



Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board General Membership Minutes for Monday, November 14, 2011

Welcome & Introductions, Commissioner Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM. The Commissioner asked that everyone in attendance introduce themselves.

Membership & Infrastructure, Dr. Michael Noyes

Dr. Noyes shared with the membership that due to health issues, Mr. Charles Terrell, former co-chair of the CJAB Re-Entry subcommittee, has been unable to attend the meetings of late. He explained that as a token of appreciation, and acknowledgement of Mr. Terrell's tireless efforts with CJAB and the Re-Entry subcommittee, a proclamation was composed and will be presented to him by Christina Melton-Crain at the next Safer Dallas Better Dallas meeting. Dr. Noyes read the letter to the body.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Presentation: LEAP, presented by Stanley Victrum and William Brown; Proposed Serial Inebriate Program for the County of Dallas, presented by Dr. Melanie Lippmann. Commissioner Garcia introduced Mr. Stanly Victrum as the newly appointed CIO of Dallas County's IT (DCIT) department. Mr. Victrum thanked Commissioner Garcia and introduced Mr. Bill Brown, a Senior Project Manager with Dallas County IT, as the presenter.

Mr. Brown explained that LEAP stands for Law Enforcement Analysis Portal by the North Texas Central Council of Governments. He stated that it came into existence in 2008 as a data base for crime analysis, and that there is currently a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LEAP. It collects information from the various Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA's) regularly, but there is a cost to utilize its tools. Mr. Brown explained that Dallas County is currently working on a program known as the Dallas County Incident Module (DCIM). This program will provide a data base that is NEIM compliant, will allow the LEA to maintain ownership of their information, is web based and interactive allowing for e-booking and e-filing, and will come at no cost to the user as it has been developed through grant funding. The estimated annual cost savings could be as much as \$250,000.

There have been discussions to maintain an interface with LEAP, but there would have to be a new agreement to determine how that would look. Mr. Brown recommended that Dallas County IT be allowed to work with the CJAB Law Enforcement subcommittee to put together an agreement with LEAP to share the cost, and/or determine how to function without LEAP.

A motion was made to allow DCIT to work with CJAB Law Enforcement subcommittee to determine the most appropriate direction to take concerning these two data base programs. The motion was seconded and approved.

Commissioner Garcia acknowledged County Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins for attending the meeting.

Dr. Melanie Lippmann is an assistant professor of emergency medicine at UT Southwestern. She presented a proposal to start a Serial Inebriate program in Dallas County. She explained that this program would target individuals who are chronically involved in the system for alcohol abuse. She referenced a program model that has been established in San Diego, CA. The program was able to identify these chronic abusers that frequent the emergency rooms, jails, and EMS systems. By establishing a court mandated rehabilitation program, they saved \$18 million within the first four (4) years, and helped over 500 individuals. Dr. Lippmann stated that the program is a collaborative effort between a number of different entities. Dr. Lippmann gave a few stats in regard to the cost associated with dealing with this population. She stated that she is looking at other cities that are using a similar model such as San Antonio, TX. Dr. Lippmann proposed that Dallas look into establishing a model that would identify the population of serial inebriates and develop programs to start addressing this issue. She mentioned agencies that could develop a collaboration such as the Bridge, LEA's, Dallas Fire Rescue, Criminal Justice, and Hospital in the area to name a few. Judge Jenkins asked what would be the next step in getting started, and Dr. Lippmann responded that a institution review board is being established through UTSW and Parkland Hospital to determine the target population, and the current cost to the system. Commissioner Garcia stated that CJAB will look forward to seeing the data to help determine the appropriate approach to establishing a Serial Inebriate program for Dallas County. She proposed that the research will be tasked to the Pre-Trial/Diversion subcommittee.

A motion was made to task the CJAB Pre-Trial/Diversion subcommittee to work with Dr. Lippmann to review the data collected, and determine the appropriate approach to establishing a Serial Inebriate program for Dallas County. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ellyce Lindberg with the District Attorney's Office and Mike Faenza with MDHA both asked to be a part of the subcommittee. Duane Steele will make sure that they are added to the distribution list for that subcommittee. Dr. Noyes emphasized the importance of aligning the appropriate resources to make this a meaningful and productive program. Judge Jenkins reiterated his concern about

the four month timeframe indicated to implement this program. Ron Stretcher explained the logistics of gathering the right agencies, determining the target population from the collected data, and then indentifying the resources that will make it truly cost effective. Ron stated that the subcommittee will work as expeditiously as possible while keeping in mind the various logistics involved.

Subcommittee Reports:

Corrections (Jail Population)

Ron reported that the stats are in the packet. He reported that the jail population is currently below 6200. He stated that from October 2010 through October 2011 the population is down 720. Ron accredited the State Jail Unit and other diversion programs for helping to contribute to the lower numbers. Ron yielded to Judge Jenkins to give a report on a press conference held on this date. Judge Jenkins reported that Dallas County was facing a Federal law suit filed in 2007 for alleged violations of the jail standards. He stated that the law suit was dismissed this week, and reported that at the last jail standards review the director of jail standards complimented Dallas County as being a model for other urban counties to follow. Judge Jenkins gave kudos to all that had a hand in making sure the jail was in compliance.

