

**Minutes**  
**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**January 26, 2012**

**Voting Members**

- Judge James Fleetwood  Judge Jennifer Jones  Judge Warren Wilbert  
 Sheriff Bob Hinshaw  Chief Norman Williams  District Attorney Nola Foulston  
 Commissioner Karl Peterjohn  Commissioner Dave Unruh  
 City Councilmember Lavonta Williams  Mary McDonald  
 Bill Buchanan  Mark Masterson  Steve Osborn  Marilyn Cook  
 Bob Lamkey  Keith Thomas

**Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance**

- Judge Clark Owens\*  Judge Ben Burgess\*  Mike Stover\*  
 Ann Swegle\*  Kerrie Platt\*  Jason Scheck\*  Richard Powell  
 Glenn Kurtz  Chief John Daily  Karen Powell  
 Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland  Dr. Jodie Beeson  Melinda Wilson  
 Carol Schneider  Terri Snyder  Anna Meyerhoff  Richard Vogt  
 Roger Taylor  Paula Downs  Paul Riedel  John Todd  
 John Stevens

\* Voting designee

**Approval of Minutes**

Several corrections were identified for the October 27, 2011 minutes. Jason Scheck identified some errors in the SCOAP/CIT and Mental Health Court sections. The original minutes stated:

*“SCOAP/CIT- SCOAP’s current census is 138, and hit a high point in the week prior with 139. There are no updates for CIT.*

*Jason Scheck also reported that SCOAP did not get an additional position added to the program and are now working on finding an intermediate solution. He agreed to report back to the group on whether or not their solution was meeting their needs.*

*Mental Health Court-Mental Health Court’s census was 51.”*

The suggested corrections were to change this section to:

*“SCOAP/CIT- SCOAP’s current census is 138. The peak census was 149 recently and the 138 number this week reflects a number of successful transitions to longer-term services. There were 35 referrals in September and the biggest referral source continues to be the Wichita Municipal Court with 24 referrals. There are no updates for CIT.*

*Jason Scheck also reported that COMCARE pursued contracting for completion of some competency evaluations in lieu of seeking an additional position. This is intended to reduce the average timeframe for competency evaluation completion but is not a comprehensive solution to those delays. He agreed to share a report on progress made at the next meeting.*

Mental Health Court-Mental Health Court's current census is 91. There have been 57 successful graduations since September of 2010."

The minutes were approved with these changes.

## **New Business**

### **Updates**

Anna Meyerhoff read the Population Report.

Presented by Kerrie Platt

DRC - Planned reduction in services due to budget reduction went as planned. Ended year with approximately 91 active clients.

Pretrial Services-Ended year with an ADP of 280. During 2011 there were 1,384 intakes—74% from District Court and 26% from Municipal Courts.

Drug Court – ADP for 2011 was 104. The population expanded in Drug Court with a change in eligibility criteria. They are now taking referrals at point of original sentence, in addition to probation violation. Drug Court is also looking to expand to SV123 clients at point of probation violation.

For Drug Court, 93% of graduates have a reduced risk score as determined by LSIR. 92% have not been charged with new crime as of 6 months after graduation.

Presented by Jason Scheck

SCOAP/CIT- SCOAP's current census is 130. Wichita Municipal Court continues to be the largest referral source. There are no updates for CIT.

Mental Health Court-Mental Health Court's current census (as of Jan 20, 2012) is 94. There have been 64 successful graduations since September of 2010.

Competency Evaluations – These are currently due within 60 days. Average has been 33.1 days. Average time for contracted evaluations is 22.75 days from the date of the court order. The contracted evaluations are being completed within 1 week of receipt from COMCARE. Both

averages are expected to decrease now that vacant positions have been filled.

Presented by Richard Vogt

Interface Management Team- The team continues to wait on the City of Wichita to complete the upgrade of their system. When this is completed they will reconvene to remap the data.

JMS-The project continues to be on schedule.

Roger Taylor added there are no concerns at this time and that the project is around 60% completion and on target to be completed around the middle of October.

### **Work Group Updates**

Presented by Richard Vogt

Data-Richard Vogt will be taking over heading the Data Management group. There are no specific projects that the group will be undertaking but will be meeting as the need arises. There is a meeting next week to discuss some questions regarding the average length of stay calculation.

Presented by Bob Lamkey

Work Center/Release- Sedgwick County is currently looking at prioritizing its service and one question is the relationship of Work Release with the Sheriff's Office and Community Corrections. It is being determined whether or not it makes sense for Work Release to be a Corrections function and provide some facility availability for other programs.

In regards to the Work Center, options are still being explored in regards to the DUI population that is expected to emerge in the future.

Presented by Kerrie Platt

Communications- The group will be meeting in February. Focus continues to be on small process changes and procedures between different areas in the criminal justice system that can improve efficiencies.

### **Legislative Actions**

Weighted Caseload/Blue Ribbon Commission-Judge Fleetwood informed the group that the Weighted Caseload Study and the Blue Ribbon Commission Report have been made public and on the Kansas Supreme Court Website. The Weighted Caseload Study shows that the Sedgwick County judiciary does carry a higher caseload compared to across the

state. It also shows that the District Court is understaffed. Judge Fleetwood does not expect additional staffing as suggested in the study. Efficiency improvements are being examined more than additional staff and judges. Judge Fleetwood does anticipate that in the next couple years there will be discussions of adding additional magistrates, but not at the level suggested in the study.

SB 321-Judge Fleetwood also informed the group that a new bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate Bill 321 (SB 321), which places restrictions on appearance bonds. SB 321 takes away the discretion of Judges to use Own Recognizance Bonds (OR Bonds) in cases that may be a presumptive prison case. There are also several other restrictions on the eligibility of OR Bonds. Under SB 321, an eligible candidate cannot have a Failure to Appear in any court.

Several members of the council expressed concern for the work of the CJCC if this bill passes. It would affect who would be allowed to utilize Pretrial Services and increase the population in the Detention Facility. Judge Fleetwood informed the group that he believed testimony is being heard on February 2 and that he plans on testifying. He encouraged other members to provide him information or to testify themselves.

Bob Lamkey offered to draft a letter on behalf of the CJCC addressing the group's concerns to the legislature. Commissioner Karl Peterjohn moved and Councilmember Keith Thomas seconded. The members voted unanimously for Bob Lamkey to draft the letter.

HB 2498-Col. Richard Powell brought House Bill 2498 to the attention of the CJCC. It is sponsored by the Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice. This bill allows for the creation of a Mental Health Diversion Program on the local level. There is no mention of funding in the bill.

### **Progress Update on DUI Law Research**

Dr. Jodie Beeson provided an update to the CJCC on the research being conducted on the affect of the new DUI law. Beeson has been gathering information to create an adequate baseline to assess if there will be a change in the DUI population. The DUI population has been very stable, which is important for being able to establish that a change in population can be attributed to the DUI law changes. Dr. Beeson stated that she thought we would begin to see changes in February or March.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Minutes prepared by Anna Meyerhoff.