

**Minutes**  
**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**August 22, 2013**

**Voting Members**

- Judge James Fleetwood  Judge Jennifer Jones  Judge Warren Wilbert  
 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

**Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance**

- Judge Ben Burgess\*  Ann Swegle\*  Kerrie Platt\*  Jason Scheck\*  
 Gail Villalovos\*  Jama Mitchell\*  Chief John Daily  
 Major Glenn Kurtz  Erica Lopez  Dr. Tim Rohrig  Karen Powell  
 Renfeng Ma  Jeff Robbins  David Miller  Roger Taylor  
 Melinda Wilson  Chris Fisher  Stephen Owens  John Todd  
 Janice Bradley  Bill Anderson

\* Voting designee

A quorum was present for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Alumbaugh moved and Mr. Masterson seconded to approve the minutes of July 25th, 2013 as written. The motion passed.

**New Business**

**Criminal Justice System Population Discussion**

Mr. Buchanan stated that the trends are following exactly what we have seen for the past couple years with the population spiking in August and September and dipping in October and November. He said the pattern has become predictable. Marilyn Cook said that the SCOAP program is expanding from 4 to 12 beds within the month. The numbers may therefore jump in this program. Mr. Bennett said that jury trial dockets will be decreasing which will help the attorneys work cases faster, thus lowering the jail population. The reason for this, Mr. Bennett explained, is that the signing judge has announced that beginning the second week of September he will begin calling two separate dockets to help separate the individuals who appear for low-level, non-violent crime, or 75% of the docket, from the remaining 25% with more serious offenses. This will speed up low-level crime processing.

Marilyn Cook commented on the progress of the Community Crisis Center. They believe they have found a new location for the program that will hold a 15-20 person detox capacity. They are producing a white paper to talk about their process, the value of the center, and the identification of potential partners. They are meeting with Via Christi next week.

**Mental Health Pod**

Undersheriff Bardezbain reported that the Sheriff wants to have the pod online January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be one indirect pod with 47-48 beds. They will sit down with CONMED next week to discuss staffing. Mr. Buchanan asked what the plan is for when they get out. Undersheriff Bardezbain said that they will work something out with COMCARE and CONMED. Judge Fleetwood asked if we are developing a protocol for reintegration through COMCARE. Undersheriff Bardezbain said that will be part of the discussion. The Sheriff has a meeting next week with the judges to discuss the policy for issuance of medications upon discharge from the jail.

### **Cite and Release Policy**

Chief Williams explained that they try and update the policy that provides guidance to officers for citing and releasing for misdemeanors every two years. They have updated the policy because they have purchased portable fingerprint machines; the machines were purchased with federal money. They are buying five new machines in order to reduce the amount of time officers have to be taken off the street for booking and to reduce the number of bookings because individuals are not carrying legal identification.

Mr. Alumbaugh asked the general cost of the machines. Chief Williams said the booking desk machine was \$15,000-\$20,000. The portable machines are \$4,000-\$5,000. Mr. Masterson asked how much bookings had decreased due to the machines. Chief Williams said the notices appear to have decreased. In 2010 there were 13,106 notices to appear, in 2012 there were 11,885.

### **Legislative Platform**

Mr. Duncan said that they are reviewing their platform for 2014 and departments are reporting back by the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. They hope to have the platform approved by the BOCC by the end of October. He invited anyone with changes to contact him. Commissioner Peterjohn said they had had concerns about metal theft. Mr. Bennett said they are trying to get a working group from the business community to facilitate discussion on this issue. Councilwoman Williams said they are focusing on a revision regarding copper. She and Commissioner Peterjohn agreed that the City and County should work together. Mr. Bennett explained that the purpose of the workgroup is to find simple ordinances for metal recyclers that will reduce theft. He gave several examples of ordinances that have worked in other jurisdictions and on other issues.

### **Other Business**

Judge Fleetwood spoke on HB 2170 which changes the way we address probation revocations. He said he has been watching it and he initially thought that the quick dips would increase jail time. He said that mostly judges are allowing probation officers to make that initial judgment. They are continuing to watch it but he does not see it increasing jail time but rather affecting the way we use sanctions. He expects judges will be using this more than 60 day sanctions.

Mr. Masterson said that the Kansas Sentencing Commission update website has announced that they are going to do meetings in 7 cities on topics including HB 2170, SB 123, and journal entry changes for practitioners. These will be three hour sessions for the public as well as the system.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.