



Criminal Justice Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2011

Present:

Members: Pat Colloton, Erin Dugan, Penny Ellwood, Betsy Gillespie, Ellen Hanson, Charles McAllister, Laura McConwell, Michael McLain, Tim Mulcahy, Peter Ruddick, Marilyn Scafe, Anthony Taylor, David Wiebe, and Penny Postoak- Ferguson.

Dolores Furtado, Vice Chair

Rise Haneberg, Staff

1. Introduction of new Members: New members are Dr. Erin Dugan, Asst. Superintendent Olathe School District, Charles McAllister, Boys and Girls Club of Olathe, and District Court Judge Peter Ruddick. Council members who served the first term shared their experience and something they have learned from serving on the Criminal Justice Advisory Council. The Council has one remaining vacancy to be filled for a community representative.

2. Brief Updates:

Risë Haneberg updated the Council on the following projects:

1. Criminal Justice Mental Health Intercept Project Report Release scheduled for January 20th 8:30 am room 202-204 County Admin Building
Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Orientation and Training Feb 8-11 -- Jo Co Team is attending

2. Reentry/Second Chance Act Grant update—the process of hiring the FACT Team members has started.

2nd Chance Grant Orientation Feb 23-25--Jo Co Team is attending

3. National Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Network--Application was submitted and notification has since been received that Johnson County has been accepted as one of the inaugural members of this newly formed organization. Sheriff Denning and Risë Haneberg will be serving as the CJAC representatives.

4. Justice Reinvestment Technical Assistance Application –this is a new federal effort to assist jurisdictions in establishing baselines and completing data analysis to support on-going funding for justice programs when cost savings are obtained through newly implemented programming that demonstrate success. The application is for technical assistance only and would involve our jurisdiction serving as a pilot site for this process. Several Council members voiced support for pursuing this application. Tim Mulcahy, JIMS Director, indicated that he has reviewed the application description and is in agreement that the JIMS system could provide much of the data indicated as necessary to track. Pat Colloton moved and Tony Taylor seconded a motion to pursue the application. The motion passed unanimously, with the understanding that the CJAC will be the body providing support and oversight to the project should the application be approved.

5. DUI Court potential grant opportunity through the Kansas Dept of Transportation—Johnson County has been asked to consider implementation of a DUI Court. Risë Haneberg will be attending an informational meeting on this possibility with a member of the District Attorney's Office. The council will be kept apprised of this potential project.

6. **Legislative session**—members will be notified of Criminal Justice legislative activity related to our projects. Rep. Colloton informed the Council that legislation will be introduced to better allow communication between law enforcement and mental health professionals in emergency situations.

The meeting adjourned so those interested could attend the farewell reception for outgoing Chairman Annabeth Surbaugh and Commissioner Doug Wood.

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March 1, 2011

Present:

Members: Frank Denning, Penny Ellwood, Betsy Gillespie, Steve Howe, Mark Kessler, Charles McAllister, Laura McConwell, Michael McCulloch, Peter Ruddick, Marilyn Scafe, Anthony Taylor, Karen Wulfkuhle, Matt Botkin for David Wiebe and Bernice Duletski for County Manager.

Robert Stephan, Chair

Dolores Furtado, Vice Chair

Rise Haneberg, Staff

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. General Stephan introduced new Council member Dr. Charles Lenoir, who is representing the Adult Corrections Advisory Board and is replacing Judge Karen Arnold-Burger. One vacancy for a community representative still remains open.

2. Brief Updates

1. Justice and Mental Health Collaborative Program Grant (JMHCPC) update:

The JMHCPC grant budget has been approved which means funds can now be spent. The next step is for the Department of Justice Planning Guide to be completed and approved for submittal. Plans are for this to occur at a March 11, 2011 meeting with the project Leadership Team. Once approval of the planning guide is received by the Department of Justice, staff can proceed with the hiring of the two grant funded positions; the co-responder and the case manager for the mental health diversion expansion. In addition, training for the dispatchers involved in the project is in process and the development of policies and procedures for the diversion expansion are almost completed.

Karen Wulfkuhle informed the Council that United Community Services is planning to seek another grant through the Health Foundation of Greater Kansas City to follow through with the Intercept Project recommendations around implementing training specifically for the families of the mentally ill who come in contact with the justice system. It was moved by Dolores Furtado and seconded by Marilyn Scafe to support UCS in this effort.

