

Saline County, KS

Citizens Jail/Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: September 17, 2013
Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: Sheriff's Training Room

1. Introductions:

Jim Robertson opened the meeting and welcomed back, the committee participants.

Jim Robertson	Consultant/Facilitator
Jennifer Bonilla-Baker	Committee Member
Lori Blake	Committee Member
John Burchill	Committee Member
Jerry Fowler	Committee Member
Ben Frick	Committee Member
Janice Morris	Committee Member
Mary Lou Roberts	Committee Member
John Tillman	Committee Member
Christina Trocheck	Committee Member
Carol Weiss	Committee Member
Darrell Wilson	Committee Member
Joel Wilmer	Committee Member
Donna Moore	Saline County Jail Administration Secretary

2. Review of the purpose of Data

- To Assist in Making informed Decisions
- To Determine Future Needs

3. Historical Trends from the last 20 years

Average Daily Population focus on 1990-2010

- Current Number of beds is 192
- Ave Daily Population 209
- Males spiked and then leveled off.
- Females spiked dramatically and has steadily increased

We need to define if we need additional beds, where those beds are. Will it be male, female, or a mix bed. Jail population is consistent with County Population.

- Average Length of Stay: some growth, ALOS from 8 days to 12 to 18. With the increase of ALOS means more bed space is needed.
- Admissions: 4400 in 1990s to 6000 in 2000s Average number of admissions has gone down but ALOS has increased. Reducing ALOS is difficult.
- Weekenders, DUI, Probation Violations are increasing and spend 2 to 3 days a week in jail while they continue to work, using bed space.
- Changes in the Law has caused inmates to spend less time in prison but more time in jail
- Booking Offenses: People, Property, Drug, Traffic, and Domestic Violence are averaging about the same percentage-wise. "Other" which includes all

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miscellaneous charges that do not fall into the previous categories such as Probation Violation, Failure to Appear, Contempt of Court, Outside Warrants, Disorderly Conduct, etc. are increasing.

4. Operating Capacity:

We need to define Capacity as every bed is full or do we have available empty beds to manage the population.

- Typically, there should be 5% to 10% empty beds to be able to move people around.
- Existing Facility: Can we look at a possible separate min security open dormitory type facility for weekenders and work release.

5. Capacity projection for percentage of empty beds:

Adult Population Projection

- Historical Change from 1990 to 2010
- Type of beds min, med, max, male, female, separate weekenders, work release,
- Projection Horizon 20 years out to 2030 with side by side comparison with past 20 years
- Admission Rate and How Long They Stay and How Fast They Go Out = Incarceration Rate
- Average Daily Population divided by County Population times 100,000 = Incarceration Rate
- If the past repeats itself of Jail Population increases with ALOS, we will need 263 to 276 beds.

6. Cost-Benefit Analysis Options:

What Options should be evaluated for a Cost Model:

- Keep Status Quo of current conditions as a base line, \$ to Continue to Contract Out or Release early back into community. We understand what is involved but the public does not.
- Look at projection for just adding beds to current facility.
- Consolidation of new beds and Criminal Justice Center; including Court System, Community Corrections, Public Defender, State Parole and any other programs that are involved
- Consolidation of new beds, and the whole Criminal Justice Center and Juvenile Center.

7. Other Discussion:

- How would Jail Population be impacted if programs like Community Corrections and Drug Court and other similar programs have fund cut backs or if they were enhanced.
- Use 2000 to 2013 to create some community trends lines for the next 20 years using different percentage rates of growth for the future.
- Use 3 to 4 year increments instead of 10 for comparisons: 2010 to 2013 has seen dramatic increases in ADP.

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- The Jail is understaffed now, will staff be there if we have a larger facility.
 - What caused spike of increase in admissions in the last 10 years.
 - What is the timeline for the ballot?
8. Project/Meeting Schedule:
The committee agreed to meet monthly on Tue at 6:00pm. The next meetings will convene on November 12, 2013
9. Next Steps:
Update of information and formulate a recommendation on size and cost associated with the cost model.