



**Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board
General Membership Minutes for Monday, March 18, 2013**

Welcome & Introductions, Commissioner Garcia called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM. She introduced the newly elected County Commissioner for District 1, Dr. Theresa Daniel, and welcomed her to the meeting. Customary introductions were made by all in attendance.

Membership & Infrastructure:

In Dr. Michael Noyes' absence, Ron Stretcher announced that Dr. Teresa Williams, former Assistant Director of Dallas County's Community Supervision & Corrections Department (CSCD) was recently promoted to Director of Harris County's CSCD. Congratulations went out to Dr. Williams.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the CJAB General Membership meeting held on January 28, 2013 were made a part of the packet. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and approved.

Committee Project Updates:

ACMS Update:

Ron Stretcher reported that the Adult Case Management System (ACMS) project is underway. He acknowledged Peju Aromolaran, with Dallas County's IT Department, who is the senior project manager. Mr. Stretcher stated that the software package has broad functionality, but does not currently have a bond component. A meeting will be scheduled with the local surety companies to address the bail bond reporting issues in ACMS. Craig Morrissey with Dallas County's IT Department gave a brief overview of the background of the ACMS prosecutor module. He explained that the project was developed for the District Attorney's Office through Tech Share to facilitate case management, and automated case filing for law enforcement agencies (LEA's). There will be five major release points prior to the anticipated implementation date of July 1, 2013 and September 1, 2013 for the LEA's. The first release has been received, but there are a couple of areas of concern that need to be addressed. The first is to develop a scanning integration solution and the second is to determine how to store the digital multimedia evidence (DME). Once implemented, there will be the ability for online communications with regard to workflow, status messaging, and disposition reporting. There needs to be some additional discussion around the storage of DME and possibly adding a case number to the finger print submission. These will be items of discussion during the next LEA subcommittee meeting. Mr. Stretcher introduced Tonyeka Drake who is a project analyst who

will be working on the Juvenile Case Management System (JCMS). Ms. Drake will be working closely with the Juvenile Department and Dallas County's IT Department to assist in the enhancement of this Tech Share project.

Courts:

Judge Robert Burns reported that the Dallas Defense Bar has made a request for relief at the security check points into the various court buildings. Judge Rick Magnis added that this same relief is being requested by the court reporters. Judge Burns will work with the Defense Bar to draft a formal request with suggested criteria and protocol.

Fair Defense Committee:

Lynn Richardson, Chief Public Defender, reported that the committee is meeting regularly and is working to draft recommendations to present to CJAB in regard to developing uniform procedures to ensure compliance with Senate Bill 7. She added that there are still some issues being addressed. Duane Steele added that one of the issues being reviewed is the development of a procedure to add an inmate bonding out from a remote jail to AIS. By adding the inmates profile into the system the normal procedure for appointment of counsel can be followed. Mr. Stretcher added that the procedure under article 17.16 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures is also being reviewed to ensure there are no gaps. The issue arises when an individual on bond is rearrested, and the surety company files an affidavit to go off bond (ATGOB), the person is release, and their original case has not been filed by the DA, there is no hold on the original bond.

Public Policy:

Ron Stretcher reported that Major Gary Tittle with Dallas Police Dept. is in Austin, TX attending the Legislative Session and was unable to provide a report. He stated that all of the bills are in and the hearings have begun. He did acknowledge one bill on the floor regarding a surety company being able to get off of a bond on an individual in a pretrial diversion program. He stated that conceptually they are ok with the bill, but there are some concerns with how it is written which he believes will be easy to rectify. Buckley Chappell with Cowboy Bail Bond Company stated that he understands why the bill was written, but it has not been a huge issue for his company.

Jail Population Update:

Ron Stretcher acknowledged the jail population has been below 6,000 for the past two weeks. The current jail population for this date is 5,984. He extended kudos to all that play an integral part in managing the jail population via the courts and jail. Mr. Stretcher directed everyone's attention to page 10 of the packet where he highlighted the Alternative Sentencing program. The total cases being managed at the end of February was 73 and currently 89 cases. He stated that a number of courts have been very supportive of this program, and are starting to utilize it. Recently, the unit supervised several high profile cases, which resulted in significant sentences, but during their lengthy trial period the individuals were supervised and monitored, and did not abscond. He encouraged

the courts to consider this program as an alternative to incarceration pending the disposition of a case.

