

**Jail & Huber**  
**July 22, 2013**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Tom Reed chair  
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1) **Last two weeks' courthouse disruption.** Tom gave kudos to Sheriff's department for responding to keep jail visits and other processes working as well as possible.

- Tom Reed and Judge Kremers had not heard of any significant problems. Courts tried to reduce HOC to downtown movement. Judge Kremers complimented MSO's Major Burmeister for her personal efforts, cooperation and leadership in keeping the jail and courts operating as well as possible during the crisis.
- Reduction of inmate movement eased the burden on the Sheriff's department. Some nights 150 workers were in the Courthouse.
- Major Burmeister was responsible for taking initiative in having Aramark bring water and ice to courthouse.
- Some departments, e.g. child support, are on reduced hours in courthouse. But all areas are ready to be back in full operation. Some a/c still needs work, but is generally up and running.
- Criminal courts have been back to normal since last week.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance closed indefinitely b/c of WE Energies work in/on/under the street.
- Permanent solution will be rebuilding electric substation in the basement – a 3-4 month project.
- Tom commented on all the people who went above and beyond, cooperating, prioritizing. Some delayed work will have to be taken care of in next few weeks. There was push to make sure releases happen.

- Mike Williams reported that DOC work had only minor disruption and appreciated MSO cooperation to allow DOC to do their work w/ inmates.
- On Friday 151 “holds” in the jail.

**2. Issue: population reports/data.** The usual listserv has not been receiving the Jail/HOC pie charts as of late.

- Tom stressed the need to have correct and accurate information and he will ask Capt. Meverden to provide data.

**3. Report: Court changes.** The Courts are going from 5 to 4 misdemeanor courts and from 3 to 4 felony assault and homicide courts. This is to move more serious (also more jail bed intensive) cases faster.

**4. Status: House of Correction programs.**

- EM has been up to 140, should be going higher.
- AODA has been made universally available (had been DOTS – i.e. men – only).
- Work groups have been re-established.
- Demand for AODA has been low, but Holly believes the lack of awareness/trust of the program has suppressed the interest.
- Mike W. noted that DOC will be having meetings regarding cooperation to allow more DOC inmates/clients to be on EM.

**5. Old Business**

- Kit – still no RFP for plans for a new Huber/DRC facility.
- County Board put money in for study of a HUBER/DRC – but nothing has happened with the money.
- The Huber planning money is the County Board/County Executive ownership – so the question is how best to have them move forward. At present, the allocation of money is for planning only.
- Holly – the money has to be “spent” (encumbered) this year and work can be done in the next year. \$152,00.00 is the amount, per Kit’s recollection.
- Point of history: the planning task was delegated to the Council by the County Board.

- So far, architects showed the ad hoc Council committee models for the planning process that was used in other venues.
- EDBM included projections for the effect of certain changes, including central liaison and deferred prosecution, which may inform how to allocate resources for needs and usage of facilities. One concept is a planned reduction in the number of HOC detainees/prisoners/(correct-ees?). Specific numbers are not known.
- \$152,000 is a modest amount for the task - \$250,000 was original estimate for a plan. Looked like it would be 10 day process.
- Consensus of those present that the Jail and Huber committee supports pushing this forward.
- DRC now still low numbers (20s-30s).
- Between now and August meeting – need to push for action on this.
- DRC will be on the CJC agenda tomorrow.

**6. Update on HOC Programming:** The new programming head at the HOC, Jose Hernandez is making progress with program planning but will need some support.

**7. Update on Re-entry:** Mike W. reminded the group of Milwaukee’s “re-entry network”. He mentioned two centers for re-entry work; MSDF and Center for Self-sufficiency. Others involved include MAWIB, MPD, Sheriff’s Capt. Duckert, DA (Jay Corr) and WCS.

- Goal is to have resources for all releases from prison.
- There is a CJC re-entry committee that is being reinstated. It will interface with the Milwaukee Reentry Network.

**8. Status/Discussion on Facility Population Control.** Topics mentioned:

- ie charts and population data: We need MSO’s cooperation for pie charts and other data for examining the population(s) in the Jail and HOC.
- We need constant flow of accurate data and updated “Scorecard.”
- Process? – We need intentional and committed structure and regularity of analysis.
- Data committee – i.d.’d need for CJIS data. Status?

**Next Meeting – Monday August 19, 2013 – 8am – Courthouse 609.**