

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)**

**October 13, 2016**

**8:00 a.m.**

**VMCCCU-CC**

**CJCC Members Present:** Tom Hockensmith, John Mauro, Sheriff McCarthy, John Sarcone, Alan Tunks, Gary Mikulec, Jerry Evans, Cory Williams, Susie Osby, Judge Gamble.

**CJCC Members Absent:** Valorie Wilson.

**CJCC Coordinator:** Gary Sherzan.

**Others Present:** Mark Wandro, Sarah Boese, Frank Marasco, Nick Lemmo, Christopher Patterson, Mark Phillips, Tom Jackowski, Clifford A. Leonard, Chuck Wadle, Annie Uetz, Mike Vasquez, Dee Martin, Bob Glass, James Cornick, Jan Landy, Jennifer Drew, Jeff Scott, Roger Kuhle, Anne Sheeley.

**Approval of the August 4, 2016, Minutes:**

Moved by McCarthy, Seconded by Sarcone to approve the August 4, 2016, meeting minutes.

**I-Leads Committee Update – Frank Marasco, Polk County Sheriff’s Office (handout)**

**In-Facility Population** – As of Monday, October 10, the inmate population is at 976; 15% of those are Federal inmates.

**Average Daily Population (ADP)** – For September, the ADP was at 934, which is higher than previous years; the ADP for August was also high, but they are maintaining a lower than average ADP for the year. Frank contributes this to increased efficiency in the system, and a critical component of that is Sunday Jail Court. There will actually be more bookings and releases of individuals this year than last.

**Jail Diversion, Crisis Observation Center Update – Annie Uetz, Polk County Health Services (handout)**

As of July, Eyerly Ball is no longer providing services at the Crisis Stabilization Center (CSC), the Crisis Observation Center (COC), or the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT). Broadlawns took over the contracts for these services in August, with the COC being closed from 8/1-8/8 to provide staff training. Annie introduced Broadlawns staff present today-- Jeff Scott, the new Crisis Manager, Janice Landy, M.D.- Psychiatrist, and Jennifer Drew, Pre-Petition screener.

Annie has been meeting with Judy Bradshaw of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, and as part of the Data Driven Justice Initiative’s best practices, three days of Critical Intervention Training (CIT) will be added to the academy schedule. They hope to have that in place for the class starting in April, otherwise it will begin with the August class.

Jeff Scott relayed information on the COC and the MCRT—Broadlawns took over on 8/1 and reopened the COC on 8/8, which is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The MCRT operates from 8:00 a.m. to midnight 7 days a week. Both programs have been very busy. Jennifer Drew has been hired as Pre-Petition Screener, Broadlawns new program, and Dr. Jan Landy is here to discuss that.

Dr. Landy envisions Jennifer’s role as Pre-Petition Screener will be to assist families and other loved ones that have an individual in mental health crisis. After an evaluation, she will identify alternative resources to keep the person in the community and avoid an unnecessary hospitalization. Often times, people are unsure how to intervene except by court ordered treatment. A good relationship with the courts is necessary.

Tom Hockensmith asked if any new numbers were available for the COC since Broadlawns took it over? The numbers are slightly skewed for August because the Center was closed for several days for some physical changes to the space, and to provide training and orientation for new hires, and for some of the staff from Eyerly Ball that stayed on at the Center. Annie Uetz added that the numbers for June and July are included in the report distributed at today's meeting.

**Pretrial Release – Teri Sommerlot, Fifth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services (handout)**

For the month of September, there were 277 individuals in the lowest level of supervision for 1-30 days, saving a possible 6,326 jail bed days if they had remained in jail. There were 80 individuals in the highest level of supervision for 1-30 days, saving a possible 1,846 jail bed days. There were 23 revocations.

Teri thanked Jerry Evans for suggesting and allowing her to attend the annual National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies (NAPSA) Conference in September. A huge emphasis was put on Pretrial Justice Reform, and Teri hopes she'll soon be able to share some of that valuable information and put it into action.

