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Sedgwick County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)		
Meeting Minutes: April 26, 2018	Location: Sedgwick County Detention Facility, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room	Prepared by: Elizabeth Biles, Management Intern
Attendance		
Voting Members (nine is a quorum)	Voting Designees	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Judge James Fleetwood, 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge Warren Wilbert	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Judge Jennifer Jones, Municipal Court of the City of Wichita	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Probation Officer Gail Villalovos	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheriff Jeff Easter, Sedgwick County	<input type="checkbox"/> Undersheriff Brenda Dietzman	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Gordon Ramsey, City of Wichita	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Jose Salcido	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Attorney Marc Bennett, 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy District Attorney Ann Swegle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Public Defender, Mark Rudy, Sedgwick County	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Public Defender Jama Mitchell	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Deputy City Attorney, Sharon Dickgrafe, City of Wichita	<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant City Attorney Jan Jarman	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director, Glenda Martens, Sedg. Co. Depart. of Corrections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrections Administrator Jay Holmes	
<input type="checkbox"/> County Manager Mike Scholes	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy County Manager Tom Stolz	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Richard Ranzau, Sedgwick County		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Jim Howell, Sedgwick County		
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Member Brandon Johnson, City of Wichita		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director Joan Tammany, COMCARE of Sedg. Co.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Tisha Darland, Crisis & Access Services COMCARE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistance County Manager, Russell Leeds		
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Presiding Judge Jeffery Goering, 18 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sedgwick County Association of Cities, Tom Jones		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President of Sedg. Co. Chief's Association, Ken Winters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice President, Mark Hinkle	
<b>Ex Officio Members:</b>		
<b>Other attendees:</b>	Tom Struble (DOC), Melissa Martin (DOC), Lori Gibbs (DOC), Stephen Owens (KBAA), Jared Schechter (SCSO), Greg Dann (DITSS), Janice Bradley, (JENI),	



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Bill Anderson (JENI), Brenda F. (JENI), Doug Ballard (Peace and Social Justice), Karen Powell (Counselor's Office)
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Council Chair, Judge James Fleetwood, called the April 26, 2018 meeting to order at 10:02AM. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes

Sheriff Easter made a motion to approve the January 25, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Committee Reports- None

3. Old Business

**Sheriff Easter** provided an update on recent stakeholder meeting regarding opioids and methamphetamine. In attendance at the meeting was the Sheriff's Office, Wichita Police Department, recovery/addiction service centers, hospitals, and other non-profits. They decided they should create two committees, the first to look at statistical data. Wichita Police Department and the Sheriff's Office will look at 3 years of data (2015-2017) of police cases data to look at trends in overdoses and narcotic cases; these will be grouped into opioids, methamphetamines, and all other. We think trends are going up, but we want to see what the data shows. We're going to look at overdose admits to local hospitals. We'll track data from the Health Department and Regional Forensic Science Center overdose deaths to develop benchmarks. Second committee will look at the program options. We're looking at the treatment options that do and don't take insurance. That meeting is in the next two weeks. Probation will be providing data on who is testing positive, looking at habits and addictions to determine the services that are needed for general public and within the jail system.

Crime Commission has offered to pay for a position to do project management, grants, etc. The group's goal is to first address the meth problem and in the progress prepare for the influx of opioids.

**Tisha Darland** inquired if data from Parole would be included. **Sheriff Easter** answered that they are still determining who all they need data from. When looking up additional centers; they found most are out of business. Only 3 or 4 came to the meeting, but none offered to be on either committee.

**Judge Fleetwood** inquired if the Sheriff would like the District Courts involved somehow. **District Attorney Bennett** stated that they were planning for collaboration among law enforcement, District Courts, and the District Attorney's Office. **Judge**



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**Fleetwood** inquired if meth was a source of overdose deaths in the county. **District Attorney Bennett** stated that meth is an issue in terms of driving crime. **Sheriff Easter** elaborated that it is similar to the 90's with crack cocaine, which does not cause an overdose death, but there was a crime wave associated with the increased use. Meth has been the primary drug of choice in the county since early 2000s, not crack cocaine. **District Attorney Bennett** elaborated that the meth is coming up from Mexico, easy access through I-35. Mexico has also figured out how to grow poppy plants for opioids. **Sheriff Easter** added that the individuals mixing the opioids are not chemists; last summer in New York, over 220 opioid related deaths in one weekend. Topeka had 10 overdose deaths over Christmas. **Judge Fleetwood** asked if as part of services/program, will there be a community education component. **Sheriff Easter** stated that there would be. Some communities are providing NARCAN for free to community members. Those communities are seeing now individuals taking extremely large doses of drugs to see how high they can get, because they will have someone bring them back with the NARCAN. We've talked with Dr. Gallagher, Medical Director, about putting NARCAN in the deputy cars. Because NARCAN has an expiration date and due to the extreme temperatures the cars can reach, he recommended we carry the EMS bags instead and try to assist that way while EMS arrives.

