

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
October 25, 2012
8:00 a.m.
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CJCC Members Present (9): Judge Gamble, Angela Connolly, Tom Hockensmith, Bill McCarthy, Marilyn Lantz, Judy Bradshaw, Valorie Wilson, Sally Kreamer, Lynn Ferrell

CJCC Members Absent (2): John Sarcone, Gary Mikulec

CJCC Coordinator (1): Gary Sherzan

Others Present: E.J. Giovannetti, David Jones, Michael O'Meara, Sue Elliott, Dave Higdon, Dave Knight, Doug Phillips, Frank Marasco, Jeff Holliday, Teri Sommerlot, Dillon Kraft, Kelly Forrest, Nick Lemmo, Curt Pion, Kay Grother, Mollie Mertens, Jennifer Miner, Pat Coughlin, Nancy Robinson, Max Knauer, Bob Glass, Kelly Drane, Earl Kelly, S. Bishop, Jeannette Minor, Mike Polich, Jean Basinger, Teresa Bomhoff, Mikki Stier, Marty Ryan, Candy Morgan, Tony Tatman, Rox Laird, Linda Ford, Becky Buch, Jeff Holliday.

Approval of the September 13th Minutes

Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Wilson to approve the September 13, 2012 minutes.

I-Leads Update - Frank Marasco (handout)

The snapshot as of Monday, October 22nd, jail population is at 887. This is consistent with this time of year. Those awaiting Oakdale is 21. Eleven left this morning for transport. September population was at 898. For January-September, there were 14,928 bookings into the facility, and 14,957 releases, for a difference of -29 bookings vs. releases. The U.S. Marshal's Service trended downward by -10.9%, which Frank expected, just not so sharply; Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) also dropped by -14.7%. The average length of stay on fully released inmates for the first nine months of the period is 19 days; it was 18 days in 2011. Bridges has been implemented in the west wing of the Polk County Jail for just a month, so there isn't a lot of data to report. At the time the report in the handout was done, there were 7 inmates that had been released from the jail and admitted to the Bridges of Iowa program. Once more data is available, Frank will be able to report in more detail. Val asked of those approved, 17 people are waiting, why are they waiting? Frank stated that they had been approved but were waiting for a court order.

Pre-Trial Release- Teri Sommerlot (handout)

Teri indicated there usually is little variance in their statistics from month to month. There were a higher number of revocations for September, and they are working to find out the reason for that. For the month of September, the Department of Corrections interviewed 187 defendants, or 21 % of those in custody, on 24 days, for an average of 8 interviews completed each day. 42% of those interviewed were released to some level of PTR. Along with the additional RWS/IPTR releases there were a total of 85 releases. Of those not interviewed, 32% were on probation or parole; 22% had been charged with simple misdemeanors; 8% had pending charges; 6% had charges for which DOC does not interview and 4% had extensive criminal histories. They are working with I.T. to improve their data collection system. They are working with a consultant in the creation of a new risk assessment tool.

Post-Booking Jail Diversion Data-Dave Higdon (handout)

Dave gave an update on the Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation's proposals for gap-funding for medication when someone with mental illness is released from jail. They are hopeful that by mid-January they will have a good idea about where that is going. On the Post-Booking Jail Diversion for July thru September, Dave commented that a good job is being done actively linking people up with existing service providers. About 18% of the people had no linkage, or refused services; after Credit for Time Served, 41 people were linked to existing supports; 33 people were linked back to probation. He also called attention to the average jail days for people that are connected to the system (35 YTD) and people are not connected (39 YTD). Looking at the median, rather than the average, it's about 15 days (50% of people are being released within 15 days.) This is higher than what Frank reported, but people with mental health issues tend to be kept longer.

Supervisor Connolly stated that regarding mental health redesign, Chuck Palmer mentioned a study with DHS on criminal justice and health services and they are asking for a supervisor from Ames to give a report on jail diversion. Is Ames' jail diversion similar to what we have done? Dave stated that we patterned our program after Ames. They patterned their program after Lincoln, Nebraska. This is a standard approach, identification assessment, release and a support system. In the report that the Department of Corrections is sending to DHS, the Department asked for DOC to make recommendations regarding a statewide initiative to do jail diversion. There are several that have been involved in the state coalition. We have been asked to sit at the table and wrote a proposal that we thought was a good process on how to do jail diversion which included collaboration and local decision making. We focused on the sequential intercept model and the importance of collaboration between systems to figure out what it would look like in the community. We need funding and treatment in the community. First intercept is good access to treatment.

