

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

NOTES

DATE 4/28/16

ATTENDEES	<p><u>Voting Members</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge James Fleetwood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Jennifer Jones <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Jeffrey Goering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheriff Jeff Easter <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Gordon Ramsay <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Attorney Marc Bennett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Richard Ranzau <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dave Unruh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Cook <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Council Member Lavonta Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Dickgrafe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Scholes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Stonehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Rudy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marv Duncan <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant SCAC</p> <p><u>Ex Officio Members and Others in Attendance</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Swegle* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Struble* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Scheck* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Villalovos* <input type="checkbox"/> Undersheriff Brenda Dietzman* <input type="checkbox"/> Jama Mitchell* <input type="checkbox"/> Capt. Scott Heimerman* <input type="checkbox"/> Judge William Woolley* <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Ben Burgess <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Powell <input type="checkbox"/> Renfeng Ma <input type="checkbox"/> Clay Germany <input type="checkbox"/> Timothy Rohrig <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Bowman <input type="checkbox"/> Wes Ellington <input type="checkbox"/> Roger Taylor <input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Wilson <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Owens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Bradley <input type="checkbox"/> Russ Pataky <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Dean <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Baysinger <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Tipton <input type="checkbox"/> Ellen House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Anderson <input type="checkbox"/> Walt Chappell <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Soliday <input type="checkbox"/> Devin Walt * Voting designee</p>	
LOCATION	Detention Facility, 2nd Floor Training Room	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	COMPLETION DATE
None		

Discussion

Public Safety Director Marvin Duncan called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 24, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
2. New Business
 - a. Population Report
 - i. Mr. Marv Duncan mentions that booking hours keeps moving up. The trend has been going up. Sheriff Easter says they hadn't seen numbers like this in a long time. Violent crimes were significantly contributing. Hopefully April numbers will level back out.
 - b. Legislative Discussion
 - i. Mr. Stonehouse noted that SB 367 passed. Mr. Duncan said that Mr. Stonehouse will be further studying that.
 - ii. Ms. Marilyn Cook notes that it would cost more than \$72,000 to train one team for a new piece of legislation. There was indication that there would only be a few of these providers. Mr. Stonehouse notes that EmberHope would be the only one in this community. DA Bennett notes that the rural areas would not be able to do this. Judge Fleetwood said that this would not be able to be implemented for 90% of the state. Ms. Cook says there is a concern from schools on how to deal with children with behavioral issues. Judge Fleetwood says there will also be a big change in the adult side at some point in the next few years. Judge Fleetwood says there's not a lot specific to the courts;



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however, changes in pre-case may cause some increases in jail population. For the Sheriff, the Dupree trial is going to be the biggest problem because there are going to be so many trials. There's also some issues with possibly bringing people from surrounding jails back to Sedgwick County for trial; however, it's primarily with last minute things rather than scheduled trial. DA Bennett said that it's something that's going to have to be worked through.

3. Old Business

- a. Sheriff Easter asks Ms. Cook to update where the 501©(3) is heading. Ms. Cook says that Mr. Jason Van Sickle came to COMCARE and offered to take the lead of this nonprofit. The nonprofit would be a public-private partnership. People from the public side and from the business community would be part of the board. In the near future, they will be reporting back to the BOCC. There have been six people agree to be on the board of directors. They've already started to work with Nonprofit Solutions, a company that provides back office support, to get an update on costs and what it would take to make this possible. When all of this is a little more firmed up, she'll be back to talk to the BOCC. She has been getting calls about donating once the nonprofit is incorporated. DA Bennett says the real opportunity is with the Crisis Center. He says he is optimistic that there is a real opportunity for this. Ms. Cook said that KDADS has given COMCARE another \$100,000. Renovations are nearing completion at 635 N. Main. There has already been a reduction by 50% of people going to the state hospital. Judge Fleetwood says that for now people are coping with how things are. Ms. Cook says that we are fortunate to have Via Christi.
- b. Sheriff Easter says that they're getting close to moving into the Child Advocacy Center. They should start moving in in May and fully operational in June. DA Bennett says it is for juveniles that have been victims of sex crimes. Sheriff Easter says ICAC will also be located there.

4. Other Business

- a. Next meeting: May 26, 10:00 – 11:30, Detention Facility
- b. Judge Fleetwood says there is a change in documentation. There are orders that will not have a judge's signature on it, but will have an additional page attached that will indicate a judge's approval.

5. Public Comment

- a. Ms. Janice Bradley says there is a new CJCC in Lawrence. That CJCC wants to look at why there is such a large percentage of African-Americans. Sheriff Easter says that he doesn't look at race, but if people want that, then he is fine with sharing that information. Judge Fleetwood says that the fix is not going to be post-arrest, but rather with intervention programs and education. Breaking the cycle is going to require before arrest, but yes, the numbers can be provided. Mr. Bill Anderson says that there is a lot of literature indicating that incarceration is a racist system. He says that Michelle Alexander's book might help inform everyone. DA Bennett says that CJCC may not be able to do anything, but he thinks more information is good. Councilwoman Williams says that maybe she could talk to the NAACP with this information. Sheriff Easter said they would need to look at the actual crime statistics, because those types of things could be looked at. Numbers in jail may not be an adequate picture without the rest of the criminal statistics. DA Bennett says that he's interested in reform, but without money from the State to back it, there isn't a way to really do something. Judge Fleetwood says before the first report, we already know that the booking population of African-Americans will have greater representation than in the general population.
- b. Ms. Bradley says that on slide 13 she was wondering about the big drop on the slide. Judge Jennifer Jones says a new program was implemented at that time. Many people



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cannot afford the program, and then go on to probation oftentimes. There is a set diversion fee for each program. The THC program has lower costs, because the program is less intensive. Other programs are more expensive.

- c. Ms. Cook says that we have not updated the master plan in a long time. Judge Fleetwood said that we probably should update it. Mr. Jason Scheck says the consideration would be whether or not changes in causation of jail population rise have occurred and if there is a change, then maybe there would need to be a change in the master plan in regards to programming.
- d. Mr. Anderson says Chasing the Screen would be a great book to read.
- e. Ms. Cathy Linaweaver says she's a retired warden. She has been volunteering for the Kansas Correctional Association. She would like to give back to this community and she would be volunteering her time to help.

Adjournment