Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 10/23/14

ATTENDEES

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
- Marilyn Cook
- City Council Member Lavonta Williams
- Sharon Dickgrafe
- Bill Buchanan
- Mark Masterson
- Steve Osburn
- Marv Duncan
- Mike Alumbaugh

Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance
- Judge Jeffery Goering*
- Ann Swegle*
- Tom Struble*
- Jason Scheck*
- Col. Richard Powell*
- Jama Mitchell*
- Lt. Daniel East*
- Capt. Scott Heimerman*
- Judge Ben Burgess
- Maj. Glenn Kurtz
- Karen Powell
- Renfeng Ma
- Timothy Rohrig
- Carli Sanchez
- David Miller
- Roger Taylor
- Melinda Wilson
- Mike Crow
- Janice Bradley
- Mary Dean

* Voting designee

LOCATION
Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

COMPLETION DATE

None

Discussion

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

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. The minutes from September 25, 2014 were approved.

2. New Business
   a. Criminal Justice System Population Discussion
      i. Marv Duncan presented a new population report and explained that the report is the same information but presented in a different way.
         1. Discussion of the population report included the following:
            a. Slide 9 – Correlation: Total and Pretrial Services Program (PSP) - It was suggested that the Initial Appearance (IA) docket could affect the decline of the PSP population. Per Marc Bennett, the IA docket includes clients on summons. It was noted that the average length of stay for PSP is decreasing. It was reported that this should be looked into more.
            b. Slide 10 – Diversion Active Caseload – There was a question about the spike in May 2013 for Municipal Court Diversion. It was also reported that diversion numbers are trending down in other jurisdictions in Kansas as diversion is a luxury and not all can afford it.
            c. Slide 13 - Drug Court – It was reported that the drop off in January 2014 for the City of Wichita is due to the implementation of another tract for certain drug offenses whereas Sedgwick
County is trending upwards. It was reported that drugs are driving crimes but the crimes are not necessarily drug related.

d. Slide 19 – Juvenile (JDF and JJAC) – It was reported that numbers spike in May due to school related reports that result in a probation violation.

e. Slide 20 – Juvenile (Intervention Services) – It was asked if the numbers should trend upwards as the programs are an alternative to detention. It was reported that the programs have limited capacity. There is also an overall downward trend in the number of cases being filed thus there is a downward trend in intervention services being used.

f. Slide 21 – Juvenile (Weekend Alternative Detention Program) – It was asked what the typical charges are of clients in the program. It was reported that charges could include truancy and violation of probation orders as the program is an alternative to detention when the court system is involved in a juvenile’s life.

ii. The council determined that the updated population report is a better use of data. The council requested that the report be printed with two slides to a page and that the report be sent out in advance of the meeting.

b. Determine next meeting date for November/December 2014
   i. The council determined that the next meeting will be on December 18, 2014. There will be no meeting in November.

c. CJCC Legislative Platform review
   i. Mr. Duncan presented the proposed platform, C2 – Kansas State Judicial District Courts – Public Defender, with updated wording and specific data. After some discussion regarding the difficulty in interpreting the data, a motion was made and seconded to use the old platform wording. There was no discussion, and the council approved using the old platform wording.

3. Old Business
   a. None.

4. Other Business
   a. None.

5. Public Comment
   a. Mary Dean asked to compare funding between the District Attorney’s Office and the public defender’s office. She was informed that the sources of funding are different, but was told that the comparison could be done.

   b. Ms. Dean referred to slides 16–18 and asked if the clients involved in those programs are being followed to track their progress in obtaining employment. She was informed that the clients are not followed once that leave a particular program (jail, day reporting, pretrial) but they do receive training while in certain programs. She was told that the system loses jurisdiction over clients once they leave that program, but probation or parole officers may touch on employment issues.

   c. Ms. Dean referred to slide 19–20 and asked about types of probation violations that will give a student more attention. It was explained that students are more likely to violate probation during the school year when they are being watched more. Examples of probation violations include poor grades, lack of attendance, truancy, vandalism on school grounds, or behavior issues at school.

      i. Ms. Dean then asked about the truancy program in place at West High School. It was explained that the program is a pilot and once there is evidence of sustained success, the program will seek funding and look to expand.
ii. It was also explained that the court does not have the authority to institute programs in schools as it is the school’s decision to institute those programs
d. There was clarification that once a client turns 18 years old they are no longer eligible for juvenile programs such as weekend alternative detention program and the juvenile residential facility.

Adjournment