Rise Haneberg reported that an application was completed to host a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) training on trauma. SAMHSA has developed training on this topic that they plan to pilot in three jurisdictions.

2. Reentry/Second Chance Act Grant update: Rise Haneberg introduced Michael Brouwer, the new team leader of the FACT (Forensic Assertive Community Treatment) Team. Mike introduced Cpt. Robert Bieniecke and Lt. Shawn Tompkins from the Sheriff's Office who will be supervising the reentry program. Cpt. Bieniecke, Mike and Rise attended Second Chance Act grant training and provided the Council with a report. Much emphasis was placed on the ability of grantees to do a good job on tracking their data, analyzing outcomes and applying cost benefit analysis. Future funding for Second Chance will depend on the current debate on the federal budget. Department of Justice Officials are hopeful that a second year of funding should be likely, but that a third year will be dependent upon program outcomes and invitations to apply will be issued to the jurisdictions showing the most success. It was reported that the first four reentry program participants under the grant funding have entered the program.

3. JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative) update: Betsy Gillespie updated the Council on the status of this project under new Juvenile Justice Authority Commissioner Curtis Whitten. Commissioner Whitten has endorsed the continued efforts by Kansas to participate in JDAI. Kansas has recently signed the official documents with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to be a JDAI site. It is expected that five jurisdictions will participate: Johnson Wyandotte, Shawnee, Sedgwick and Douglas Counties. It is planned for a March or April site visit by the Casey Foundation. Those interested in this project can read more materials at <http://www.jdaihelpdesk.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

4. Pre-trial Update: Risë Haneberg reported that Court Services and Corrections staff met to discuss progress on the recommendations from the Pretrial Justice Institute Report completed in 2010. At this time, plans are to pursue the implementation of a new Pre-trial Risk Assessment tool. The group is working with Dr. Alex Holsinger in the selection of a tool. This will be a long process including training, implementation and then validation of the tool on our population. However, it is felt that it makes more sense to go through a validation process with a more current tool and that the benefits in this outweigh the costs.

5. DUI Court Update: Judge Ruddick served on the DUI Commission and updated the Council on current status of the pending legislation. SB7 appears to be in trouble, primarily due to the fact it would have a huge impact on prison population by requiring sentences be served at the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC). Knowing there is not money for additional beds at the state level, this legislation and local impact will continue to be tracked. In addition, Judge Ruddick and DA Howe updated the group on an initial discussion taking place around the creation of a DUI Court. There is desire at the Kansas Department of Transportation Office to see a DUI Court implemented and no jurisdiction has responded. Locally, the DA's Office is willing to consider a DUI Court. More research needs to be done regarding what would be involved. Crucial to the success of any specialty court is a judge who wants to be involved and before any efforts to pursue this would take place, interest by a judge needs to be indicated. The Council will be kept apprised of these discussions as they continue.

4. Justice Reinvestment Technical Assistance Application: The second half of the meeting was dedicated to a site visit by Kristin Bechtel of the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI). CJI is completing the evaluation of sites who applied to be considered for the Justice Reinvestment Act Technical Assistance. Ms. Bechtel is known to several on the Council as she previously served as a consultant to the Kansas Department of Corrections. She is working on her PhD through the University of Cincinnati and has also served on staff with the University of Missouri Kansas City Criminal Justice Department.

Ms. Bechtel led the Council through a series of questions as a part of the evaluation process. Key stakeholders of the project voiced their support to be a participant and their desire to receive the benefit of the technical assistance which would guide Johnson County in the implementation of a model of data and cost benefit analysis as applied to the criminal justice system. Prior to the CJAC meeting, Ms. Bechtel met with Justice Information Management System (JIMS) staff and representatives of the Sheriff's Office to view the JIMS system's capabilities and the current availability of statistical reports. It is expected that Johnson County will hear by April 13, if we are selected to proceed in the application process.

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May 3, 2011

Present:

Members: Frank Denning, Penny Ellwood, Betsy Gillespie, Steve Howe, Michael McCulloch, Peter Ruddick, Marilyn Scafe, Anthony Taylor, Karen Wulfkuhle, David Wiebe, Erin Dugan, Ellen Hanson, Joanne Katz, Michael McLain, Tim Mulcahy, Tim DeWeese, Ed Eilert for Board of County Commissioners, and Penny Postoak-Ferguson for County Manager.

