

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

August 16, 2012

8:00 a.m.

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CJCC Members Present (8): Gary Mikulec, Judge Gamble, Tom Hockensmith, Angela Connolly, Marilyn Lantz, Valorie Wilson, John Sarcone, Bill McCarthy,

CJCC Members Absent (3): Judy Bradshaw, Sally Kreamer, Lynn Ferrell

CJCC Coordinator: Gary Sherzan

Staff Present: Sue Elliott, Frank Marasco, Dave Higdon, Doug Phillips, Curtis Pion, Linda Ford, Teri Sommerlot, Rebecca Buch, Candy Morgan, Michael O’Meara, David Jones, Rox Laird, Dillon Kraft, Tony Tatman

Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Sarcone to approve the July 12, 2012 minutes.

I-Leads Update – Frank Marasco (handout)

Population is at 918. The Sheriff is being proactive on jail citation release and credit card bonding. There are no significant changes with probation and parole. ICE numbers are lower than expected. An audit by ICE was completed last week with positive feedback for the jail operations.

Bookings and Releases – the trend is that bookings are catching up to releases, moving in the right direction. There are no significant changes in bookings by each agency; the average length of stay has been around nineteen days, the same as 2011.

The Oakdale numbers will be down as eleven are being transported today. The numbers have been consistent. Mental health numbers are self reporting. Sheriff’s staff is working with statistician at Corizon to get a clearer picture of the mental health numbers.

Pre-Trial Release – Teri Sommerlot (handout)

For the month of July, numbers remain consistent. Work is still being done with probation violators. Teri will be attending the National Pre-Trial Conference in Washington next week.

Jail Diversion – Dave Higdon (handout)

Work is being done on post booking jail diversion and different process measures that will give us a better picture of what is going on. Health Services is meeting with Eyerly-Ball next week to finalize the indicators. Outcome measurements will be presented quarterly or annually. Twenty-four people released in July were in jail working with jail diversion, 18 were new bookings. Twenty-two people were connected to services, 20 were not. Legal outcome numbers were reported based on 42 bookings. People and days in jail based on charges were also reported, i.e. 19 people with simple misdemeanors spent an average of 6 days in jail per person, 5 people with felony charges spent 146 days in jail person, etc. Eleven people are currently in the

system since July. Angela said this is the type of information they want so they can see how people are doing. The more data the committee receives from all divisions, the more knowledge we will have on what direction we want to go and what we have to do to get there. Judge asked about the 146 days in jail for a felony and what the crime is (i.e. assault, fraud, etc). That sticks out as a category we can focus in on and shorten the days. Sheriff asked John Sarcone to talk about the difference between a serious and aggravated. John stated that serious is one year in jail, aggravated is a more serious offense one year in prison.

Legislative Agenda Update – Gary Sherzan

Legislative issues for the upcoming session:

1. State Facilities (mental health institutions)(812s)
Change language in the Code so transportation to State facilities can be immediate (i.e. Oakdale).
2. Citations at the Jail (Chapter 805 Iowa Code)
A peace officer can issue a citation in lieu of a person being sent to jail. Change language in the Code so Detention Officers can issue citations.
3. Funding of Pre-Trial services
Increase in improved information data system and also validated risk and needs assessment for pre-trial services.
4. Mental health services
Propose to receive funding from the State to move our mental health probation and parole officers into one unit. Asking for monies for administrative staff, physician, two registered nurses, two licensed mental health counselors and two social workers. Move unit off site in combination with the 23 Hour Crisis Center. This would be operated through the 5th District budget and they would administer the program with the assistance of other agencies.

Proposal will be before CJCC next month for approval to take to the Legislature.

Marilyn mentioned the children's mental health design and keeping that on the table for the legislative session.

Open Discussion:

Construction is almost done and Bridges will be ready to open at the jail September 1st.

Dave Higdon spoke about a grant with Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation (IPDC). They operate a program for recycling medications. Nursing homes use this program instead of destroying medications and make them available to provider agencies. They can also issue vouchers for people coming out of prison to use at pharmacies. They have created an alliance with the Department of Correctional Services for people coming out of prison. We are looking at doing a similar program for those coming out of the Polk County Jail. We are gathering information using Mid-Iowa Health to get a grant. More information will be available next month.

Valorie mentioned there is still an issue with people waiting to go to Oakdale. The problem is getting certification from the Clerk of Court. Chief Phillips has staff tracking this information to see where the delay is. They will work with Clerk of Court to fix this issue. Judge Gamble has also spoken to the Clerk of Court about this matter.

Angela said that when we were checking on how many people were in the system for the grant we are writing, we discovered that in July there were 22 people waiting to go to Mt. Pleasant were taken off their medications. Those facilities will not accept people on any medication. They are getting more information on this.

Marilyn stated that July 1 the psychiatric medical institution for children went under Magellan. Changes are happening in how we access the system. Also, as part of the mental health redesign, they are trying to get a child who is out of state back in state. Funding is an issue. They are checking with in-state providers to see who can take these children in their facility.

Sheriff said he will have Chief Phillips and Chief Shoemaker present on the jail accreditation process next month.

Meeting adjourned.