

Arapahoe County Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting  
 Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

<b>Committee Members and Visitors Present:</b>	
Ron Carl	County Attorney, Arapahoe County
Kally Enright	Criminal Justice Planning Committee
Doug Gray	Chief Probation Officer
Bill Holen	Commissioner, Arapahoe County
Nancy Jackson	Commissioner, Arapahoe County
James Karbach	Arapahoe County Public Defender's Office
Don Klemme	Director, Community Resources
Louie Perea	Undersheriff, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Amanda Petermann	Sr. Admin Assist., Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Ron Rakowsky	Mayor, Greenwood Village
Jared Rowlison	Captain, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Todd Spanier	Criminal Justice Planning Committee
Kim Verdoorn	Pre-Trial Services Supervisor, Judicial Services
Craig Wagner	Arapahoe County Bar Association
Larry Etheridge	Bureau Chief, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

No public comment

County Attorney Ron Carl, Governance and Communication:

- Nothing new to report, governance committee is pretty much done with what they were tasked with.

No Behavioral Health subcommittee meeting today

Undersheriff Louis Perea, Crime Prevention- nothing to report on behalf of the Sheriff

Community Resource Director Don Klemme, Efficiency of the Justice System

- Last meeting announced request for navigator position for pretrial program. Identified 108 frequent fliers, as many as 8 times in 3 years. Requested via grant (nothing yet) and general budget request. Executive Budget Committee came back as a recommendation for funding.

Commissioner Holen and Mayor Rakowsky – discussing last Sunday, worst day in history for Arapahoe County traffic fatalities with 7 total. Statewide the number is up. Explanation by CDOT is because people are driving more. Mayor disagrees and opens the discussion up to Undersheriff, Chief Etheridge and Captain Rowlison for their perspective. Undersheriff says that obviously speed kills; a lot of distracted driving, multi-tasking while driving; teen driving... October 16-22 is teen driving safety week... making an impact but we need to continue to get that message out. Captain Rowlison, the three E's – education, engineering, enforcement; throughout the year we do programs; engineering is a focus of traffic safety unit on a regular basis with the city, county and CDOT; enforcement through campaigns and daily directed enforcement; always evolving. Chief Etheridge- concurs with US and Captain. Biggest issue we have is distracted driving; not so much that people are driving more, but there are just more people here in the area now. Mayor Rakowsky states his feeling is there is less stability in life in general and it transmits to the road; effort between county and sheriff to get some information out there.

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Commissioner Jackson adds that she personally is finding an increase in discourteous drivers who are in a rush to get somewhere without concern of other drivers out on the roadway.

Colorado Judicial Excellence Board winners have been announced... Chief Judge Carlos Samour Jr was honored as the 2015 Judicial Officer of the Year. Also, the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Probation Department's Motivational Interviewing Training Team was honored with the Outstanding Team of the Year award. A testament to the group, we have many past award nominees and winners. Commissioner Holen was honored as award winner of the Stevenson award by the Democratic Party. Congratulations to all!

Chief Judge Carlos Samour Jr, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts

- New officers and this is a transition period; almost half of the District Court bench is 2 years or less
- By May of next year, 5 of the 8 judges will be less than one year; growing pains, but they're good people
- Extended study that the board approved, initial kick-off meeting a week ago
- Issues with the building itself, but at least a plan in place to work going forward

Commissioner Holen addresses Kally and Todd regarding a joining with DougCo and Aurora PD with a separate crime lab. Anticipate by 2018 the BoCC will approve. Will have a much more rapid opportunity to address evidence. Can the research team look at what kinds of improvements we can see in regard to the long wait for evidence reports/examinations/etc.? Totality of cost savings from the improvement in evidence processing. Mayor Rakowsky adds that this would be a high priority; justice delayed is justice denied. Kally – look into accessibility of the data, will be a challenge; establish a baseline; other jurisdictions may have done research?

Undersheriff Louis Perea, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

- Auditors in the medical unit, very positive feedback
- This past Tues was award ceremony, recognized employees and civilians who have gone above and beyond
- October is Bullying awareness month, lots of activity with the SRO's in the schools
- On 10/15 from 9 to 11 am, Coffee with a Cop at May Library
- Drug Take back day 10/22 from 10 to 2 pm, three locations in Arapahoe County: Kaiser at Holly and Arapahoe; Centennial medical plaza; and Smoky Hill Library Biscay circle
- Red Robin tip-a-cop on 10/22 from 11 to 8 pm, Yosemite and Arapahoe Road, part of proceeds and all tips toward special Olympics
- Lobby drug drop box, 30 to 45 lbs a week, still working to expand to other agencies in the county

Captain Jared Rowilson, Arapahoe County Detention Facility

- Medical accreditation audit
- Captain Halaba and Lt. Burson on 24/7; we anticipate accepting people into program November 1<sup>st</sup>; eager to get going.