Dolores Furtado, Vice Chair

Risë Haneberg, Staff

The Criminal Justice Advisory Council meeting started with a tour of the new Youth and Family Services Center. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held July 13, 2011 at 10:00 am and all Council members will be invited.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Risë Haneberg introduced Victor Lopez of El Centro. Mr. Lopez is considering submitting an application for the remaining vacancy on the Council.

Project Updates

1. Criminal Justice Mental Health Collaborative Program Grant (JMHCP) update:

Risë Haneberg reported that the required Planning Guide for the JMHCP has been submitted for approval to the Department of Justice. The two grant funded positions for the Co-Responder and Case Manager for the expanded Mental Health Diversion Program have been posted. The JMHCP work team continues to meet monthly.

Karen Wulfkuhle of United Community Services reported that UCS was awarded a Health Foundation of Greater Kansas City grant to follow through with the Intercept Project recommendation to implement training specifically for families of mentally ill who would come in contact with the justice system.

Risë Haneberg provided follow-up that the request for SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration) training on Trauma was not approved. Johnson County is encouraged to reapply once the training is implemented on a broader basis. When asked about the purpose of understanding trauma, Risë explained that the research is starting to show that females, in particular, are presenting symptoms later in life with trauma due to abuse and other impacts from earlier in their life.

Risë Haneberg updated the Council on the recent passage of the 2011 federal budget that included cuts for the Department of Justice. It is not yet known how these cuts will impact future grant opportunities.

2. Reentry – Second Chance update: Michael Brouwer, FACT Team Leader, reported that

as of May 3, 2011 all FACT Team program staff have been hired and are in place. Mike also reported that 14 community trainings on reentry have been provided, four television interviews have aired, and that the FACT Team has been meeting monthly with the Douglas County reentry staff in an effort to collaborate and share ideas. The FACT

Team program is still in the development stage, with much time being spent on the development of policies, procedures and programming. The Moral Recognition Therapy program is being considered as the cognitive-based intervention to be implemented. Tim DeWeese of Johnson County Mental Health Center reported on the weekly supervision being provided now that there are six active inmates in the program and more on the approved list to start receiving services.

Rev. Penny Ellwood reported on the “Prodigal Son” Project. A small group of clergy and a community volunteer have recently met with the Adult Detention Center Reentry Staff and Rise Haneberg to discuss reintegration of offenders back into the community. She said topics discussed included the vision of the program and the role the faith community can play in this process.

3. Justice Reinvestment Application update: Rise Haneberg reported that Johnson County has been named as a Justice Reinvestment site. Initial contact has been made to schedule a site visit to meet with key leaders in late May. The Council will be updated on this project at the July meeting.

4. National Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Network update: Sheriff Denning reported that the first meeting of this group is scheduled for early June. Sheriff Denning and Rise Haneberg will be attending as they serve as the local representatives. In addition, the Network is offering free technical assistance training for teams from the member organizations on “Smart Sentencing.” Johnson County will be sending Judge Sara Welch, District Attorney Steve Howe, Michael McCulloch, Chief Public Defender and Kathleen Rieth, Director of Court Services to the training in August. Also, as a request from the Justice Management Institute (JMI), who oversees the work of the Network, a support letter for additional funding was submitted by Sheriff Denning.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m. The remaining agenda items will be continued to the July meeting.

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July 5, 2011

Present:

Members: Pat Colloton, Under-Sheriff Cavanaugh for Frank Denning, Ellen Hanson, Steve Obermeier for Steve Howe, Joanne Katz, Victor Lopez, Charles McAllister, Laura McConwell, Michael McLain, Tim Mulcahy, David Wiebe, Karen Wulfschlegel, Penny Postoak-Ferguson, and Hannes Zacharias.

Robert Stephan, Chair

Dolores Furtado, Vice Chair

Risë Haneberg, Staff

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Bob Stephan. A special welcome was extended to Victor Lopez, Director of the Johnson County El Centro Office located in Olathe, a new member of the council.

