

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC)
May 24, 2018
8:00 a.m.
VMCCCU-CC

CJCC Members Present: Angela Connolly, Tom Hockensmith, John Sarcone, Jerry Evans, Susie Osby, Chad Jensen, Sean Marvin, Cory Williams

CJCC Members Absent: Arthur Gamble, Bill McCarthy, Dana Wingert, Valorie Wilson

CJCC Coordinator: Gary Sherzan

Others Present: Teri Sommerlot, Annie Uetz, Tom Jackowski, Tony Leys, Colleen Christopherson, Jacob Lederman, Clifford Leonard, Dillon Kraft, Greg Bellville, Pat Coughlin, Teresa Bomhoff, Jered Headrick, Christopher Patterson, James Cornick, Arnold Woods, Colleen Christopherson, Anne Sheeley, Bob Glass, Danny Moon, Brandon Cole, Sara Glenn, Jamie Buel, Marcia Reeler

Approval of March 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the March 15, 2018 CJCC meeting minutes.

Jail Report (handout) – No report.

Pretrial Release- Teri Sommerlot, Fifth Judicial District, Dept of Correctional Svcs (handout)

From January thru April 2018, 2,759 PSA's were completed; of that number, 1,434 were presented to the Court. The average seen each day is increasing with the number people coming in, now averaging about 42 people a day, there is an increase in the number of people coming in. Judicial decision compared to PSA recommendation – judicial system agreed with recommendation about 30% of the time. Overall the court is approving some level of pretrial supervision in about 52% of the cases when a PSA is provided. Pretrial revocations by type (pretrial failure, did not make it through the pretrial period) - These statistics should really not be done until everyone completes the program, but from January thru March 2018, 78 defendants who were released on some level on pre-trial monitoring using the PSA who were not successful due to failure to appear, a new offense, new violent offense or technical violation. Josh Lederman, Davenport, Iowa asked if every offense results in revocation. There is an automatic revocation when there is a new charge in the system and they are out on pretrial supervision. Supervisor Hockensmith asked if someone is arrested, can bond be paid and person be released before initial appearance. Most of the time, yes (depending on charges). When they bond out, before initial appearance, is there supervision (follow up, UA's, home visits)? If they have money and bond out, there is zero supervision. Distribution of supervision levels - they continue to operate traditional pretrial release programs (PTR-Pretrial Release, RWS-Release with Services, IPTR-Intensive Pretrial Release programs) and approximately 36% of those on pretrial supervisor are in one of those groups. As of May 2018, there were 514 defendants actively supervised by pretrial services.

Supervisor Connolly spoke about a conversation with Judge Moisan about her concern with PSA doing enough for substance and mental health cases. We did not ask initially about those issues due to privacy issues (HIPAA). Teri explained the PSA did not consider those issues, but there is more detail after they see the judge. Lots of data was reviewed and nine factors were used to create the PSA. Public Safety Assessment Risk Profile (handout) goes to the judge each morning. They wanted more info in this profile, but some of the info is

confidential and this form is filed as a public document so this information is just not listed. In addition, there are time constraints in getting these ready each morning for court. However, they still work with Jail Diversion Program and they are contacted daily. Jail Diversion staff (Tim Krum) is aware of mental health and substance abuse issues and feels these are being addressed. Needs are being addressed with clients to get them what they need. Josh Lederman asked about these issues being addressed in an organized fashion versus the old way when they did pretrial interviews before. Teri said this way still allows all pieces of information get to the judge before 8:30 each morning. Gary Sherzan stated if not for the PSA, we would have had up to 1,100 people in the jail last week.

Crisis Observation Center

Supervisor Connolly said there was an open house yesterday at Broadlawns of the remodeled Crisis Observation Center (COC). It is open 9AM – 7PM and people can walk in anytime without appointment, get their meds, receive support, see a professional, and take a break.

Jail Diversion - Annie Uetz, Polk County Health Services (handout)

Annie updated CJCC that we were not chosen for the Safety and Justice Challenge grant.

Since January, Mobile Crisis Staff and Sgt. Rullman have been doing in-service trainings for six different police departments, twenty-seven in-service trainings. Handouts – laminated cards were made and handed out to police, fire and Fifth Judicial, Mercy Hospital ER that has information on assistance for individuals (take to ER or COC) and information on resources available. These have been well received. Mobile crisis calls for service have increased from 200 to 255 a month. COC police drop offs have increased from three per month to 14 per month on average. Laminated cards distributed today with various information to get the word out on all services available.

