

# Douglas County Sheriff's Office

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## Corrections Division

### Reentry Program

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## TJC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES MONDAY NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 AT 1:30 PM SHERIFF'S CONFERENCE ROOM

### Action Items

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

- A. Board Attendees: Erika Dvorske (United Way), Judge Michael Malone (7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court), Sheriff Ken McGovern, Tony Wheeler (City of Lawrence Legal Services)
- B. Staff Liaison: Shannon Murphy

#### II. TJC Updates

- A. Committee & organizational structure review: Executive Council & CBAC merge
  1. As questions may present themselves for the other respective councils, agreed to bring both groups together at the same table.
  2. Will merge organizational chart (drafted; see attached)
- B. Case scenario workshop: Interest in holding a half-day workshop aimed at problem-solving an example reentry case, from arrest & subsequent incarceration into the community.
  1. Consider attendees: Would like attendees from all levels.
  2. To be held early 2010.
  3. Ideas/amendments to drafted agenda (see attached):
    - a. Cost analysis of service utilization?
    - b. Ensure anonymity
    - c. Target both process change (ie: information-sharing practices between agencies) and systems change (ie: criminalization of homelessness).
- C. Collaborative agreements
  1. Priority: Agencies currently working within the facility: (Heartland Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center, Salvation Army, The Farm Inc, Lawrence Community Shelter, Douglas County AIDS Project, Bert Nash, Probation).
  2. Will include paragraph regarding how Releases of Information and Confidential Information may be shared between agencies.
- D. Data evaluation
  1. Jail Management System (JMS) update: Corrections staff continue to review 8,500 records to amend JMS time changes from spring 2009 daylight savings time glitch (see attached excerpt from Sheriff's newsletter). Upon completion, statistics will be pulled and presented to committees quarterly.
  2. Post-Release Participant Measurements-
    - # or % of referrals from jail to your community-based organization
    - # or % of referrals that actually attended their first appointment
    - # or % of referrals who actively participated in the service(s)
    - Length of Service—how long someone received service
    - # or % of referrals still engaged in service(s) at 3 months, 6 months
    - # or % of referrals homeless at 3 months, 6 months
    - # or % of referrals employed at 3 months, 6 months
    - # or % referrals who returned to jail within 3 mos. post-release, 6 months
  3. Current pilot project:
    - a. 10 inmates released in July 2009 show recidivism as:

Consider attendees SM to schedule date

Prepare statistics for February meeting upon conclusion of records review.

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- 4 of the 10 inmates had not been reincarcerated through Douglas County or KDOC;
- 6 of the 10 inmates were reincarcerated for technical violations (failing to appear for court {5} and probation violation {1})
- 3 of the 6 reincarcerated were also arrested on new charges (Consumption in Public; Criminal Trespass; Possession of Paraphernalia; Aiding a Felon; and Criminal Possession of Firearm {2 counts})

- b. Pilot project is being conducted by Sheriff's department, calling community-based providers for inmate post-release follow up and to garner the ease in obtaining the information.

continue reviewing recidivism measures at 3 and 6 months post-release for quarterly releases (July, October 2009; January, April 2010).

**II. Tasks**

- A. Naming of the community's TJC initiative:  
 ► Project Reentry: A transition from jail to community initiative.

Next agenda

Liked this name. Will place on next agenda from Commissioner Flory's discussion.

- B. Proxy screening tool
1. Initial data range (see attached Fact Sheet---*AMENDED* with *correct* scoring range)
  2. Uses of Proxy:
    - a. Reentry priority
    - b. Classification discretion in facility management and housing placement
    - c. Court use:
      - Work release recommendations? Bond recommendations?
      - How to appropriately share data with courts, ensuring the defendant understood the information would be shared? It was noted the Proxy asks nothing about alleged current instant arrest.
    - d. Public relations and information on where to target interventions: The fact that this Proxy tool points at increased recidivism if first arrest occurs at 15 years of age and younger in our community.

Update scoring range information at next meeting.

**III. Legislation and Funding Opportunities**

- A. Per Judge Malone, a Senate Judiciary request has been made to study the cost-impact to provide competency-related treatment within local jails immediately (sooner), versus the average 5 months awaiting such treatment in a local jail before admission and subsequent treatment.

Update next meeting

**IV. Open Discussion/Questions/Miscellaneous:**

**V. Meeting Schedule: Date, time, place**

- February 2010 at DCCCA (specific date, time & location to be determined)

Determine location

**VI. Adjourn**