



## Criminal Justice Management Group

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### MINUTES

**Meeting:** Criminal Justice Management Group

**Date:** November 16, 2011

**Start Time:** 4:02 p.m.

**Location:** Health Department

**End Time:** 4:55 p.m.

**Co Facilitator:** Glen Kochanowski  
Annie Grevas

**Attendance List:**

Glen Kochanowski, Sheriff Office  
Rick Hansmann, Sheriff Office  
Judge Jared Johnson  
Judge Brenda Stoss  
Jane Eilers, Municipal Court  
Pat Murray, OCKK  
John Tillman, Citizen  
Rick Backes, Reily Johnson Architecture  
Rex Lorson, Attorney  
Patrick Wallerius, OCKK  
Roger Soldan, Sheriff Office

Annie Grevas, Community Corrections  
Judge Jerome Hellmer, Administrative Judge  
Rita Deister, County Administrator  
Sean Kochanowski, Sheriff Office  
Ellen Mitchell, County Attorney  
Tonda McGrath, Community Corrections  
Jon Plumer, Wilson & Company  
Mark Dinkel, Public Defender  
James Hill, Police Department  
John Reynolds, County Commission

**Minutes:** Rosie Walter, Community Corrections

## Minutes

### 1. **Welcome and Introduction**

Annie opened the meeting with an introduction of Glen Kochanowski and herself serving as co-facilitators of the newly formed Criminal Justice Management Group.

The facilitators discussed the issues of not enough jail spaces to house the growing population.

Currently there are 10 beds in the Juvenile Detention Center. The County is forced to assess the risk of each youth and release the least risk and accommodate new riskier youth needing to be housed.

The Sheriff Office is forced to transfer adult inmates to other jails due to overcrowding. The cost to the County for transferring inmates is high.

### 2. Sign-in Sheet with Email Addresses

A sheet was passed around to include all members present to include their name and contact information.

### 3. Brief Explanation of Programming Utilized to Reduce Jail Beds

Annie stated that she was asked to help determine what types of programming could be developed that might reduce the inmate population.

Programs as follows:

- a. **GPS/Alcohol Monitoring**  
Electronic monitoring is internet based and allows the supervisor to monitor the physical location of inmate at all times. The alcohol monitoring is worn around the ankle and can detect any alcohol consumption.
- b. **Day Reporting**  
The inmate will report to the Day Reporting Center and will participate in job tech/skill building, cognitive groups, drug testing, substance and mental health treatment. The center will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The inmate will go home at night.
- c. **Sanction House**  
Locked down 24 hour facility sanction by the Judge. Inmate will participate in job tech/skill building, cognitive groups, drug testing, substance and mental health treatment. The inmate will not have the opportunity to look for employment but will participate in job search, skill building activities closer to their release.
- d. **Drug Court**  
Inmate will attend court once a week to report to judge. Drug testing will be mandatory and they will participate in substance abuse and mental health

treatment. Surveillance will do random check at their home to ensure continued compliance. Agencies will work together to coordinate services. Treatment meeting will be held to include all providers to monitor client progress and recommend further services as warranted.

e. Review Case Panel

There is no cost associated with Review Case Panel. The client/inmate and their support person will meet with the panel. The supervising officer will state the violations and reasoning for taking client/inmate back to court. The panel will listen to both parties and make recommendations. The purpose is to ensure the client has been given every opportunity with services and brainstorm with the officer any additional services the client/inmate might benefit from prior to court action that may result in jail.

No violent or new convictions will be considered for review.

Discussion:

Annie stated that this is not a solution for jail overcrowding, but could alleviate some bed space. The programs above will all still have some jail time, but would provide an immediate sanction for violations. If Community Corrections is not addressing client violations then the same clients will be going to the jail process.

4. Commissioner and County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Rita Deister stated that this committee could help determine what type of facility needs to be built.

John Reynolds added that we need to decide as a community what we need in a jail. We need to especially focus on the jail accommodations for females and juveniles. Both populations are too high to adequately support with the current jail.

5. Jail and Detention Center Tours

Three dates and times were offered for members to sign up and tour the Jail and Juvenile Center

Discussion:

Community Corrections uses the jail as a sanction for probation violations. The Juvenile Detention center was originally a garage for car repairs. It was built to house 10 clients, but there are 10 to 15 clients as any time. Community Corrections needs to have a locked down facility to provide an immediate sanction for probation violations.

There is no place for clients with mental health issues. Currently there are 35 clients with mental health issues housed in the jail. Mental health clients need to be monitored to ensure they are taking their medication. The hospital does not hold these clients for long and they will end up in jail or situations that have negative consequences.

The Criminal Justice Management Group could tour other facilities to gain some ideas on other programs and agencies that could be incorporated with the jail expansion.

NIC or other agency could be hired to review the community and jail needs to help determine best solution.

We will attempt to have Jim Robertson from National Institute of Corrections (NIC) return in February and explain his jail study findings to the committee.

Wichita has agreed to attend a meeting to discuss their jail expansion and the problems they faced and how they resolved them.

6. Meeting Dates and Times for Next Several Meetings

The next meeting will be February 21, 2012 at 4:00PM at the Sheriff's Office Training room.

A set meeting schedule will be announced to help with members scheduling.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.