

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)**  
**December 3, 2009**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**Hy-Vee Hall**

CJCC Members Present: John Sarcone, Angela Connolly, Bill McCarthy, Judge Gamble, Tom Hockensmith, Valorie Wilson

CJCC Members Absent: Sally Kreamer

Others present: Neil Wheeler, Major Donna Brooks, Candy Morgan, Jeff Riese, Ann Sheeley, Sue Elliott, E.J. Giovannetti, Robert Brownell, Lynn Ferrell, Ron Olson, Jan Sears, Dillon Kraft, Kim Brangoccio, John F. Mauro

Approval of the October 22' 2009 minutes

Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Sarcone to approve the minutes as presented.

In-Jail Treatment Program – Kim Brangoccio, United Community Services

Kim presented information (handout) on the in-jail treatment program. This program was slated to close December 1<sup>st</sup>. There were federal funds earmarked for the men's portion of the program so that will continue. However, the women's treatment program (pod) will close as soon as those currently in treatment finish. They will then be in six months out-patient treatment. They will have to pay some money as there is no funding for this. The handout shows numbers, cost and funds for the program. There are only enough funds to serve the men right now (more men in a pod than women that receive treatment). This program has a high success rate compared to other programs. Sheriff mentioned that the west wing of the jail would help with this in the future.

I-Leads Committee Update – Jan Sears, Sheriff's Office (handout)

Jan presented a powerpoint presentation on various reports and statistics for the jail. They will present new reports each month to share with CJCC:

-Inmate population, parole violation, probation violation, in-custody inmate judicial status, weekly jail status reports

Angela asked about inmates in alternative programs that are in the Sheriff's custody. Major Brooks reported that those with electronic monitoring are who the Sheriff is responsible for. All others would be those on probation and parole outside of the jail (drug treatment, intensive pre-trial, etc).

Citation releases: the figures are average; there is strict criteria that is used to determine who gets out (approved or disapproved). Those guidelines have worked for the last 8-9 years. If police officers are doing their job on the streets, the citation releases are low and everyone is doing a good job right now. Angela asked if the Sheriff or judge could send a letter to jurisdictions to make sure the criteria is being followed, to remind them. Judge Moisan has done this. Sheriff McCarthy stated that he will mention it at the next Chief of Police meeting. The Sheriff said there could be some changes made after the first of the year. Supervisor Hockensmith asked about the percent of citation release is it 5 – 7%? Jan Sears stated that that was correct. Judge Gamble stated that some receive citation on the street and never come to jail. Supervisor Hockensmith asked if only those cited are minor charges

such as DUI? Donna Brooks stated that alcohol charges are released to a sober adult if possible. Judge Gamble stated that the municipalities were not on list that were sent copies of the administrative order to but will do so.

Federal inmate numbers have stayed the same since the new facility opened. Val asked about ICE and how long everyone is held and then taken out of jail. Major Brooks said there will be video conferencing installed so this helps with getting them out sooner. Supervisor Hockensmith asked about the federal population numbers if they have increased over the last six months. Jan Sears stated that the federal numbers are down over a year ago. US Marshal numbers are down and ICE is up. John Sarcone asked if the ICE numbers include people with State charges. Jan stated no, only individual they are financially responsible for. This report will be updated on a weekly basis and posted on our website.

Sheriff made a comment about excessive overtime due to training staff. Judge Gamble asked for court closing dates to be monitored and let him know how this is affecting the jail.

Jan discussed items they are working on as they move forward: institutionalize quality control function, address outstanding work products (disaster plan, database backup, forms control and phone automation), expand the report library for Sheriff operations, put together a team to address mental health issues (diagnosis, average length of stay and diversion participation), data sharing with criminal justice community partners and analysis of housing funds generated. We will bring reports to CJCC on a monthly basis.

Angela noted that Captain Donna Brooks has been promoted to Major.

#### Self Arrest program – Major Donna Brooks

This program is on hold until the State impact of furloughs is seen. We are brainstorming how to conduct the program online and looking at different avenues for a reduction in manpower hours.

#### South Dakota 24/7 Sobriety Project – Angela Connolly (handout)

South Dakota has received legislation to implement this program (see handout). It is in every county in South Dakota. A representative will come, free of charge, to give CJCC a presentation if we want one. Angela suggested CJCC review material and talk about it at next month's meeting.

#### Open Discussion

Kim Chase, with Citadel Broadcasting, wants to do a radio show in January about pre-trial release. Maybe Sally would be interested in this. Neil will check with her.

Judge Gamble (Administrative Order handout) mentioned that on days the court is closed due to furloughs, there would be no jail court. He is sensitive to the impact this will have on the jail. Budget cuts in the Clerk of Court's Office were 12% of their workforce. There will be a period of adjustment to see how we deal with this. Every department was cut by 12% except Juvenile Court which was cut by 9%. The judicial branch took a cut of 7.1%. The judicial branch is 95% personnel. Supervisor Connolly stated that this is why CJCC will be more important as we move forward.

Val Wilson asked about an article she read in the paper regarding discussion about opening another wing in the jail. Is this something that CJCC should discuss? Sheriff said no. The fourth wing has different size holding capabilities but there is currently no staff to open it. The Board of Supervisors is willing to talk should we cross the threshold. This is one of the packages to be considered this budget cycle. Nationally, we are in a period of time with a lower crime rate. We are three to four years away from that curve coming back. He said there is no justification yet, but talks will continue.

Supervisor Hockensmith stated that another piece the last few presentations have been confusion regarding federal prisoners cost and what is the right number.

John mentioned our number of inmates is below the national average for the population of our community. We do a great job of keeping the numbers down. Supervisor Hockensmith stated that we would need to look at cutting in other departments in order to be able to open an additional wing at the jail.

Sheriff mentioned that he would like more flexibility to move more inmates out of the jail with the bracelet. He needs to talk to the legislature about that.

CJCC wished Neil Wheeler good luck on his retirement after 40 years of service.

Next meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., January 7, 2009.