CIT Training Update-Officer Kelly Drane & Deputy Jeff Holliday

Dave Higdon recognized those on planning team that started several months before the academy. Dr Phil Ashman brought the clinical piece of mental health and merging it with how it works in a policing environment. Teresa Bomhoff, NAMI Des Moines, brought the consumer perspective. There are three pieces to CIT, clinical, understanding family perspective and role playing. Officer Kelly Drane from the DM police department is integrated with the mobile crisis response team. Deputy Jeff Holliday from the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Holliday does most of the pickups for court orders for mental health treatment and Ron Gilbert from Passageway couldn't be here today. Ron recruited actors to role play and Michael Polich from United Community Services participated in the team. The training went well because of the implementation team.

Officer Drane and Deputy Holliday discussed the Crisis Intervention Training that took place at the Des Moines Police Academy the week of September 17. There were 22 Des Moines recruits and 2 people from the Polk County Sheriff's office that participated in the 40 hour training. Sheriff McCarthy, Chief Bradshaw and the entire Des Moines Police Command Force met with the new recruits and emphasized the importance of the mental health training for crisis intervention. Some of the training activities included active listening skills and role playing. The training was felt to be very beneficial. Consideration is being given to opening it up to other law enforcement entities, etc. in the metro area (i.e., Johnston Police Department).

Supervisor Connolly asked if there was a way to shorten the mental health part to get those out on the street the training. Teresa talked with Sam Cochran who came up with CIT program of including officers getting off the streets to get the training. He said he knows that it is tough but they really need the 40 hours. The most effective way is the 40 hours. You can see a change in the recruits. There was a change in confidence level and in the questions they learn to ask. It will be interesting to see when they get out with field training

officers they may handle something differently than the seasoned officers do. Higdon stated that when we visited San Antonio, Gilbert and Leon talked about that issue. They require 16 hours but go a full 40 hours. The part that gets cut out is the role play which is the most crucial. It is the marriage of knowledge and practice that makes it work.

Chief Bradshaw stated that Kelly and Jeff did a great job. We anticipated that we were going to have back to back large academy classes and hire over 10 to 15 percent of the officers. The Des Moines community is great and we have the resources here. We reached out to NAMI and the county paid for the training. The Sheriff was also generous with his time. We sat in front of the recruits to endorse a course they were about to receive and emphasized the importance of the training and that we wanted them to take it seriously. I'd like to have all 40 officers to go through the training but realistically we need to have some on the street and school resource officers go through it as well as others in key positions. Some sort of mini version that my street cops with 15 to 20 years that they are doing the real thing and still be open minded enough to information we have about mental health. Experienced police would benefit from the education. I am very proud of what Kelly and Jeff put together and look forward to expanding this. Teresa stated that there is also youth CIT training in dealing with youth.

Bridges Substance Abuse Treatment Program-Pat Coughlin, COO, Bridges of Iowa

(Tom Jackowski, CEO, Bridges of Iowa was unable to attend)

Bridges of Iowa is an in-house substance abuse treatment program in the west wing of the Polk County Jail. They receive referrals from a number of different sources, i.e., Employee and Family Resources, County Attorney, Public Defender, etc. Currently they have no waiting list, however, there are people having to wait to get treatment because of due process; i.e., awaiting a hearing or sentencing. Some of the problem is that the parties involved are not in agreement as to what direction should be taken, and there have been legislative budget cuts. Gary Sherzan stated that a plan needs to be made as to how to work thru the process and get people into treatment more quickly. McCarthy stated that there may be some system things that can be addressed. You know there were delays before Bridges came. Gary's approach is the right answer and sounds like everyone is willing to look at it. Bridges had an open house the other night. Chief Phillips and Captain Knight and I went through and it was very impressive. You don't realize how it reaches out in the community. I was impressed with the seriousness with how they approached it. Supervisor Connolly stated that it is still the west wing of the jail, a place for them to go to for help with great outcomes and recidivism. I hope the treatment works and that we get a process in place for people to keep them out of jail and into the treatment center. Supervisor Hockensmith stated that he was impressed with follow up and after care which is very important.

Open Discussion

Marilyn Lantz stated that the state may or may not come out on children's mental health redesign.

Sally stated that they did a review of outcomes based on risk and charge type and has a residential study that she would like to share at the next CJCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.