**Commissioner Howell** asked about community drug collections, are these for prescriptions only or for all drugs. **District Attorney Bennett** stated that are for prescriptions but they are not likely to turn away other drugs. Last year, Attorney General's Office kept numbers for the state, and they got hundreds of thousands of pounds of pills. **Sheriff Easter** added that Walgreens and Dillon's do drug take back, partnered with the DEA, is about to start. DEA comes to collect items and dispose of them properly. This is usually twice a year. Knoxville has 24/7 drop off locations, is this something our community needs? We've been telling people for years not to flush their medications, but we need to research how to better assist them with proper drug disposal. **Commissioner Howell** asked if we could contract with the pharmacies for year-round drug disposal and an amnesty program. **Tisha Darland** stated that Walgreens already does some prescription drug take backs. **Sheriff Easter** added that this will continue to be a consideration as they determine what program(s) to implement, like the Way Out program.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Population Report

**Sheriff Easter** commented on slide 5. ADP has been flat since 2015 in the Jail, which is a result of initiatives from CJCC. Out of County housing is higher while



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the Work Release facility is shut down and the conversion to the Annex is completed, estimated completion is September. Currently about 210 out of county and the Annex will hold between 170-190. We won't see those numbers until October.

b. Part One offenses comparison- Quarter 1

**District Attorney Bennett** commented on the WPD data. In quarter 1 this year we've had 15 homicides and we are on track for 55 for the year. Part one offenses are those targeted by the FBI. The number of serious crimes has gone up. This affects the jail population, the courts, and parole. Sheriff and I have discussed ways to curb crime. WPD has different issues than those faced by the Sheriff, who is looking to target Violent Crimes instead of crime in general.

c. Division of Corrections- Work Release Program

**Lori Gibbs**, Adult Residential Program Administrator, presented an update on the transition of Work Release to DOC. Adult Residential has operated out of East Elm since 2001; in 2012 budget reductions reduced the population served from 120 to 65. SCYP which was housed there also, was ended in October of 2017. With more space available and the Sheriff wanting to reduce costs, conversations began about utilizing the open space for Work Release. In December 2017, BOCC authorized the transfer of individuals from Work Release to DOC.

As part of the transition, new staff have been hired and trained. The East Elm location needed camera and security upgrades. The transition has involved all stakeholders, including the Courts, DA, and the Sheriff. Policies and procedures have been updated to reflect the addition of Work Release. In February, DOC took over the referral process with the Courts. The goal was to move current Work Release clients to the new facility in groups of 10-15 with a completed transition goal of March 1. All clients were relocated by February 22. There are currently 60 clients in Work Release; over 131 clients have been served. This population can have much quicker turnover than what we're use to in Adult Residential, so that has been a learning process. The average successful client completes the program in 30 days; unsuccessful clients leave around 15 days due to technical violations, AWOL, or Failure to Return. Revenues collected are \$36,489, which comes from the fee paid to participate in the program.

Work Release clients are receiving the following services: employment programming which includes access to 15 computes in our lab, which are used to help the unemployed or underemployed look for jobs and schedule their job



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application time in the community. Workforce Alliance is helping staff the computer lab. We are working on helping individuals get their identification and clothing for interviews. We are working with the jail and the DMV on a mobile identification project, to make it easier to get identification. We have mental health and substance abuse staff in the building. Family visitations are allowed on-site on the weekends. Clients do weekly budgeting with staff for their paychecks before they can deposit them. Clients participate in mandatory work crews which do the janitorial services, lawn care, and laundry. Bible study, NA, and AA are offered.

Next steps are working with clients on their cognitive skills. This would be for clients who are high risk and who are anticipated to be in the program for a longer period of time. We are looking to expand employment programming; Johnson County offered a College of Trades program, which allows clients to earn trade certificates. We are looking to add parenting classes; fatherhood academy is a mentoring program for clients who are on Work Release for not paying child support. Planning to streamline the intake process and expand intake to three times a week, and add an additional ISO.

**Judge Fleetwood** noted that Lori and her staff have been very accommodating to the judiciary; transition has gone smoothly on their end.

## 5. Other Business

- a. **Sheriff Easter** spoke on the mental health group's push for the suspension of Medicaid and the regionalization of mental health services. The Legislative Post Audit performed an audit of all 95 jails in the state. They looked to see what mental health services jails had, including: identification of suicidal patients,.... Only 10 jails had all services, including Sedgwick County Jail. They did not look at the state mental health system, only looked at jails. The Sheriff testified yesterday on the issues. Most legislators seem to understand the issue is at the state level and recommended they do an audit of local mental health services and the state system. The Secretary is in favor of regionalization which can also help with the competency hearing delays.

**Judge Fleetwood** asked about the Senate Ways and Means discussion of the moratorium at Osawatomie State Hospital. **Sheriff Easter** stated they continue to run a wait list, which has gone down but that's because they will no longer take anyone with medical issues. They additionally have licensed beds but not enough staff for them. No long term care; treatment runs about 10 days then individuals are back in the community.



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**Tisha Darland** clarified that locally COMCARE handles 90% of competency hearings; the issue is individuals needing to go to Larned for Competency Restoration.

b. Next meeting- July 26, 2018

6. Public Comment

**Bill Anderson** inquired if the minutes were available on the website and several years ago there was a discussion about showing the racial breakdown within the jail.

**Elizabeth Biles** stated that the minutes are available under the CJCC page; minutes are added once they are approved at the following meeting. Monthly population reports also are available online for several years.

**Sheriff Easter** stated that the group had discussed showing the racial breakdown but CJCC had decided there was no need for it.

**Bill Anderson** stated that WPD Chief Ramsey has said there are racial disparities.

**Sheriff Easter** clarified that the jail holds those individuals who are brought in. He expressed that they have shared that data with individuals when they have asked for it.

**Bill Anderson** asked what the Work Release related revenue was from.

**Lori Gibbs** answered that individuals pay to be in the program, which is \$15 per day. They stay on average 30 days. They are assessed the program fee, but it is not collected until they are employed.

**Tisha Darland** added that the additional funds the clients earn remains with them once the program fee is paid.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.