

2013.06.17 Jail & Huber Committee

-In attendance: Tom Reed, Nick Sayner, Floyd Mitchell, Jeff Altenburg, Niel Thoreson, Major. Debra Burmeister, Capt. Thomas Meverden, Jeanne Geraci, Kerri McKenzie, Nate Holton

-HOC Update: Still 40 positions down. Started GPS last week with 10 individuals on SCRAM. Hoping to have 100 individuals on some sort of electronic monitoring by the end of the week. The partnership with Hunger Task Force has been set up and "My Father's House" has come in and enrolled 250 inmates. Around 20% of HOC inmates are pretrial – around 300 or so.

HOC is dealing with some people who are failing to report for their jail sentence, likely due to the changeover. "Due Into Reports" should be looked at, person should be prepared at sentencing. This would eliminate a group of people that HOC has to apprehend, which would allow HOC to utilize resources better. Tom will emphasize to the private bar that they should inform their clients of how to report. HOC currently has 3 people in warrant status due to failure to report.

-Jail Updates: The jail is transferring 20-40 people per day to stay under the cap. The jail is keeping those serving sentences who have high medical or MH needs until HOC becomes fully operational (about 10 inmates fit this description).

-Transportation between HOC and Jail: Still tweaking. HOC needs to be notified beforehand to see if a dorm needs to be opened because manpower is short. The number of inmates awaiting their initial appearance who are at the HOC has been minimized. The jail tries to keep anyone who has an appearance quickly coming up.

-Armor Contract: The HOC and the Jail agree that this is going well. Armor provides ample information to HOC and Sheriff regarding patients. Dr. Thomas Gable, the medical director, is doing a good job. Armor keeps appropriate people informed if someone needs to go to a hospital or if something requiring substantial medical costs needs to happen. There is fluid movement of medical services between the jail and HOC.

-Change in bail status required to move inmate: We want to make sure there isn't a hold up in movement due to a delay in changing bail status. Thus far this has not been a significant issue.

-Defense attorney contacting Armor doctors: They should go through the jail or HOC leadership first to talk to the Armor doctors to keep everyone on the same page and to keep security apprised of a potential meeting.

-CIT: The group discussed the effectiveness of drug courts and DPAs and wondered if a mental health version of that could be created. The group was given an update on the work of the CIT committee. The municipal court also has a role to play here as some "chronic consumers" can get jailed for municipal citations. CIT has identified 87 "chronic consumers." Next step is getting the consumers' permission so that names can be shared so that that person is flagged when an agency touches them. There are a variety of administrative challenges for the CIT committee to work through, but that work is progressing.

-DOC Updates: Have come near cap on holds at time but have done well overall. This gets harder in the summer. DOC wants to set up a pre-treatment group at MSDF to prepare guys for post-release programming. Could do this at HOC as well, it puts the inmate at a higher stage of change which increases their likelihood of success. DOC is pushing to add another position to assist Tasha Jenkins and wants to use a CPC program to assess the effectiveness of its programming.

-Legislative: If successful MH-related programs can demonstrate a cost savings, how can we ensure that those cost savings are reinvested in the system? This is an issue for the CJC to take up.

-DRC Population on EM: There are currently 8. HOC looks to the DRC staff to identify good candidates. This also depends on the offense and LSIR score. People with DRC privileges are attending DRC, whether on EM or as escorted by HOC. HOC will have to clarify with DA what the definition of "violent offenses" is to make sure they are on the same page. Also, those with a no contact order against an individual are an issue. DRC is not near capacity, so hopefully the word can get out that more people can attend.

-Next meeting: Monday, July 15th, 2013; 8:00am, Safety Building Room 607 (unless otherwise notified)