Asked to give an update on the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), Teri recalled the site visit in July from Justice System Partners (JSP) to evaluate if we could use the assessment, and if they would help implement it if we are granted use. There has been no further contact from JSP, but two researchers from Harvard have been hired to study the effectiveness of the PSA, and they have had two conference calls with them, the second as recent as yesterday. With that, the assumption is that Polk County is still in the running. Tom Hockensmith asked if we are competing with someone else? Teri doesn't believe we are competing, but rather trying to determine if we are a suitable site. All of our systems are not 'married', so we need to look at several different systems that can be made to communicate with each other, so the PSA can be scored, and alongside that, the researchers can collect the data they need. Tom stated that at one time there was talk about pilot programs, and then going statewide. Teri replied that it is still being considered statewide, with possible pilot programs in Polk County and Scott County. Representatives from both were on the conference call yesterday.

**Bridges Substance Abuse Treatment Program and St. Gregory Update**

There are currently 290 clients in the program – 58 women and 232 men. They have the capacity, so new people enter the program usually the same week as they are approved, something Bridges staff work hard for and feel good about. They had 87 referrals in August and 118 in September. The number of people denied entrance to the program due to a history of violent crimes, etc., remains fairly constant.

Wage data shows between 70 & 80 % of clients are meeting goal. They feel the minimum wage increase in Polk County will make a big difference for clients struggling to reach goal. The average wage in the women's program continues to be up by almost 15%. Still continuing is the program where DMACC staffs the training kitchen at one of the Bridges facilities, and then Hy-Vee hires them coming out of that training program at \$15-\$18 per hour.

In December, Bridges will be opening what they are calling a 'Stop Clinic', a medication assisted treatment clinic to help with the opioid crisis nationally and here in Polk County. It will offer a 6-12 month taper treatment program to hopefully reduce relapse and recidivism. The training and employment program will also be coupled with the clinic. Dr. Charles Wadle, R.Ph., with St. Gregory Retreat Centers, is present today to answer any questions specifically about medication assisted treatment.

**Safety and Justice Challenge Grant – Gary Sherzan, CJCC Coordinator (handout)**

As a result of the overwhelming response to The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Safety and Justice Challenge Grant competition, they have partnered with the Urban Institute to host an Innovation Fund Competition. Eligible jurisdictions are those that applied but were not selected to participate in the Safety and Justice Challenge. The purpose of the Innovation Fund is to foster and support innovative ideas from local jurisdictions that are consistent with the goals of MacArthur’s Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) to reduce over-incarceration in America’s jails. Selected applicants will receive grants of up to \$50,000.00 to support a 15-month implementation process, a package of tailored support including technical assistance, peer learning, etc.

Gary is interested in how we can better coordinate pretrial release – i.e., how do we score those individuals that we want to release – and generally better perform those services. Every other month Gary meets with Crisis Services, Polk County Health Services, and the Polk County Sheriff’s Office (Gary added that anyone is invited to join in those meetings). At the last meeting, he asked for and received a list of ‘frequent fliers’ – 21 individuals that have been booked into the Polk County Jail 10+ times over the last 18 months – including dates and charges. All names have been blacked out, but where applicable, the list shows if the person was ‘Homeless’; ‘Veteran With Benefits’; ‘Veteran – No Benefits – Homeless’. Of the 21 individuals listed, 14 of them fell under one of those three categories. The information will be looked at and discussed with Health Services, Crisis Services, Pretrial Release, Jail Diversion, Child Protective Services, etc. to see what might be done in such cases.

Jerry Evans commented that, when looking over the list, he noticed a number of different organizations and agencies were involved with a number of the individuals/bookings, and it’s important to bring those agencies together to see what can be done to improve the outcomes.

**Open Discussion** – None.

**Next Meeting** – TBD.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 a.m.