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- Commissioners and citizens budget committee came and visited the facility; statute the Commissioners need to come by at least once a year; presentation on the current state by Chief Line and Captain Halaba.

Commissioner Jackson adds that this prompted some talk regarding infrastructure issues with the building. The Undersheriff adds that the jail was built in 1986 to house up to 384 inmates and we are currently housing up to and over 1000 a day. We are doing the best we can to work with facilities to come up with a long term solution.

Kally Enright and Todd Spanier, Criminal Justice Planning Coordinators

- Presented a GPS cost and outcome data to en banc enhance panel of judicial officers to keep the court informed about how useful GPS is, the costs, impacts on defendants.
- Community Corrections Board has asked that they facility structured decision making tool for the use of Comm Corr and the facilities to create more consistencies and evidence base on decisions made there.
- Brad Kamby asked to facilitate a focus group exercise with the Colorado Association of the Community Corrections Boards to reinvigorate that organization.
- Business process improvement project for Judicial Services and Comm Corr Board
- In addition, working on behavioral health issues
- Engaged Veteran Services office of the Community Resources Division, try to integrate vet services to serve the criminal justice involved Veteran population, both with and without behavioral health issues.

Chief Judge Samour elaborates on the GPS presentation- some of the Judges are having issues with GPS because people can't afford the cost. This is alternative to jail time, which is ideal, so we would like to get people out. Some circumstances call for GPS monitoring, like pretrial release, and if people can't afford it, there are no funds to pay for this. Wanted to have discussion regarding if a defendant qualified to be on pretrial release but its determined they need GPS monitoring. Discussion was being more judicious regarding the decision to place someone on GPS and not ordering it when it is not applicable. Judge Samour wanted feedback from Judicial Services; if someone is on GPS, but Judicial Services believes they shouldn't be; to communicate this information through some type of report. Judge Samour would like to see more communication with Judicial Services, the Courts and all parties involved so we can get information they may have or feedback. In the end, no real answers regarding funds other than there are no funds currently for those that can't afford it.

Commissioner Holen asks for a number of people that are currently on GPS. Kim Verdoorn advises there are approximately 85 currently. Fee that we charge is \$14 per day, work through vendor. Don Klemme advises that if everyone is paying their fees, there is an opportunity for it to be a self-funded program. Contract with RMOMS was \$10, but the numbers weren't working out so there was an increase. The \$14 covers people paying the fee, but also covers those who aren't paying their fee. It's a dilemma and we do not have the money in our budget to pay to have the GPS hookup. Commissioner Holen suggests looking at other sources for funds. Judge Samour adds that contract with RMOMS will expire this year; idea was that in the next bid for contracts to make it a requirement to do some pro-bono for those as incentive. Commissioner Holen adds that if the funds were available, we would increase the client numbers and thus reducing the cost to support inmates in the jail. In the long run, we would save

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money. James Karbach adds that at \$14 a day it is difficult even for those that are highly motivated to be out on GPS. It's difficult for clients in the job market, struggle with everyday living on top of that cost.

James Karbach, Public Defender's Office

- Doing better in terms of staffing; adjusting to e-discovery and e-file and working out those issues

Kim Verdoorn, Pre-trial Services

- Nothing new to report; no pretrial meeting

Doug Gray, Chief Probation Officer

- October 27<sup>th</sup> open house for probation, 3 to 5 pm
- Probation loves the new offices at Lima; most energy efficient building that the county has; 7<sup>th</sup> location for probation, but no additional staff to cover
- Learning new processes with JPOD, but given the level of complexity it has gone smoothly
- Feedback has been positive from clients, less stressful to come to this building than through the office at the courts
- Success with adults up 2% over this year

Ron Carl asks if there have been troubles with clients getting there. Doug advises not currently; however when the weather gets bad it might be a problem. Looking into getting bus stop moved, currently on Lima and Arapahoe, about ¼ mile walk to the office. Don Klemme advises that RTD does a head count regarding how many people are using that stop; suggests that RTD do another study. Mayor Rakowsky advises there is new RTD rep in that area.

Craig Wagner, Arapahoe County Bar Association

- State of the bar association is good
- October is Denominated professionalism month by Bar Association/Chief Justice, emphasis to that aspect of the practice of law that extends beyond civility in your actions
- Professionalism Dinner on 10/20

Commissioner Holen

- State eligible for \$20 million grant to county health departments to address prescription drug abuse epidemic
- Drug deaths are increasing; Narcan is good weapon in the arsenal; goal is to save lives

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Commissioner Jackson

- Commissioner Jackson is part of Colorado Counties Inc. task force, discussing funding for courthouses and criminal justice system; Mesa and Pueblo brought the issue forward; across the state, counties are having issues with funding, specifically structures like the courthouses or law enforcement buildings; budgets are not adequate, looking at models and resources/strategies. We are not alone in this battle.

Meeting adjourned

**11/4 next meeting**