

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)

April 28, 2011

8:00 a.m.

Hy-Vee Hall

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

CJCC Member Absent: Judy Bradshaw

Others Present: Sue Elliott, Ami Anderson, Michael O'Meara, Tim Krum, Jan Sears, Dillon Kraft, Doug Phillips, Lynn Ferrell, Nancy Robinson, Linda Ford, Anne Sheeley, Angela Connolly, E.J. Giovannetti, Kira Bankson, Rox Laird

- I. Moved by Sarcone, Seconded by Mikulec to approve the March 31, 2011 minutes.

- II. I-Leads Committee Update – Jan Sears (powerpoint/handout)
 - Inmate population as of 4/25: there are 865 in custody at the facility.
 - They are seeing Federal numbers go back down, local numbers are steady
 - One housing unit (pod) is still closed.
 - Parole Violations: no big changes month-to-month
 - o All 19 sent to prison
 - o Length of time between booking and hearing is one day
 - Probation numbers are ok, no significant changes.
 - Annual data and first quarter analysis is available now.
 - Weekly stats: no significant changes there either, 873 last week, 866 this week.
 - Federal population = 200+ two months ago, now in the 159 range.
 - We are currently under capacity for beds.
 - Self reporting on mental health issues is the same. Depression continues to be the largest single diagnosis, alcohol/substance abuse is a close second.
 - Working on PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) issues to get more data on that
 - Sheriff works with Veterans Administration for medical issues to start capturing veteran data.
 - As of last week, veterans do not lose their benefits if they go to jail.
 - Awaiting other facilities: there is one individual who has been waiting for Cherokee to open up for 145 days. They are working with mental health diversion on housing/treatment issues for this person.
 - Bookings: new information shows what agencies individuals come from. Des Moines has the largest number of bookings.
 - We will look at bookings on a monthly basis and add this information to the packet.
 - Moving forward: work is being done on general demographic reports (i.e. gender, age, race,

charges, length of stay, arresting agency).

III. Community Conversation with Eli Lilly update – Angela Connolly

- The first Community Conversation is set for May 18th at Hy-Vee Hall
- Suzanne Clifford will be the guest speaker for the first Community Conversation
- The second Community Conversation will feature Leon Evans.
- 20-25 are expected to participate in the retreat, with others able to sit in the audience

Angela Connolly mentioned a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant that is available for jail diversion, \$400,000 each year for three years. She will work with Judge Gamble to put that together.

IV. Open Discussion

Marilyn Lantz mentioned applying for an OJD grant on violence prevention projects (safety in the parks) with three judicial districts. She is working with Midwest Trauma Network to bring in Dr. Robert Macy. Marilyn is looking for evidence based information. There are four sites Des Moines, Omaha, Sioux City and Native American reservations (Winnebago and Omaha Tribes).

Sally Kreamer mentioned PSI legislation having mental health and substance abuse passed says at sentencing could slow things down. The next step is to review and see what changes need to be made. Judge Gamble will work with Sally Kreamer to review the information.

Judge Gamble asked that an agenda be sent out for the Community Conversation.

Tom Hockensmith asked if gang and drug activity was occurring earlier than in past years and if we are prepared at the jail to handle this situation. Sheriff McCarthy stated that they are staffed and fully prepared. Captain Krum stated that the jail numbers are staying constant and we are ready to handle if it happens. Sheriff McCarthy stated that we have an intelligence officer in-house that tracks this activity.

Linda Ford mentioned they had an issue with the electronic medical records data due to a change in vendors and issues with staff transitioning. They currently have an excellent Health Administrator. They are looking at medical care, but costs keep going up, looking at off-site numbers trying to keep the cost down. Medication for inmates is very individualized, but can be done cheaper, possibly with generic prescriptions. There are complaints about medications being changed from a prescription the inmate takes outside of the jail versus once they are in custody. Sheriff McCarthy and Linda Ford said there are several issues that go along with that (responsibility of jail staff, etc.). John Sarcone and Angela Connolly asked about the inmates bringing their own medications into the jail (prescribed by the doctor) and using those. Sheriff McCarthy said that solution could be possible. Judge Gamble mentioned that the question he has is would the jail medical psychologist consult with the doctor that the inmate has to come up with the right drug therapy (if any), instead of automatically switching the inmate to generic. Linda Ford said that this scenario is possible, but the inmate would need to sign a release form to allow Polk County to do that. Sally Kreamer asked if they've checked with DOC in using

their pharmacy, might be able to get a better deal. Sheriff McCarthy said that this is something Polk County would look into. Everyone agreed that the issue needs to be revisited. Linda Ford said that we need to begin scheduling meetings and get people's opinions and bring this discussion back to the CJCC.

Kira Bankson, Clinical Supervisor for EFR, asked about doctor diagnosis at 7% and self diagnosis at 91%. Jan explained they work with the inmate to gather information when they are in custody and work with their doctors if needed. Lynn Ferrell said the first line of intervention is the Mobile Crisis Team, if the officer calls them. They will show up directly to the site, before that person is taken to jail. They also go to the jail if needed. Jail Diversion is much better than it used to be.

Tom Hockensmith suggested that we need to take another look at other CJCC's around the country to see how they are structured and other levels of participation (what organizations are at the table or how they participate).

John Mauro ended the meeting by stating that this was a great conversation and we need to bring it up again. We need to keep talking about it until we get it right.

The next meeting will be the Community Conversation event on May 18 at Hy-Vee Hall, 8:30 a.m. in rooms 7 & 8 followed by a meeting in June to debrief from the Community Conversation event.