Law Enforcement, Chief Mitch Bates, Garland PD

Chief Bates reported that the minutes of the last meeting held on November 10, 2011 were made a part of the packet for this meeting. He stated that they are concluding the MOU on cost sharing of transportation of inmates. Seventeen (17) agencies have submitted their respective MOU's. The City of Sachse is still engaging in discussion. Their portion is only 0.10% of the total which equates to approximately \$450 annually. The MOU is scheduled to be presented to Commissioner's Court at its next session. Upon approval, invoices will be delivered to each agency for payment. Chief Bates stated that if Sachse does not come on board the share, Garland will absorb the cost if need be. He also reported that a number of new agenda items were discussed for 2012. Commissioner Garcia thanked Chief Bates and the Law Enforcement subcommittee for the hard work that went into making this project a success.

Pre-Trial/Diversion, Ron Stretcher

Ron pointed out in the packet on page 35 a memo to Commissioner's Court in regard to the cuts to the NorthStar funding for FY 2012 from the State. The memo outlined the concerns surrounding the impact these cuts will have on the Behavioral Health Community if no relief is given. Commissioner Garcia responded stating that the Court was overwhelmingly in support of the memo and letter sent to Senator Ogden and Representative Pitts in regard to these funding cuts and the impact it will have on the system.

Ron also reported on the status of the MOU between the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) and Dallas County regarding bond release data. The MOU was drafted and approved by Commissioner's Court on November 8, 2011 and Dr.

Morris and his staff will begin working with Jill Reese with Dallas County's Criminal Justice Department to start collecting data for the research. Dr. Robert Morris thanked everyone for their support.

Jurisprudence, David Alex

In David's absence, Ellyse Lindberg reported for the subcommittee. The minutes from the meeting held on September 8, 2011 were made a part of the packet for this meeting. Ellyse reported that at the subcommittees last meeting one of the key topics was the work being done to establish an Indigence Screening pilot to help determine if a defendant is truly indigent and in need of appointed defense council. Another topic of discussion was the issue of handling underlying misdemeanor cases immediately after the felony case is disposed. Often times a defendant will have a pending misdemeanor case after a felony case has been resolved and find themselves sitting in jail waiting. The District Attorney's office has agreed to monitor all of the pending charges a defendant facing a felony may have to better expedite the disposal of the remaining cases.

Courts, Judge Robert Burns

In Judge Burns' absence Ron Stretcher informed the membership that he is currently in trial, but has been a great conduit to the Courts in addressing issues that arise.

Re-Entry Council, Christina Melton-Crain

Christina announced that the inaugural meeting of the Re-Entry Council was held on November 10, 2011. She reported that there was great representation from the criminal justice community and the focus of the meeting was to brain storm in regard to the direction the subcommittee will move in the upcoming year. Although there was a laundry list of areas that can be addressed, the two areas that stood out were housing and employment. Christina stated that educating the public and maintaining good public relations is paramount in addressing both of these areas. The plan for this subcommittee is to be able to show, by the end of 2012, positive results in assisting ex-offenders in the reentry process through outcome measures and performance based data.

Public Policy, Delia Jasso

Councilwoman Jasso reported that the legislation that was passed in the last session is now being implemented. The Public Policy subcommittee will begin developing an agenda at the end of January 2012 for the next legislative session. Councilwoman Jasso encouraged anyone who has concerns and/or items they would like to see Dallas County address on the next legislative agenda, to please forward them to her so the subcommittee can begin formulating a strategy and strong agenda.

Justice of Peace, Judge Steve Seider

In Judge Seider's absence Ron Stretcher informed the membership that Judge Seider is currently in training. He reported that the Justice of the Peace have settled on a Case Management System (CMS) that they believe will address their

reporting needs. Commissioner Garcia thanked everyone who had a hand in this endeavor and saw it through to get the best system.

Juvenile Justice, John Heath

Mr. Heath reported for the subcommittee in Dr. Smith's absence. He stated that the minutes from the meeting held on November 11, 2011 have been made a part of the packet for this meeting. Mr. Heath reported that topics of discussion on the committee's agenda included an increase in cross-agency and community collaboration, and identifying ways to defer youth from detention that do not need to be locked up. Another area of great discussion is the partnering to address the needs of the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transsexual, and Questioning (GLBTQ) population of youth.

Project Updates, Ron Stretcher

Ron updated the membership on the progress of the Bail Bond Task Force. He distributed a report which outlined the issues being addressed. Ron explained that bail bonds are a means of getting people back to court. He mentioned the great collaboration of departments involved in this task force chaired by Commissioner Garcia. Ron reported that the media referenced about \$35 million uncollected. The final figure has not been determined but it will possibly be closer to \$1 million as opposed to \$35 million. There were at least four different IT systems handling bonds, so the first step was to get a consolidated data base to house bond information. The process has required a lot of man hours to manually sift through the files to identify duplicate information, and other anomalies in the old process. Ron stated that whereas there has been great progress, there is still a lot to do. He expressed his appreciation to IT, the District Clerk's office, the County Clerk's office, the District Attorney's (DA's) office, and all of the other departments involved. The project began looking at cases starting in January of 2007 and moving forward. Ron emphasized the importance of having the DA, and Judges involved in this process. Commissioner Garcia and Dr. Noyes thanked the departments involved in the task force and stated that there is still work to be done.

Announcements:

Jill Reese requested information regarding the various departments that are using LiveScan machines. This information is needed to further the development of the Adult Case Management System (ACMS) currently under construction. A handout was distributed to be returned to Ms. Reese with the requested information.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourned the meeting; it was seconded and passed at 2:45 PM.