdiction. Mr. Chappell was told that WPD and other law enforcement agencies would be the best place to obtain arresting jurisdiction information as the jail does not currently track that information and would need a computer program to do so.

Adjournment