

Minutes
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
July 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
 Chad VonAhnen 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
 Gail Villalovos Lorien Showalter Richard Vogt Roger Taylor
 Paul Riedel Stephen Owens Kate Flavin Chris Fisher Nick Wachinski
 John Todd Cheryl Burns Candy Crow Mike Crow
 Ricky Morey Matt Deitchler Janice Bradley Bill Anderson
 Michelle Pawlak Russ Pataky Mike Slate Dave Ballard
 Richard Stephenson

* Voting designee

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Karl Peterjohn moved and Mark Masterson seconded to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2012 meeting as presented. The motion carried.

New Business

Presentation by Mr. Nick Wachinski

A presentation and question and answer session on The Bail Bondsman: An overview on the benefits and advantages of an efficient stakeholder in the Criminal Justice System was given by Nick Wachinski, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Bail USA. A copy of the presentation is attached for review.

Criminal Justice System Population Update

Mark Masterson reviewed the June 2012 monthly population report. Bill Buchanan asked about the Journal Entries and why the goal of 18 days had been missed fairly regularly in the last couple of months. Mr. Buchanan also asked if a position had been funded in the District Attorney's office to do this. Ann Swegle said there was a position that had been funded but was not sure why this delay was happening, or if the delay was with the courts or in the District Attorney's office but that it might be due to vacations that are taken this time of year and that she would look into this information.

Commissioner Peterjohn asked about the felony commitments and what that number meant. Richard Vogt stated that the felony commitments came off of the snapshot for the last day of the month and that they are people that are currently serving time in the Sheriff's custody for a felony charge that they had been convicted of.

Community Corrections Three Year Study of Recidivism

Mark Masterson discussed that there is a Community Corrections Advisory Board that oversees the Community Corrections Act programs and collects data on recidivism at six and twelve months post successful completion of the program and that they have extended that to collecting data for three years after successful completion. They took the 443 felony offenders that successfully completed in fiscal year 2009 and tracked them at 6 months, 12 months, 24 months and 36 months to see what happened to them regarding arrests in the City of Wichita and arrests in the District Court. At 6 months there was a recidivism rate of 5%, at 12 months it went to 11%, at 24 months it went to 19% and at 36 months it was 28%. This means that 72% of those that had successfully completed had not been re-arrested or re-charged with a new offense at three years.

Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland noted that there are a substantial number of very high-risk individuals in this population and that there is a lot to be proud of with these numbers because it is a high-level of success, especially when compared to the national figures.

Pretrial Justice Institute Presentation Follow-up

Mark Masterson stated that as a follow up to the conversation with John Clark from the Pretrial Justice Institute Dr. Jodi Beeson from Wichita State University was working with the CJCC to do analysis on a large database and identify those eight to ten factors that would be predictive of risk in our population for use in developing a draft of a risk assessment instrument based on our own data. Dr. Beeson said that it

looks like from the databases that most of it is information that we already collect but that there may be two or three additional questions that may need to be asked, particularly the length of time that they were in the residence, which has been shown to be a highly predictive factor of risk. Mark Masterson noted that this work was expected to take until next spring.

Old Business

Richard Vogt shared an update on the GIS project and reminded the group that the city had been going through an upgrade on their system which has now been completed. They were able to run their master report and had encountered 170 distinct items that need to be fixed. This work should take about four to six weeks to complete. Once this is finished it will provide a significant enhancement to the system.

Chad VonAhnen asked how the CJCC had historically developed a legislative strategy and whether it was important to start to evaluate at the August meeting so that a uniform strategy could be developed prior to the next legislative session. Keith Thomas said we tend to be reactive and would prefer to be ahead of the curve and be proactive. Bill Buchanan asked if there was a sub-committee dealing with this issue and asked Mark Masterson to get together with Sheriff Hinshaw to come up with three items that will affect us the most.

Gail Villalovos was introduced as the new Chief Probation Officer for the City of Wichita and was welcomed to the CJCC.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Lorien Showalter.