

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

April 12, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Hy-Vee Hall

CJCC Members Present (7): Bill McCarthy, Judge Gamble, Tom Hockensmith, Judy Bradshaw, Angela Connolly, Sally Kreamer, Lynn Ferrell

CJCC Members Absent (4): Marilyn Lantz, Valorie Wilson, John Sarcone, Gary Mikulec,

CJCC Coordinator: Gary Sherzan

Staff Present: Sue Elliott, Frank Marasco, Dave Higdon, Michael O'Meara, Dave Knight, Doug Phillips, Candy Morgan, Nancy Robinson, Nick Lemmo, Jan Sears, Dillon Kraft, David Jones, Rox Laird, Tony Tatman, Dan Johnston

Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Michael O'Meara (on behalf of John Sarcone) to approve the March 8, 2012 minutes.

Addition of Mental Health Director to CJCC

Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Bradshaw to add Lynn Ferrell, Mental Health Services Director, to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council as a member.

I-Leads Committee – Jan Sears (handout)

Due to population issues a Jail Quarterly Report was done today for Jan – March 2012.

- One pod in the jail is currently closed (32 bed pod).
- Population has been rising since January, staff is in the process of trying to identify the reason for this (more in and booked than released). January, February and March are usually low times in the cycle but are now higher, which is not a good sign for the upcoming summer months.
- In the first three months of 2012, there were 4,796 instances where people were booked into jail, and at the same time 4,666 people were released.
- January to March 2011 vs. January to March 2012, drug offenses and other offenses were higher (other offenses are anything other than drug, personal property or society offenses). Society offenses were down, although offenses by females continue to grow, other offenses were up (i.e. detainers, Non-reportable parole/probation violations, etc). Women are still the fastest growing population base.
- Probation violations are up, although the hours it takes to get people out of jail are getting faster.
- Bookings in the jail are up this year. The jail is backing up on Mondays due to no jail court being held on Sundays like in the past.
- Tom Hockensmith asked about the wait time for other facilities (i.e. Oakdale) and if it's better. It is up slightly. They are making 2-3 trips a week to other facilities. Transportation and paperwork

is backed up a little

- Citations have been increased; efforts are being made to cite people more often. We would have an additional 683 bookings if we didn't have the citations.
- We could be at capacity around July-August (especially for females). We could look at sending people to other facilities or use the additional bed space in the pod. This information is based on the numbers coming in now. No specific reason for the increased based on the system now. The average length of stay is under 19 days, people are bonding out faster.

Gary Sherzan - report

If the trend in the jail continues, we will farm out to other counties or open a pod. Suggestions:

- complete a review of the pre-trial release and mental health diversion program to look at institutional charges (ex. look at initial appearances at the jail). Also, look at getting Sunday court back.
- Go back to a 10 day initial appearance vs. 20-30 days.
- Cash bonds to be looked at.
- Probation violations reviewed.
- Transfers to Oakdale reviewed.
- Citations reviewed.
- Possibly appoint representatives to help out and also look at preparing a Legislative proposal for next year and get criminal justice issues and funding issues on the list for consideration.
- We need representatives involved from the 5th District, Courts, Sheriff, County Attorney, Mental Health.

Angela asked that Gary contact the reps and bring back recommendations to the June meeting.

Sheriff commented that this is how the committee can be useful. Gary stated that the question is not whether a person ought to have been arrested or not. The question is once all of those decisions have been made, how we address moving the individual through the system and how best to do that for the system and the individual.

Pre-Trial Release – Nancy Robinson, Teri Sommerlot, Dr. Tony Tatman

Nancy said we have 1,000 more offenders than we did last year that is the reason we decided to hire a supervisor at the jail. Looking at probation violations with new charges and how to make changes.

Dr. Tony Tatman mentioned they are getting additional mental health information from offenders in jail. Looking at working with mobile crisis more as a resource. Part of the proposition for the committee to consider is how we can work more with mobile crisis to get with the 23 hour facility. Possibly have someone at the jail to follow up with individuals within 24 hours. Sally mentioned this is the "cadillac" version of what we want if we had the funds. We can make changes to this and work with our resources we have later.

Teri would like to see a meaningful first appearance in front of a judge with more information. They are looking at ways to move the probation violators through the system. This will be part of what the

committee works on. Tom asked Teri about the process once a person has been arrested. The initial appearance is at 8:30 the next morning. Is the assessment done before that initial appearance or before the arraignment 20-30 days later? She said they are done at the same time as initial appearance.

Jail Diversion – Dave Higdon (handout)

Dave introduced the Eyerly Ball team that worked on jail diversion and went over statistics of the program.

- Jail Diversion started in 2008 and was fully up and going in 2009
- Identification and assessment and community support are the program elements
- The target group are persons being served in the Polk County MH/ID/DD system
- The goals of the program are to assess the functions of a mental health court approach to jail court, identify and discuss options to get people out of jail and to a provider or service and provide community support while a person is waiting to access traditional supports
- There were 374 bookings July 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012 (285 unduplicated), 184 males, 99 females
- 208 people were connected with services (had case managers), 165 were not connected
- For the group of people connected to the system the average 26 days per person for the 208 people was 4 days less than the average days in jail for all inmates
- Diversion and jail court works when people have services to return to. We do a good job when we connect with people in the jail and follow them into the community, critical to preventing recidivism.
- Linda Ford asked if the number of caseworkers was a factor. We could serve more people if there were more caseworkers

SAMHSA's GAINS Center Training Grant Application Update – Gary Sherzan

Gary said we had one week to put this together and staff did a great job. We should know by April 30th if we get it. It is a train the trainer and will help people understand how trauma prevents future events for both victim and offender.

Mobile Crisis Response Team Statistics Review – Officer Kelly Drane (powerpoint)

Judy Bradshaw gave background information. This is a joint cooperation between the City of Des Moines and Polk County that was started by Sheriff McCarthy years ago. The team consists of mental health professionals (nurses, social workers, counselors). They are all employed by Eyerly-Ball Health Center and available 24/7 (although hours will be cut back in May). The team responds to radio calls at the request of law enforcement. Their goal is to stabilize clients in their homes, prevent unnecessary hospital trips and unnecessary incarcerations, all which save the police time. They serve Polk and Dallas County. The time the officers have to spend on these types of calls has been cut significantly. If an officer determines there is a mental health issue, they will call the team for an assessment. The team can give referrals and provide short term crisis management. They see children as well as adults. The team was formed in 2001 and has grown over the years. It is voluntary so the person has to want to talk to a member of the team and get help. Funding comes from Polk County Health Services, \$450,000 per year (which covers direct services in Polk, administrative costs, overhead, etc). They also get reimbursed through Title 19 for those clients. DMPD has provided training for

officers to deal with mental health issues they encounter. They have worked with the Sheriff's Office to develop training for officers.

Crisis intervention training will start in the fall at the academy for all new officers. Anyone who carries a taser will have CIT training on the proper way to move forward and will continue until we have all street officers trained.

In-Jail Drug Treatment – Gary Sherzan

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff, Gary met with Bridges of Iowa and they have agreed to bring \$1.6 million to the table to start an in-house drug treatment program at the jail. Hockensmith stated that he applauded everyone's efforts. Bridges has talked about this for some time. The previous in-custody drug treatment program was eliminated due to loss of funding. This was a huge effort to get started back up again as recidivism and drug treatment go hand- in- hand. In addressing the committee's work, the jail population is a huge component. If we are able to work together to get the program back in the jail, we can work together to address other issues. Gary will contact those involved to work out final negotiations with Bridges. Work on the details of this program will begin immediately.

Meeting adjourned.