Brief Updates:

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

Mike McLain reported that officials from the Annie E. Casey Foundation made a site visit with Johnson County June 23-24, conducting interviews with key leaders of the juvenile justice system. The next steps will include key leader training.

Second Chance Act/Reentry

Risë reported that the Reentry program currently has 12 participants. One participant has reached the final phase of the program. During this phase the inmate has completed serving sentence and their continued participation is on a voluntary basis. Thus far, this participant has chosen to remain engaged with services. Under -Sheriff Cavanaugh stated that success of the program would build in itself and that some individuals do not want to participate.

Risë reported that the Second Chance Grant Act grant for continuation funding has been submitted. Awards should be announced in September.

Faith Collaborative Update – a subcommittee of the Reentry Task Force Community Partners has been meeting to look at ways to engage the faith community in reentry. In addition, staff from the Johnson County Sheriff’s Office attended the “Out 4 Life” Conference that was sponsored by Governor Brownback and the Kansas Department of Corrections. The focus of the conference was mentoring. Initially it was reported that the Church of the Resurrection (COR) would take the lead in providing administrative oversight for the state-wide mentoring program, but since the CJAC meeting, COR has decided to not be involved at that level. COR is still involved with the local Johnson County planning group. Many CJAC members contributed to the discussion around developing mentoring programs.

<p>Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Project</p> <p>David Wiebe reported that the two grant funded positions have been filled The Co-Responder Program with the Olathe Police Dept. and the expanded Mental Health Diversion Program are ready to receive cases.</p>
<p>Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Network</p> <p>June Meeting in Portland, Oregon – Sheriff Frank Denning, Kent Brown Sheriff’s Office Chief Financial Officer, and Rise Haneberg, Criminal Justice Coordinator, attended the first meeting of the National Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Network. The group received training on cost benefit analysis models as well as other evidence-based practices and they observed Multnomah County’s equivalent of our CJAC. In addition, all eleven participating jurisdictions shared their current projects and discussed ways to better share information.</p>
<p>Justice Reinvestment Initiative</p> <p>Michelle Webster and Kristin Bechtel from the Crime and Justice Institute provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). Johnson County is among nine sites selected to participate in JRI through the Department of Justice (<i>PowerPoint attached</i>) Upon completion of the presentation, the Council unanimously approved to move forward with the JRI project as indicated by the signing of a statement of support by Chairman Bob Stephan and Vice-chair Dolores Furtado. It is expected the data analysis stage of the process will be completed by September and the Council will receive a more in depth report of the JRI project at the November meeting.</p>
<p>Pretrial Release Program</p> <p>Progress to date on the recommendations made as a result of the 2010 Pretrial Justice Institute review of the pretrial process in Johnson County was provided. The discussion focused on the following: 1) revising the local screening criteria; 2) the current pretrial screening instrument being used; and 3) proposed change to a validated screening tool such as the Ohio Risk Assessment tool. Kristin Bechtel, Crime and Justice Institute, added to the discussion on pre-trial as she is one of three authors on a meta-analysis study, “Identifying the Predictors of Pre-trial Failure,” which was recently released The Pre-trial Stakeholder Group will continue to meet and recommendations will be brought before the CJAC for review once their work is completed.</p>
<p>Closing Comments/Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned and all were reminded of the September meeting.</p>

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September 6, 2011

Present:

Members: Frank Denning, Kathleen Reith, Betsy Gillespie, Steve Howe, Michael McCulloch, Kevin Cavanaugh, Anthony Taylor, Karen Wulfkuhle, David Wiebe, Ellen Hanson, Joanne Katz, Michael McLain, and Tim Mulcahy.

Robert Stephan, Chairman

Dolores Furtado, Vice Chairman

Rise Haneberg, Staff

Welcome/Minutes:

Bob Stephan called the meeting to order. Michael McCulloch moved to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 meeting and Anthony Taylor seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote.

Brief Updates

1. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

Betsy Gillespie provided an update on the JDAI project. A key leader training kick-off will be held on September 26, 2011 and Johnson County will be sending a team. Annie E. Casey officials will return to Kansas on October 25-26 for further training.

