

## **Jail and Huber Committee**

**October 21, 2013**

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

Tom Reed, Chair

Jeff Altenberg

Sheldyn Himle

Nate Holton

Pete Koneazny

Kerri McKenzie

Kit McNally

Cpt. Tom Meverden

Eileen O'Connor

Niel Thoreson

Holly Szablewski

#### **1. Report on Pretrial Population/Jail Population (Holly)**

- Pretrial admissions are steady, but for unexplained reasons, the numbers were continuing to rise in the jail.
- Appears to be inflation of pretrial numbers, sometimes “not even remotely close” to what they should be
- One issue is inclusion in reports of non-pretrial people as pretrial
- Holly did one day, 9/12, as a snapshot – 126 counted in the pretrial population should have been in a different category. Some were waiting for sentencing, some for transfer to state prison, some were miscellaneous, such as a municipal hold.
- Holly has spoken with Capt. Meverden and they are working on what was, on 9/12, a 14% error rate.

- The problem appears to be in inaccurate booking classifications.
- Capt. Meverden agrees that numbers are inaccurate
- “1047” forms require prompt entry and their biggest problem is at the initial entry point at booking.
- Capt. Meverden is preparing a flow chart and working with staff to have consistent entry.
- Q as to whether anything has changed in recent years in how the flow and documentation is done. No definitive answer given.
- Combined population of the Jail and HOC is higher than last year
- Today is 950 at Jail, HOC is 1700, including about 170 on E.M.
- 1300 -1400 on supervision, so “TOT” (turn over to \_\_\_) (i.e. awaiting to be put into a program ) is a high number
- Intake numbers have not been up and neither are court numbers.
- Time to disposition numbers is still high on misdemeanors.
- Setting pretrial dates too far out in the future.
- Gym floors have not been used for housing for two weeks.
- Flow between Jail and HOC has been better (compared to Sept and early Oct).
- Defense lawyers have reported that people have delayed release because of lag between court order for release (on CCAP) and paperwork getting to Sheriff’s staff to release. Reported as much as 8 and 10 hour lag.
- Problem times are afternoon court and getting orders after 5.
- Capt. M. says that he has monitored that issue and has not seen recent lag of more than 5 hours
- Holly is working on second and third shift releases, but needs work and there is staffing.
- Q what should goal be? Less than 5 hours seemed to be the target.
- Discussion of the bottlenecks: Sheriff’s staff is hard pressed to get people processed out any faster than they are; but are there issues that could be addressed as to cost, limited staff and not making a priority for purchasing an electronic release system.

- In Madison, court clerks enter the order in real time. We don't have that we rely on hard copy form 1047.
- In LA inmates are released from the courthouse – can we get to that point?
- What would the time/cost savings be for electronic replacement for the “1047” forms. IMSD had an issue w/ the time, resources and money.
- Are there any comparable jurisdictions that have used this system (we have computers in courts but never added this component).
- Next Monday is Data committee meeting. They can take up the question.
- Suggestion that Bailiff could enter time of order, which would generate data to track time from disposition to release.
- Tom mentioned the importance of our evidence based system and emphasized the importance of having current and accurate status of people in custody.

## **2. HOC Report – Kerri McKenzie**

- ES numbers are down a bit
- DRC numbers are increasing
- Dynamic and changing and some questions while budget is in flux

## **3. DOC (Probation and Parole) Report – Niel Thoreson**

- Numbers of DOC prisoners in the Jail are down to 130
- Increased use of electronic monitoring
- Targeting high risk for incarceration
- Dosage-based probation sanctions should be on line in November
- NIC consultants will be in Milwaukee to work on dosage implementation.

## **4. Mental Health and Criminal Justice Issues – Tom Reed**

- CJC has been looking at group of individuals with frequent arrest and detention.
- 288 group of frequent users & 85 of those are the most rapid cycling
- Working on coordinated strategies and front end assessment and triage.
- Spring of 2014 may be changes. BHD consent process to ID people for rapid re-connection program. CIT officers are on lookout for particular people and have connection with case managers.
- CIT officers contact Kent Lovern from DA's office who alert SPD.
- Also can coordinate over non-serious charges and "holds" that impede releases from incarceration.
- Treatment Court model still being explored – worthwhile for a particular low-level offense category.
- High level commitment across agencies involved in this project.
- Armor is hiring case managers to do discharge planning

**Next meeting – Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 8am. Courthouse 609**