Bridges Substance Abuse Treatment Program Update – Tom Jackowski, JD, CEO, Bridges of Iowa

Bridges received 2017 annual summary of statistics, record year for graduations. Residential 60-day completion rate rose 59% to 70%. Numbers most consistent with public safety are sobriety rates. Completion rate numbers are used to determine start and complete program. Rate used most consistently with the year long program is 60 days. Number of graduates was a record number 128, individuals that started and 365 days later, graduated the program. The sobriety rates of those individuals was 90%. That is five times the national average. Rate of relapse fell 16% to 9% and recidivism hovered at 9%. Diversion treatment services over long term clearly work. Funding continues to lag behind need. Became a fully credentialed Medicaid program in June, signed contract with AmeriGroup in April, nine months later. Just now beginning to receive, after one year, reimbursements from one of the MCO's. Working at strategies to address these issues. Because of that, numbers at the jail and at all levels of the program have fallen from over 300 in 2016 down to 72 today. However, good news is thru first quarter they admitted 30 individuals to program and thru today (May), additional 21 admitted and hope to continue at ten a month until numbers back up. Grants are being filed and contact is being made with key stakeholders at state and local levels with information that these programs work and should be invested in. It is a slow process, but there has been some success. A detailed approach for long-term solution to this will be announced at next CJCC. In addition, through partnership with the P.C. Jail a \$90,000 grant was received (conditional upon 10-day objection period). Tom thanked his staff, Pat Coughlin and Jered Headrick, for their work on this.

Pretrial Risk Assessment Screening - Jerry Evans, Director, 5th District, Dept of Corrections

Jerry mentioned that this year when appropriation bills came out, there was a bill for community correction that included language that would discontinue the PSA. No action as of yet. We need 18 months to collect data to see how this is working (four pilots doing this). If Governor signs bill, what would the strategy be? Going forward we will build a process where defendants have a meaningful initial appearance and judges are given information to make informed decisions. Community stakeholders are working together to improve processes, either way if the PSA is allowed or not. Supervisor Hockensmith asked if the added language would prohibit the use of PSA or prohibit the use of state funding to implement the PSA. The language specifically prohibits the use of the PSA. Audience member asked if there was any rationale provided about not using the PSA. Jerry suggested watching the senate debate online. His opinion was he thought the Legislation felt they were not involved in the process of implementing the PSA based on the discussions during the debate. There was discussion of allowing pilots to complete the process, several amendments were presented and none of them were passed. Supervisor Hockensmith said Department of Corrections (state agency) had the lead on the pilot projects and asked why they were not involved in this process. Jerry mentioned that there was already Code language in place that addressed the ability to use a risk instrument for pretrial. The language in Code said the court SHALL consider substance abuse, etc and the change wanted was to change the word SHALL to MAY consider these factors. The hope is the Governor line items this. Governor has thirty days after receipt of the bill to act on it. Letters of support have been written requesting the pilots continue using the PSA and gather data. If Governor does not act within 30 days, it automatically goes into effect that they cannot use the PSA.

Second Chance Act Solicitation for Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Grant Program (handout) – Gary Sherzan

A jail discharge grant is available, but timeframe is limited and must be submitted by early June. Time constraints might be an issue.

Public Comments

Teresa Bomhoff, NAMI, has wallet size cards that they hand out to various groups with crisis information, suicide prevention and a compassionate communication card.

Colleen Christopherson, EFR, said EFR offers extended outpatient services at the downtown office on a sliding fee scale if no Medicaid, no waiting list.

The Sheriff's Office (Jail) just went through the American Correctional Association 2-day audit and scored 100% in all areas.

Supervisor Connolly acknowledged the great article written by Tony Leys, DSM Register, about the Sheriff's Office deputies that go out and handle the mental health commitments with the public, and what a great job they do.

Audience member asked if the contractual goal for the PSA by the State being met? There is no contractual obligation to follow 80% of the time, no requirement to use it. The court is encouraged to follow the recommendations made.

An announcement will be sent out with the date of the next CJCC meeting.

Adjourned 8:50 a.m.