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Sedgwick County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)		
Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2019	Location: Sedgwick County Detention Facility, 2 nd Floor Training Room	Haither Zaragoza Management Intern Sedgwick County
Attendance		
Voting Members (nine is a quorum)	Voting Designees	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Judge James Fleetwood, 18 th Judicial District (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge Mike Hoelscher <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Eric Commer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Court Chief Judge Jennifer Jones, City of Wichita	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court Administrator, Nathan Emmorey, City of Wichita <input type="checkbox"/> Courtney Carpenter	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheriff Jeff Easter, Sedgwick County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undersheriff Brian White <input type="checkbox"/> Captain Jared Schechter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police Gordon Ramsey, City of Wichita	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief Jose Salcido <input type="checkbox"/> Captain Chester Pinkston	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Attorney Marc Bennett, 18 th Judicial District	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy District Attorney Ann Swegle	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Public Defender Mark Orr, Sedgwick County	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Public Defender Jama Mitchell <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Public Defender, Jason Smartt	
<input checked="" 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. Dept. of Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections Administrator Jay Holmes <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Struble	
<input type="checkbox"/> County Manager Tom Stolz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant County Manager of Administration, Tania Cole, Sedgwick County	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Lacey Cruz, Sedgwick County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Jim Howell, Sedgwick County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Member Brandon Johnson, City of Wichita	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director Joan Tammany, COMCARE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Tisha Darland, Crisis & Access Services COMCARE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistant County Manager of Public Safety, Code Enforcement, & Emergency Management, Russell Leeds, Sedgwick County	<input type="checkbox"/> Director Regional Forensic Science Center, Dr. Rohrig, Sedgwick County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Emergency Communications, Elora Forshee, Sedgwick County	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal Presiding Judge Kevin O'Conner, 18 th Judicial District	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sedgwick County Association of Cities, Tom Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President of Sedg. Co. Chief's Association, Chief Ken Winter, Cheney Police Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Mark Hinkle, Colwich Police Department <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Matt Jensby, Maize Police Department
Other attendees:	Haither Zaragoza (Manager's Office), Karen Powell (Counselor), Lori Gibbs (DOC), Melinda Wilson (District Court), John Todd (Citizen)

Sheriff Easter called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes

A. April 26, 2018

Glenda Martens made a motion to approve the April 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. **Tom Jones** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Committee Reports

3. Old Business

4. New Business

A. Introduction of the new Substance Use Community Coordinator and discussion on the Coordinator role - **Sheriff Easter**

- a. The position has been filled by Wendy Hummell, former WPD detective and Crime Stoppers coordinator.
- b. The Substance Use Community Coordinator and Mental Health Coordinator are two new positions. Their role is to collaborate on the two issues, not to compete with each other.
- c. We are working on a strategic agenda to start moving forward with the findings from the drug summit last October.
 - i. There will be a meeting on February 4th with various governmental, healthcare, and nonprofit entities to discuss a collaborative approach wherein the mental health and substance abuse committees would report to a single board of directors made up of community stakeholders.
 - ii. There is a lot of legislative interest in addressing regional healthcare solutions.
 1. We are interested in spoke model. For instance, Wichita might have a 100-bed facility and spoke out to the remainder of the state with smaller 16-bed facilities. This setup would also include some federal funding.



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- iii. Developing a strategic plan should give us long-term direction and goals that can sustain our efforts.

B. 2019 Chair

- a. **Commissioner Howell** nominated **Chief Judge Fleetwood** to remain as chair for 2019. **Tom Jones** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Population Report

- a. **Judge Fleetwood** commented that there are two bills being presented to the State House that are looking at sentencing guidelines in an effort to reduce time. It may leave use with more opportunities for probation and pretrial supervision, indirectly lowering the jail population.
- b. **Sherriff Easter** – About 70% of our crimes are driven by drugs in some way. First time, nonviolent offenders are given probation, but should there be an option to sentence them to state-run treatment facility?
 - i. **Judge Fleetwood** – We know that simple incarceration does not fix any of the social/economic underlying issues, but we have been limited in our options post-conviction. We should have 2 or 3 alternatives available.
 - ii. **Marc Bennett** – The state has kept money away from treatment programs in prisons. Individuals released without treatment will likely graduate to more serious crimes and by incarcerated for longer periods of time. If we continue this trend, there is no way to avoid building more prisons.
 - iii. **Sheriff Easter** – There is also the victims’ perspective to consider. Burglary is a nonviolent crime, but the victims often feel that is the most intrusive thing that has even happened to them and they are appalled to learn that a first time offender gets let right back out on the street to become a repeat offender.
 - iv. **Jose Salcido** – One out of three offenders is a parolee paroled into homelessness, after receiving no treatment in prison. They have no support system so they come here from other counties for our Comcare services. Homeless parolees are now using about 30% of the HOT team resources.
 - v. **Marc Bennett** – The criminal justice system is working exactly the way it is intended to work. If the legislature wanted it to work differently, they would give us the resources to make those changes.
 - vi. **Glenda Martens** – We have had flat funding, but our demand for services keeps growing.



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- vii. **Sheriff Easter** asked if anyone had any objection to him expressing to our state legislators the need for sentencing alternatives to be made available to our judges. There were none.
- viii. **Marc Bennett** – The Sentencing Commission has their own bill they are trying to push through to address the problem of offenders crossing state lines and committing the same crime they just committed in a neighboring state, but that previous offense is not considered in sentencing.
- ix. **Sheriff Easter** – The Sentencing Commission is very focused on freeing up prison beds. One of their ideas that has a lot of momentum is quick dips and soaks. This will fill up the county jails.
- x. **Tisha Darland** – The other issue with that is that they will be not have time to get treatment. Comcare may not even know about them.
- xi. **Judge O’Connor** – It would also overburden the courts to conduct all these hearings for a 2 or 3 day dip.
- xii. **Commissioner Howell** – This needs a larger community discussion like we had with the drug summit and then draft a bill for the state legislature.
- xiii. **Sheriff Easter** – It is also important to find out which committee is reviewing our bills in the state legislature and meet with committee chairs.
- xiv. **Judge Fleetwood** asked the board members to start drafting language for bills and testimony to present to state legislators.
- xv. **Sheriff Easter** stated he would work with Joan, Robin, Marc, the Via Christi and county lobbyists, and the Revisor’s Office.

5. Other Business

A. 2019 Vice Chair

- a. **Commissioner Howell** moved to nominate **Sheriff Easter** for Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Bylaws amendment

- a. Article 3, Section B: Designees amended to match wording in governing resolution 182-2017.
- b. **Glenda Martens** moved to accept the amendment. Seconded by **Ken Winter**. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

- A. **John Todd** – There are citizen activist groups in the community attempting to bring bipartisan support together to address criminal justice reform. This is a good time to start thinking about these issues for the 2020 legislative agenda as well.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57.