

Arapahoe County Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting

Friday, May 3rd, 2019

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members and Visitors Present:	
Jeff Baker	Commissioner, Arapahoe County
Ron Carl	County Attorney
Kally Enright	Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator
Laurie Halaba	Captain, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Nancy Jackson	Commissioner, Arapahoe County
James Karchach	Arapahoe County Public Defender's Office
Don Klemme	Director, Community Resources
Amanda Petermann	Sr. Administrative Assistant, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Todd Spanier	Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator
Kim Verdoorn	Pre-Trial Services Supervisor, Judicial Services
Brad Kamby	Division Manager, Judicial Services
Carl Anderson	Administrative Manager, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Andy Baum	District Court Judge, 18 th Judicial District
Matt Maillaro	Assistant District Attorney, 18 th Judicial District
Tyler Brown	Sheriff, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Cheryl Ternes	Director, Arapahoe County Human Services
Vince Line	Bureau Chief, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Mark Nicastle	Undersheriff, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Shaun Clark	District Court Administrator
Craig Wagner	Arapahoe County Bar Association
Cynthia Grant	All Health Network

No public comment

Strategic Planning:

Governance and Communications, Ron Carl:

- Attended the Behavioral Health Subcommittee meeting, discussion about putting together a mission statement or charter-type document. This will be brought before the full committee in the future for full approval.

Behavioral Health, Commissioner Jackson:

- The Behavioral Health Subcommittee met – this group was formed in 2014 and have been meeting continuously since that time; discussion regarding the mission/vision and objectives. To be discussed next meeting.
- Discussed at length the number of Bills in the legislature; very busy, especially involving criminal justice and mental health.

Crime Prevention, Sheriff Brown:

- Completed Drug Take Back Day, three locations; total just under 1,100 pounds of drugs
- Shred-a-thon coming up on May 18th.

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Efficiency of the Justice System, Don Klemme:

- Checked with Aurora Mental Health re: finding detox facility in south Arapahoe/north Douglas; still hopeful they can work with ACRC. If there will be a re-zoning issue, then ACRC will not move forward with the facility. Also working with a realtor to establish alternate location.
- Don & Brad Kamby worked with the County's lobbyist to eliminate a late addition to SB259. That addition would have prohibited Community Corrections Boards from approving or denying the release of DOC inmates to ISP in the community, effectively eliminating local control over such matters. The language was eliminated from the Bill.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Bail reform passed (HB1225); HB1226 died... HB191 will pass, but the 48-hour requirement has been removed.

Operational Updates:

All Health Network, Cynthia Grant:

- All Health Network has the bridges program contract; some tabletop drills were conducted and all went well. Received first two referrals last week.

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Brown:

- Working to fill spots in the upcoming academy classes; 14 to the HRLETA for POST in July and 10 to the Adams County at Flat Rock.

Arapahoe County Detention Facility, Captain Halaba:

- Graduated 12 NCDS from the academy; 9 in the next academy.
- Kudos to Carl and his team for receiving an award, Well Path and ACSO, for the MAT Program. There have been a lot of agencies who have come to us to replicate what we have done. Well done, Carl & team!

Criminal Justice Planning Committee, Todd & Kally:

- Ehlers Group attended ACJCC several months ago to discuss the facilities improvements. Survey results were somewhat shocking. Several points were raised amongst the citizenry of what they thought of the justice system, two issues came to light that we can use to gain support for a new jail/courthouse. Two issues are: officer safety and behavioral health programming, a sub-note to behavioral health was homelessness. Todd & Kally comprised some research on those dimensions to make a case for a new jail. Prison crowding itself does not positively correlate with an increase in inmate on inmate, or inmate on staff, violence; however, crowding in a cell does positively correlate with increased violence. Additionally, there is a connection between overpopulation and inmates who have behavioral health concerns causing violence. What does a physical structure have to do with the behavioral health programming? There isn't technically an overpopulation problem in the jail; but there is a particular type of crowding that has an impact on what the voters care about: behavioral health programming. The structure cannot accommodate space for programming. Analysis done a few years ago showed recidivism rates: people who were identified as having substance abuse disorder recidivated 53% within 5 years... people with a mental health disorder

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recidivated at 46% within 5 years... people who were identified as homeless recidivated at 58% within 5 years... general population recidivated at 40% within 5 years. Comparison with other jurisdictions, to include Larimer County. (On-site visit to Larimer County to be coordinated by Todd and Kally.)

- Continue to provide neutral and informed take on legislative bills for those who inquire; this has allowed Todd & Kally to learn a lot about the state legislature and how it works. Often, it seems that the county-level impact is not always or thoroughly considered when moving forward with bills. Implementation needs to include thought on the fiscal impact to the county and departments. In the last month, those requests for information have increased.
- Also assisting the Communications Department, the Long Range Budget Committee, presented to the Commissioners about the jail construction phases I & II, and the behavioral health program.

Arapahoe County Bar Association, Craig Wagner:

- Lawyers at the Library: more volunteers are attending for expanded services.
- Laptops from Lawyers : nominations from high schools for individuals attending secondary education who are in need. Average has been 10 laptops per year, this year there will be 20 laptops gifted at the meeting in June.

Commissioner Baker:

- Attended metro-area County Commissioner meeting in Boulder; topic "Mental Health Part One". Douglas County and Boulder presented info on their programs, to include RISE and MAT.
- UMFL update: no DNA yet, need to get the equipment in and calibrated, and then accredited.

Commissioner Jackson:

- Arapahoe County Mayor & Commissioner Scholarships: 9 students
- CCJJ to resume after the legislature
- South Metro Fire came regarding jail releases in bad weather (arranging transport), a subcommittee of the BHC was formed and date has been set for first meeting. Chief Line adds that ACDF staff is aware of problems occurring, as mentioned, on several occasions; however, feels the perception of the problem may be greater than the problem actually is. It is important to understand the constant flow of work into and out of the booking center, coupled with new bonding rules and the 4-hour release period, may compound problems.

JUNE 7TH: No ACJCC meeting, but please attend the Recovery Court Graduation – 7325 S. Potomac Street - Courthouse Two, Courtroom 14 – at 12pm

Next Regular Meeting – 07/05/2019