

Minutes
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
November 29, 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 Sharon Dickgrafe
- Bill Buchanan Mark Masterson Steve Osburn Marilyn Cook
- Chad VonAhnens Keith Thomas

Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance

- Judge Clark Owens* Judge Ben Burgess* Mike Stover*
- Ann Swegle* Kerrie Platt* Jason Scheck* Gail Villalovos*
- Col. Richard Powell Major Glenn Kurtz Chief John Daily
- Karen Powell Larry Bragg Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland
- Dr. Jodie Beeson Melinda Wilson Marv Duncan Sean Oakes
- Lorien Showalter Richard Vogt Roger Taylor Tom Struble
- Mary Kay Craig Paul Riedel Stephen Owens Chris Fisher
- John Todd Janice Bradley Mike Shatz Doug Ballard
- Mary Dean Richard Stephenson

* Voting designee

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Judge Warren Wilbert moved and Mark Masterson seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed.

New Business

Criminal Justice System Population Discussion

Judge Fleetwood noted that at the last meeting it had been decided that members would review the Population Report numbers before coming to the meeting. Chad VonAhnens stated that overall the trends still appear to be positive.

Systems Planning Committee Recommendations for Legislative Platform Items

Chad VonAhnens discussed that the Systems Planning Committee had been meeting monthly to develop the legislative platform and that they began with what was in the platform under Public Safety from 2012 and developed the issues that were more related to the CJCC into a CJCC

section. The committee removed an item on mental health due to the progress on the One Stop Shop. Four items were included in the CJCC section: an issue on bonding, the public defender's office, adult community corrections and three items on the jail population that were combined into one (state prisoners in county jails and felons and DUI offenders going to state prisons). Judge Fleetwood noted that this year people had been asked to provide white papers for each item in the platform in order to give some background information on each issue, especially for the large number of new legislators. Chad VonAhnens stated that the members would need to take action to approve these items so that they could become a part of the County's platform. Bill Buchanan moved and Ann Swegle seconded that the platform issues be adopted as presently adapted. The motion carried. The platform and white papers will be offered to the County for adoption. Chad VonAhnens noted that the next Systems Planning Committee Meeting will be held in January in order to let the legislators get back in session and that the group would reconvene on the third Thursday of the month (January 17th) at 10:00 am.

CJCC Committee Membership

Judge Fleetwood noted that there had been some talk about expanding committee membership and that it was important to discuss whether this would be losing the point of the CJCC or representing a broader view of the purpose of the CJCC. Judge Fleetwood suggested not to expand the actual voting membership, which might lead to getting beyond the actual purposes of the committee. Chief Norman Williams stated that it was very important to stay as focused as possible on the purpose because once you start expanding membership it is easy to lose sight of the mission. Judge Fleetwood discussed that he was glad to see members of the public in attendance and that he welcomed comments from them and wanted them to be included in the discussion. Judge Warren Wilbert talked about his suggestion at the last CJCC meeting that membership be expanded to include a representative of the Wichita Crime Commission, whether it is as an ex officio or voting member. Judge Fleetwood stated that the Wichita Crime Commission provided support for law enforcement officers and to ask them to get involved would be an expansion of what their purpose currently is, trying to provide non-partisan support of police officers. Sheriff Hinshaw stated that the Crime Commission has been around for 50 years and that they have weighed in publicly on jail issues and that after reviewing the mission and purpose at the next meeting it might be a good idea to reach out to them and see if they have interest in being involved as an ex officio member.

Marilyn Cook noted that if the group was going to have longevity that when the focus changed in the future it would be possible to add ad hoc

members as needed depending on what the topic was. Commissioner Dave Unruh stated that he was more interested in maintaining the current membership and continuing to focus on alternatives to jail but that the suggestion of ad hoc members as necessary was a good idea because they were more term limited and for a specific purpose. Bill Buchanan noted that it might be helpful to review the purpose and mission statement at the next meeting because it was important not to expand the CJCC to areas that it was not intended for, but that he did have some concern that the juvenile issue was not present here and that the numbers had been creeping up in juvenile detention facilities. Mark Masterson discussed that with the Juvenile Detention Facility there is a Detention Utilization Committee that is much like the CJCC in the way it was established and has met monthly since 1996 to talk about alternatives and that this group could review some information and have more communication with that group in order to keep an eye on these issues.

Keith Thomas stated that if membership was going to be expanded it was important to get a commitment that these new members would show up because there are current voting members that never attend. Sheriff Hinshaw suggested that Chad VonAhnens draft a letter for review to be signed by the Chair of the CJCC to ask members that do not attend or have a representative that attends to provide a voting designee that can speak on behalf of their organization so that all voices are represented from the criminal justice system. Judge Fleetwood agreed and noted that it was particularly important to get the Public Defender's Office involved and that he and Chad VonAhnens would reach out to them. Chad VonAhnens suggested that these membership issues be discussed again at the December meeting and that a vote would be taken then.

COMCARE/Conmed Jail Sample Update

Jason Scheck provided an update on the jail sample that was done this year. This study had been done previously in 2005, where the jail sample showed that 62% of the inmates in the sample were COMCARE clients, and in 2009, where 47% of the inmates had been COMCARE or Conmed clients. By matching the COMCARE and ConMed records for this year's sample the number was 32%. Two samples were used, a booking sample and a housing sample. The booking sample had a lower percentage than the housing sample with 24% that matched versus the housing sample with 40% that matched. In 2009 when the sample was reviewed the two sub-samples were much closer together. One thing that has contributed to this decrease in numbers is the fact that the jail population and the system as a whole have changed a lot since 2005. The make-up of the jail in terms of the legal situation the inmates are in has changed a lot since the first sample was taken. The clients currently in services are less often

involved with jail bookings. The SCOAP program started in 2006 and focuses on psychiatric rehabilitation and making diversion a viable option, which impacts recidivism. There is also a strong partnership with the City of Wichita Municipal Court and their Mental Health Court, which is the source of most of the referrals for SCOAP. All of these are best practices in terms of preventing recidivism for this population. There were more felons in this sample group, and in the housing sample, and they were being held for classic felonies and were in pre-trial status. Sheriff Hinshaw noted that there are not necessarily more felons in jail but that the ratio has changed because the population has been declining and that there are more alternatives that are being utilized so the ratio of felons will be higher and that this might be an interesting issue to look into.

Approval of CJCC Briefing Book

Chad VonAhnens discussed that at the last CJCC meeting Lorien Showalter brought a draft of the CJCC Briefing Book before the committee and that some more information had been added to finish up the book. A lot of the information came out of historical files and were not in electronic form so if there are any additions or corrections to let Lorien Showalter know and they would be fixed for the final draft. Some corrections were noted and changes were discussed. Judge Warren Wilbert moved and Marilyn Cook seconded to approve the CJCC Briefing Book with the noted corrections included.

Other

Mike Shatz asked if he could videotape the CJCC meetings in their entirety and post them on the internet. Karen Powell said that she would look into this issue and let him know whether this would be possible.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Lorien Showalter.