

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

May 24, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Hy-Vee Hall

CJCC Members Present (9): Bill McCarthy, Judge Gamble, Tom Hockensmith, Judy Bradshaw, Sally Kreamer, Lynn Ferrell, Marilyn Lantz, Valorie Wilson, John Sarcone,

CJCC Members Absent (2): Gary Mikulec, Angela Connolly

CJCC Coordinator: Gary Sherzan

Staff Present: Sue Elliott, Frank Marasco, Dave Higdon, Dave Knight, Doug Phillips, Alan Tunks, Nancy Robinson, Nick Lemmo, Dillon Kraft, David Jones, Rox Laird, Linda Ford, Teri Sommerlot, Candy Morgan, Tony Tatman.

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Wilson to approve the April 12, 2012 minutes.

I-Leads Update – Dillon Kraft, Sheriff's Office (handout)

Jail population is down from last month, females are at 155. Parole and probation violation numbers stayed the same. Juvenile in custody is up, which is not unusual for this time of year. Federal numbers are back down within range. US Marshall numbers are at 100, and ICE numbers fluctuate more. One pod is dedicated to ICE only. Depression continues to be the number one mental health issue reported in males and females. Releases from January to April 2012 are up, bookings are lower. Progress has been made on bookings. There were 6,374 bookings, about 6% more than this time last year. We are heading in the upward time where we see more arrests. Population rises in summer months. Overall the jail population is heading in the right direction.

Pre-trial Release –Teri Sommerlot, Department of Correctional Services (handout)

For the month of April, 203 defendants were interviewed. There was an average of 8 interviews completed each day. Of those interviewed, 34 were bonded out after referral, 26 were rejected for release, 10 were released elsewhere, 9 had cash only bonds, 4 were referred to residential treatment, a few others were unresolved, sentenced or resisted by County Attorney. Those that were not interviewed were on probation or parole, charged with simple misdemeanors only, had pending charges, had extensive criminal history or had charges that there is no interviewing done (i.e. FT Register, child support). Three people have been taken out on pre-trial so far. An audience member asked how many of those had mental health issues. They do not have data for that.

Jail Diversion – Dave Higdon, Health Services

The goal is to identify people early on and lengthen their services and find other alternatives. Training has been done with Ankeny and NAMI. Currently in the process of working with partners for CIT training with the Des Moines Police Department. The Mobile Crisis Response Team had 1,692 calls July 2011 through March 2012. 70% of those were resolved in the community, others were resolved via phone contact, taken to the hospital or jail or chose a course other than a mobile crisis recommendation. Mental health post booking/post arrest/jail diversion: there were 503 bookings (343 people) with average days in jail at 33. Those persons with long-term community support services had an average stay of 20 days in jail. When community support is there, the program is more effective. Post initial hearings: this could be a mental health court. There was a pilot project on a mental health court curriculum last fall. There are no funds available at this time for that. We can do cross systems training to make people aware, make notes for the files for attorneys and judges to put in the file so they have a sheet they can go to. We will be bringing back a recommendation for CJCC to consider. Tom asked about the annual cost for the mental health program. It is approximately \$400,000.

One of the re-entry options is the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT). There are currently 15 enrolled. Judge asked about persons in post booking and are they connected to community support services. Some are connected and they try to work with those first. Some will go through the process to get into the system and others don't want help. Judge said that from a court perspective they would be willing to help expand the jail diversion services. Sally said they could provide numbers to track and work with Sheriff's Office.

Our drug court model is a prison diversion program with drug convictions. If you don't participate, you go to prison. Gary Sherzan mentioned expanding that and putting it in the budget next year. Judge suggested looking at a way to enlarge the pool of people in the jail diversion program. Gary said they have started to have that conversation. We need to stop looking at operations as separate silos all one unit and how to work together how to gather resources as a unit. Lynn Ferrell reminded everyone that their budget is tight, like the court budget. Hockensmith stated that as we work through all these processes and identify barriers and issues, we need to be active with the legislature at the next legislative session. Sheriff McCarthy stated that the fact that Judge Gamble is willing to sit down and look at this is positive.

Warrant Procedures – Cindy Johnson, Clerk of Court (handout/powerpoint)

The Clerk of Court is looking at avenues to change before the EDMS (Electronic Document Management System) is in place next year. This is a paperless system. This will improve the workflow in the Clerk of Court. They would like to create a committee to look at all the agencies that go through the Clerk of Court for filing documents, etc. and what their role is in this process and create a plan before the EDMS goes into effect. Sheriff McCarthy stated that the Sheriff and Chief's Association would assist in resolving these issues and would be willing to meet with Clerk to pursue to everyone's satisfaction.

In-Jail Drug Treatment Update – Gary Sherzan, CJCC Coordinator

The contract with Bridges will be ready next week to present at the next CJCC meeting. The target date to open up a drug treatment center at the jail is September.

Open Discussion

Marilyn Lantz advised the group regarding a discussion regarding the impact of trauma would be held June 12 – 14. The focus will be on looking at how we can incorporate knowledge coming out of research into the community. They have tracked the impact of early adverse childhood experience and it's huge impact on mental health and substance abuse. The conference is designed as a community discussion and is free and open to the public.

Meeting adjourned.