

Minutes
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
April 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* Col. Richard Powell
 Major 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 Stephen Owens
 Chris Fisher

* Voting designee

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Ann Swegle moved that attendance for the February 23, 2012 minutes meeting be revised to show that she was not present for meeting. Keith Thomas also moved to revise the attendance of March 22, 2012 meeting minutes to show that he was not present for that meeting. The minutes were approved with these changes.

New Business

Updates

Anna Meyerhoff read the Population Report.

Presented by Kerrie Platt

DRC – There were 33 intakes for the month of April so far, 30 of those were referrals from the City of Wichita, 3 from small cities and none from District Court.

Drug Court – Referrals are increasing. Drug Court is now taking offenders at the time of original sentencing, as well as SB 123 offenders at the time of probation violation.

Presented by Jason Scheck
SCOAP/CIT/Mental Health Court-Next CIT training will be May 7-11 at Heartspring.

Jason Scheck asked whether the group still wanted a monthly update from him now that the Population Report was provided at every meeting. Kerrie Platt concurred that she did not see her regular reports as necessary anymore. It was agreed that they would be removed from the regular agenda and provide updates when needed.

Presented by Roger Taylor
Interface Management Team- The team continues to work with the City of Wichita and move forward in the project.

JMS-The project continues to be on schedule. It is over 70% completed.

Work Group Updates

Presented by Bob Lamkey
Data-The average length of stay calculation has been decided. The new calculation is in the Population Report.

Commissioner Karl Peterjohn asked whether or not it was possible to add the BICE hold and felony inmate populations to the Population Report to show the affect it has our jail population. Commissioner Dave Unruh asked if the driver behind the increasing number of felony inmates in local jail systems was that the state prisons were full. Judge Fleetwood stated that he believed it was a matter of money and pushing the cost down to the counties, not of controlling recidivism.

Presented by Kerrie Platt
Communications-The committee had their last meeting in March to allow time for an evaluation process of the new processes put in pace. They will meet again in May to review.

Legislative Actions

Judge Fleetwood informed the CJCC that there is a stall on court furloughs due to other issues. He is hoping that the supplemental legislation will go through.

Competency Evaluations

Jason Scheck provided an update to the CJCC on Competency Evaluations. More evaluators have been trained, as well as hiring a contractor to complete some of the evaluations. In 2011, the average number of days to complete evaluations was 28 days. For the 1st quarter of 2012, the average number of days is down to 19.5.

Old Business

Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland informed the CJCC that she, Mark Masterson and Sheriff Hinshaw met with Judge Fleetwood last month to discuss the WSU study on new crime recidivism and the clear profile of individuals that commit new felonies or new misdemeanors. Judge Fleetwood had requested that they go back and look at what the initial sentence was. Of these individuals, 55% were presumptive probation. Judge Fleetwood explained that presumptive probation means that they are not career criminals and the best place for them is in probation.

Dr. Craig-Moreland stated that this finding means that there is no easy fix; however, 45% don't fit in presumptive probation and we are keeping them in the community. When they come back in the system they slow it down and spend a lot of time in jail.

A small pilot program has been started in which Judge Fleetwood has the LSIR-SC available to him for sentencing. There is some concern that if this will work whether or not Community Corrections can assume the extra workload. Mark Masterson stated that he believe Community Corrections could provide Court Services with the training to complete the evaluation. Judge Fleetwood stated that right now we are focusing on how to not let individuals fall through the cracks in the system. If this turns out to be successful, it will be a matter of getting the information to the judges and getting them trained.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Anna Meyerhoff.