Justice of the Peace:

Judge Steve Seider reported that the North Texas Toll Authority (NTTA) has some legislation that is worth keeping track of as it may have serious implications for the JP courts. Judge Seider expressed some frustration with the County's IT Department in regard to the new case management system coming online for the JP courts. He stated that the Lead Clerks of the courts are not being given the opportunity to play an active role in the implementation of the system and they are the resident experts on how it should work. Gordon Hikel suggested that this issue be added to the next IT Governance Committee meeting. He stated that there are additional concerns with County Wide Receipting that need to be addressed to adhere to requirements. Standardization of forms is something that will be a part of the software rollout.

Judge Seider expressed some concern with regard to the warrant roundup that was scheduled. He stated that he has received a number of complaints with regard to the Linebarger Law Firm's correspondence. He stated that it is misleading and threatening, and he is asking that there be more accountability as this practice is a reflection on the county as a whole.

Commissioner Garcia asked Stanley Victrum, CIO, Dallas County IT what the timeline for rolling out the JP case management system is. Mr. Victrum's response was that the project was scheduled for 14 months which would make the go-live date around March 2014. He stated that his department is looking into all the aforementioned issues and concerns.

Jurisprudence Ad-Hoc Committee:

Ellyce Lindberg reported that the committee has been meeting to address concerns regarding the Class A, B, and C warrants. The committee has also been meeting with other entities such as the Defense Bar. They are addressing concerns like replacing the copier in the defense attorney's work area on the first floor of the Frank Crowley Courts Building, working on standardizing commonly used court documents to expedite court hearings, and looking at staffing and equipment needs in the Magistrate courts.

Juvenile Justice:

Dr. Terry Smith reported that the Juvenile Department is continuing to work on the processing of certified youth using video arraignment. She also stated that they are working on procedures that will allow them to keep certified youth in juvenile detention even after turning 17 years of age. Dr. Smith reiterated the work being done with JCMS.

Reentry Symposium:

Christina Crain reported that on February 25, 2013 DOORS, along with the City of Dallas, hosted a very successful Reentry Symposium. She stated that the event was well received with over 300 attendees and the facilitators were

outstanding. Thank you to all that attended. In January 2013 DOORS conducted a risk needs training on the LS/CMI Assessment tool. Beginning next week, DOORS will start the first of six workshops on developing a tool box for working with the ex-offender population. Ms. Crain added that the Reentry Roundtable has been working to increase its collaboration with various organizations in Dallas County providing reentry services as well as working with Tarrant County and Cornerstone Ministries to develop a reentry website that will serve as a resource tool for Dallas County. Tarrant County has recently launched their website which will be used as a template. Ms. Crain added that she is very excited about the efforts being made in this area and believes that the public is aware of the importance of reentry services and resources to help this population.

Serial Inebriate Program (SIP):

Mr. Stretcher reported that there are still some issues with housing, but a couple of the participants referred to Turtle Creek Manor are still working the program. There are plans to include the SIP program in Dallas County's 1115 waiver project. It is anticipated that the first clients at the City's Detention Center will be engaged in early July 2013.

Announcements:

Dr. Terry Smith advised that there will be a press conference on Wednesday March 20 to promote the Dallas Peace Center's "Women for Women Against Violence" symposium featuring nationally recognized keynote speaker, Colonel Ann Wright, and a distinguished panel of speakers. The event will be held Friday March 22, 2013 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. at the Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center. Admission is \$10.

Dr. Robert Morris, with University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) announced that the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) program will be having its annual meeting on Wednesday through Saturday March 20th to 23rd. For more information please visit the following website:

<http://www.acjs.org/pubs/uploads/2013ACJSAnnualMeetingProgram.pdf>

Please routinely visit the CJAB Webpage for a schedule of events, agendas, and minutes to the meetings @ <http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/cjab>.

The next CJAB meeting will be May 20, 2013.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 3:55 PM.