

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

February 10, 2011

8:00 a.m.

Convention Complex

CJCC Members Present (10): Bill McCarthy, Sally Kreamer, Judge Gamble, John Sarcone, Valorie Wilson, Tom Hockensmith, John F. Mauro, Judy Bradshaw, Marilyn Lantz, Gary Mikulec

Others present: Tim Krum, Doug Phillips, Sue Elliott, Angela Connolly, Jan Sears, Dillon Kraft, Nancy Robinson, E.J. Giovannetti, Linda Brandies, Harry Teel.

John welcomed new CJCC members Chief Judy Bradshaw, Des Moines Police Department; Marilyn Lantz, Chief Juvenile Court Officer; and Chief Gary Mikulec, Ankeny Police Department representing suburban Police Chiefs

- I. Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Sarcone to approve the January 13, 2011 minutes.

- II. I-Leads Committee Update – Jan Sears (powerpoint/handout)
 - Jan gave an explanation of the statistics they provide to CJCC each month regarding the jail
 - Inmate population 927 in jail as of Tuesday, 973 in custody (some are off site receiving treatment), 126 females, 801 males
 - We still have one housing unit closed
 - We've had consistent numbers on the weekly jail status report lately
 - Went over the breakdown of U.S. Marshal's Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Federal Bureau of Prisoner's numbers
 - ICE, Federal Bureau of Prisons inmates, are at slightly over the 200 mark. We are staying within 200. The increase in ICE doesn't cause concern as they are taking US Marshal space.
 - The data on mental health issues for men and women is running steady. Those individuals reporting showed no real increase or decrease
 - Most common diagnosis for men and women is depression. Some have substance abuse issues and usually have other charges (i.e. misdemeanors)
 - About 70% have never been in the mental health system. All these are self-reporting. Sally mentioned those numbers are not matching up with her numbers. They are aware of this and are checking databases everyday
 - We are down to 1-2 people waiting for other facilities. Oakdale numbers used to be a lot higher. Captain Krum works very well with the staff at Oakdale.
 - Historical data has been added to statistics (i.e. bookings, releases)
 - Booked inmates who are homeless is a new statistic. This is also self-reported. 792 people of 1,705 were homeless. Supervisor Connolly asked how many out of 792 were repeats? Jan stated that they are looking for recidivism rate for this population group and looking at charges and how long they are staying with us. The number one item is drunkenness that is the highest group. Our system only allows us to pull the highest level charge. That is the way the system is designed. A lot

are family, nonviolent offenses. Very few are high end charges for the population group. It is mostly vagrancy, public intoxication, some for ICE detainees or transient population that ICE is looking for. We are just scratching the surface and asking more questions. We will be able to provide to HCC and identify a base for them.

- They are working with the City of DSM on charge codes (Uniform Crime Report) Judge Gamble asked how that works with the ISIS Court system. They aren't sure yet.
- Moving forward with the expansion of the PCSO library, mental health focus, data sharing with other criminal justice community partners, special needs inmates and the integration of medical statistics and demographic information
- The Sheriff and Polk County Health Services are communicating and working on getting their systems to work together
- Sheriff McCarthy stated that we are night and day from where we were two years ago. As we continue to re-mine this process, it will be usable across the social spectrum from shelters to workforce. He can't be happier with the direction we have been going.

III. Moved by Hockensmith, Seconded by Kreamer to approve the by-laws as amended to reflect the addition of three new CJCC board positions.

IV & V. CJCC Coordinator Position and Community Conversation with Eli Lilly

Tom gave background information for new members as to how CJCC was formed (i.e. program similar to Hillsboro). We are now starting to expand our board (i.e. adding three new members) and now is the time to starting working on having a paid position for CJCC. John Mauro feels we've come a long way and we need someone to direct us. There was discussion about full-time or part-time, funding, job specifications, etc. Angela mentioned Eli Lilly Group could help with that. Possibly start there with a facilitator. Supervisor Connolly stated that this folds right in to the community conversation with Eli Lilly. They will give us technical assistance. They have three or four areas that they work on and criminal justice is one of them. They said that we are far ahead because of the CJCC and the mobile crisis unit. We want to get legislation to change laws to allow something similar to the San Antonio Restoration Center.

Valorie agrees and asks what is the next level and who would that person work for, who interviews, hires, pays salary, etc. Sheriff mentioned we will need to work differently in the jail, mental health, etc. We need someone to help us move in a new direction with less money, legislation, etc. Sally agrees with a facilitator coming in. She said maybe the next level is something that hasn't even been done yet. There are several grants available that we could apply for. Chief Bradshaw stated that she feels the next level is something that the new staff person coming in could see and not be biased. This person can offer the coordination. The rules have changed there is no state or federal dollars that there have been there in the past. We are going to have to do things smarter. The way that you do that is by partnering. The rules are changing and this person can help define what the next level is if you get the right person. This is a work in progress. We hope to make things better by chipping away at each piece that you can to help bring it all together for the group.

Maybe the new person could help define the next level. Sally mentioned the new trend is to move people out of the jail and in to community based corrections. Marilyn Lantz said the juvenile system is similar. She agrees with having someone able to write grants. Judge Gamble said it would be helpful to have a facilitator or a retreat. John Mauro said the County will do their part and probably fund the position. There was discussion on how to measure the success and what the goal would be. Angela will talk with the Eli Lilly group and bring back more information. Supervisor Hockensmith stated that he doesn't know how we structure it so that this person can be independent. At times, this person would have to tell Sally or the Sheriff that they disagree with their position and the committee thinks we need to go this direction, how candid of a discussion would it be if they feel empowered by someone else?

VI. Miami-Dade Trip

Supervisor Mauro stated that trips such as these are where he has the opportunity to educate himself. We are looking at 4/12 – 16 to go to Miami-Dade to view their programs. Let Sue know if you are interested in taking a look at Miami Dade Criminal Justice System.

VII. Open Discussion

Judge Gamble mentioned the District Associate Court is looking at jury management issues. The court facilities study is looking at future needs for the courts and he is interested in operational recommendations, especially with bringing in juries. As part of the facility study to use court facilities, NCSC will be providing a jury consultant to review our jury management system and give recommendations for improvement. They will try and envision future needs and what we need for facilities and jury lounges.

Sheriff congratulated John Sarcone's office on the conviction of the recent rape/murder case.

Tom said he would like CJCC kept updated on the OPN recommendations of the Courthouse Plans (i.e. have them present information to CJCC at a future meeting).

Sally said Ft. Des Moines has served 400 more people this year than last; success rate is up 3%. She would like to present information on the sex offender lifetime supervision program at a future meeting.

Angela asked if there was anything legislatively coming up that would affect us.

Sally said all offenders have to have an evaluation before sentenced. Who will pay for this?

Sheriff McCarthy stated that one good thing that came out of the Adam Walsh Law is that the US Marshals took ownership and provided extra resources to Polk County law enforcement. We want to invite someone from the Marshal Service to the next meeting.

Marilyn stated one of the cuts to the state training schools has resulted in a waiting list for the girls training school in Toledo.

John Sarcone mentioned the gun legislation issue could have an impact on several offices, businesses, etc. With the gun legislation, the Sheriff is inundated with permit requests. If changes in the law are made, it will drastically change how we operate. Placing signs that state no guns allowed. I don't want to be in a grocery store with someone with a gun and see a crime occurring and that could be one of the innocent, bizarre things under the law.

McCarthy stated that they have trustees serve food that they rely on and the Iowa Civil Rights Commission opens up work comp claims.

VIII. Next meeting 8 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Hy-Vee Hall.