2. Second Chance Act/Reentry

Sheriff Denning reported on the second Chance Act grant site visit by officials from the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Crime and Justice Institute. Tours of the New Century Adult Detention Center and the Adult Residential Center were provided. The visit also included the technical consultants participating in the Reentry Admissions Panel review of proposed participants and they had a presentation on the JIMS system. They were very impressed with the facilities and particularly the data tracking capabilities of the JIMS system. The primary concern for the program is increasing the population. Currently there are 14 participants. Upon reviewing over 100 cases screened for the program, one of the primary reasons for rejection is pending detainers and court commitments out of city courts. Sheriff Denning reported that a meeting is scheduled with city judges and prosecutors to inform them of the program and bring them on-board with including these inmates. The Sheriff reported he has already presented the program to the local Police Chief's Association. Chief Hanson stated she would expect support, as many of the cities have participated in the pilot project involving joint supervision of offenders returning to the community on parole.

3. Justice and Mental Health Collaboration

David Wiebe reported on the progress of the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Grant. The Co-Responder program is now operational and the mental health staff person assigned to the pilot project with Olathe Police Department is now

responding to calls with the police officers. She has been very well received by law enforcement. The need for her to respond seems to still fluctuate and she continues to have busy spurts followed by slow periods.

The expanded Mental Health Diversion Program is experiencing difficulty in accepting participants due to a strict grant definition that does not allow for “violent” offenders to be served by the grant funds. Currently a request is in to the Department of Justice to provide some level of waiver to this definition, as many of the underlying charges of this population tend to involve crimes against persons. DA Steve Howe also expressed his concern regarding this strict definition of the term “violent offender.”

Karen Wulfschuhle, United Community Services (UCS), reported on the work by UCS to address the recommendations of the Criminal Justice-Mental Health Intercept Project related to the concerns of the consumers of mental health services. Primarily this group has worked on the following issues: 1) how to share information with justice system officials about their loved one to assist in treatment, 2) development of a premise alert process to alert law enforcement of a mentally ill person at a residence without violating HIPAA; and 3) how to engage family members in case planning. The work of this group will be completed at year end and a full report will be made to the CJAC at that time.

4. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Network

Johnson County sent a team to training on “Smarter Sentencing” that was provided for member counties of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Network. Judge Sara Welch, Kathleen Rieth, Michael McCulloch and Steve Howe represented Johnson County. They reported that the training provided a great opportunity to discuss evidence based practices and in particular came back with ideas to improve our revocation process to be timelier and to re-look how we process those offenders with low risk scores. One example would be for the implementation of a risk tool to be used at the time of plea negotiations for smarter decisions around sentencing recommendations.

5 Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)

Rise Haneberg reported on the progress of the JRI project. The technical consultants assigned to the project, Michelle Webster and Kristin Bechtel, will present the project to the Board of County Commissioners on September 15th and present a first look at the data to the leadership team on September 16th. This will include a jail population analysis and forecast. A second round of data is scheduled to be presented on October 14 and a first discussion around policy opportunities is scheduled for October 28th. Several members of the CJAC are serving on the leadership team along with designated justice officials. The leadership team is co-chaired by Sheriff Denning and Betsy Gillespie.

Kansas Dept. of Commerce Program

Kathie Harris, Kansas Department of Commerce introduced the CJAC to a Second Chance Act Grant project that is designed to coordinate the offender population with employment opportunities. Currently Ms. Harris is traveling the state to make the program more visible and to learn about existing employment programs that are in place for the offender population.

Pre-trial Release Program

Rise updated the CJAC on the work of the Pre-trial Stakeholders group who are currently working to address the recommendations of the Pre-Trial Justice Institute's analysis of Johnson County pretrial services. The Stakeholders have made the decision to proceed in the development of our own pretrial assessment tool, rather than adopting the tool of another jurisdiction. Dr. Alex Holsinger will be providing consulting in the development of this too. In addition, the Stakeholders have determined to broaden the criteria for those who are screened for pretrial services. A full report of the work of this group is attached. It is the goal of this group to have a pretrial tool in place by January 2012 and start a validation process of the tool.

2012 Schedule Proposal

A schedule for the upcoming year was proposed and discussed. Chairman Stephan proposed nine meetings, but the group determined with the continued need for many of the same participants to attend multiple committee meetings, the CJAC would remain with six meetings in 2012. Those CJAC members who are not currently participating in one of the standing committees, are encouraged to become engaged. The 2012 meeting schedule is listed below. Please mark your calendars!

Adjournment:

The Chairman, at 5:15 p.m., adjourned the meeting.

2012 Meeting Schedule:

January 3, 2012 2-5 pm Strategic Planning

March 6, 2012 3-5 pm

May 8, 2012 3-5 pm

June 5, 2012 3-5 pm

September 4, 2012 3-5 pm

October 2, 2012 3-5 pm



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November 1, 2011

Present:

Members: Dave Anderson, Kevin Cavanaugh, Frank Denning, Ellen Hanson, Mark Kessler, Michael McLain, Betsy Gillespie, Charles Lenoir, Victor Lopez, Kathleen Reith, Peter Ruddick, Marilyn Scafe, Karen Wulfkuhle, and David Wiebe.

Robert Stephan, Chair

Rise Haneberg, Staff

1. Welcome

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Sheriff Frank Denning moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Betsy Gillespie seconded the motion, which passed.

Chairman Stephan announced that Laura McConwell has stepped down as a member of the Council and he introduced De Soto Mayor Dave Anderson as Mayor Conwell's replacement as recommended by the Council of Mayors and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The CJAC project tracking chart was distributed and the Chairman asked that each member review it. This chart will be continually updated for Council members to have as a quick review of current CJAC projects and their status.

2. El Centro Presentation

CJAC member Victor Lopez introduced El Centro Director Mary Lou Jaramillo, who presented a history of El Centro, an organization specializing in assistance to the Latino population. Victor followed with remarks of how El Centro, based in the Kansas City, Kansas, area, came to have a location in Johnson County. The Johnson County office is now located in Olathe, with Victor being the sole staff member in the office. CJAC members are encouraged to get to know the services of El Centro and to also provide assistance to Victor when his clients are in need of justice system related assistance.

3. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Update

Betsy Gillespie presented information regarding the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI). At this time, Kansas has come on board as an official JDAI site with Sedgwick, Shawnee, Douglas and Wyandotte Counties also participating. The Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority is providing statewide administrative support to the project. Locally, the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board will serve as the primary oversight group to the project. As the work evolves to the stage of making recommendations, CJAC will be included in the process. At this time, Johnson County is in the early stages of training on JDAI principles and collecting data on the utilization of detention beds in our county. CJAC will continue to be briefed on the progress of the project.

In addition, Betsy updated the CJAC on the current issue of local bed shortages for juveniles needing out of home placement. TLC has recently closed emergency shelter beds and a transitional living program as there was not enough State funding to support the programs. As a result, Johnson County has been sending youth to locations outside of the County, when emergency beds are needed. Sometimes youth have to be transported as far away as Wichita and Junction City. Discussion followed with options being presented to keep the youth closer to home. At this time, Betsy recommended the situation be monitored in hopes that the legislature will consider changes this year in funding formulas for the different types of bed space.

Jeremy Warner, Kansas Children's Service League supervisor on site at the Juvenile Intake Assessment Center (JIAC), also provided input into the situation. Jeremy has responsibility for the placement of those youth under Child in Need of Care (CINC) status that are transported to JIAC. He reported the main population that comes into JIAC as CINC's are 13-17 years old and typically include run-aways, truants, and youth whose parents refuse to take them back into the home. He said the closest shelter for run-aways was in Lawrence and it was always full. Junction City is for boys only, and another option was the Wichita Children's Home.

Sheriff Denning stated his concern for several issues to come to a head including crime, lost services due to budget cuts and the effects of the poor economy. Discussion followed on the efforts made by those in attendance to bring Topeka's attention to the youth issues.

4. Justice Reinvestment Initiative Update

Risë Haneberg thanked those who are active in the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) meetings. At this point in the project, data is still being analyzed by the consultants from the Crime and Justice Institute. Next steps include additional presentation on data and continued discussion by the JRI Leadership Team regarding possible strategies for implementation based on the data analysis. The information from the JRI analysis will be also presented to CJAC and utilized in strategic planning for the Council, which is planned for the January CJAC meeting.

Frank Denning initiated a discussion about the Rainbow facility being temporarily closed for fire code violations. He reiterated there was no intention of closing the facility permanently.

The chairman, at 5:25 p.m., declared the meeting to be adjourned.

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