

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DISCUSSION HELD ON
September 18, 2018**

Present: Judges Kevin Crane, Jeff Harris, Brouck Jacob, Kimberly Shaw, Michael Bradley, Joshua Devine, and Columbia Municipal Judge Cavanaugh Noce. Also present were Boone County Commissioner Janet Thompson, Boone County Auditor June Pitchford, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Knight and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tracy Gonzalez, Public Defender David Wallis, Probation and Parole District Administrator Todd Fleharty and Probation and Parole Officer Krishonya Greer, Attorneys Rusty Antel and Finley Gibbs, Race Matters, Friends Delois Yocum, Carol Brown and Nina Hampton, Missourian Reporter Maureen Strode, Boone County Major Tom Reddin and Captain Jenny Atwell, Reality House Operation Director Blair Campmier, Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore and Unit Manager Sherry Seiling, Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker, Court Administrator Mary Epping, and Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett.

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Judge Kevin Crane called the meeting to order in the Law Library of the Boone County Courthouse at 7:45 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Review Minutes of August 21, 2018

No corrections were noted.

3. Probation and Parole Department Assessment Tool

Probation and Parole District Administrator Todd Fleharty said their agency has a new assessment tool that they are training staff to use and will be implemented as a pilot site within this district. He said although historically they have used different assessment tools, they are now moving to one overall assessment. Probation and Parole Officer Krishonya Greer is a certified trainer on the Ohio Risk Assessment tool (ORAS) for their office and she provided a handout and brief overview of the tool to those in attendance. Todd said it is anticipated the court will begin seeing some of the language from the ORAS in violation and pre-hearing reports.

4. Public Defender Wait List

Judge Kevin Crane said he met with Public Defenders David Wallis and Sarah Aplin and Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett last week regarding the wait list. David shared that the legislature allocated \$5.8 million to the public defender for caseload needs, however these funds are almost depleted. He said last year Boone County received \$77,000 to contract with panel attorneys. He said a few weeks ago Director

Michael Barrett approached him and Sarah and since he felt Boone County had been a good partner with the public defender, he was delegating \$100,000 to their office to address the wait list in Boone County. David noted the wait list currently goes back to May and has 598 cases pending assignment. David indicated they will be using the new money to assign contract panel attorneys to the oldest pending felony cases from the wait list. He anticipates this will cover about 200 cases. He said if a defendant has multiple cases, the highest level case is paid at the contract amount and additional cases are paid half the contract rate. David anticipates there will be additional funds available in the future; however, that's dependent upon Boone County continuing to work with the Public Defender. David said the number of clients is driving the case load, not the number of cases. When he asked his staff last week what additional efforts they felt could be taken to help lower the wait list, they suggested not having the public defender be the default attorney by the court inquiring if defendants have explored the cost of hiring private counsel. David said he knows there are several private attorneys who have adopted payment strategies and modified their approach for defending clients for some case types. He said when defendants are not found eligible for public defender services and when pressured, they have found ways to procure private counsel. David said they contract with three attorneys for all conflict cases and these cases from the wait list. He anticipates it will take about a month to assign the cases to contract counsel for these current funds. He reminded everyone that his staff continues to take in custody defendants who frequently have the more serious cases, which would cost more if being assigned to panel contract attorneys.

5. Board of Jail Visitors, Reality House Report

Judge Kevin Crane said Court Administrator Mary Epping recently brought to his attention the Jail Visitor Report which focused on Reality House. He said the report was overall extremely favorable of the programming of Reality House. He noted the summary of the report said the board found Reality House to be a model facility for our county and state. He said the report indicated Reality House has a need for additional cameras and they are working on solutions for outdated pay phones that are difficult to get repaired when not properly functioning. Reality House Executive Director Blair Campmier said they are exploring other phone systems including the system used by the jail.

6. Adult Court Services Report

Adult Court Services Supervisor Brandon Walker reported last week they were serving 159 clients, which was the same number at this time last year with a slight difference in the mix of the programs with a few more on bond supervision and fewer on home detention. Judge Kevin Crane noted as of Thursday there were four defendants being housed out of county. Jail Captain Jenny Atwell said there were seven housed out of our county as of yesterday. Judge Jeff Harris said the last page of the report indicates of the 218 in custody inmates, 6 are listed as pre-trial misdemeanor cases only. Of those 6, 1 has been released, 1 is set for jury trial, and of the remaining 4 only 1 was for an alleged non-

violent offense. It was requested that the last page of the report include the judge assigned to the cases.

7. Other

Public Defender David Wallis said the public defender is working on ways to assure clients appear. Michael Barrett contracted with a company in Northern California so attorneys can email their client to remind them of court. He indicated the program will also know which clients have children and they will be sent reminders to get child-care so they can be present for court. David is hopeful this program will decrease the number of failures to appear. This program should be available soon. Municipal Judge Cavanaugh Noce said his court had a trial program of calling clients prior to court for this same goal, however they found that within three weeks 22% of the phone numbers they were provided were no longer in service.

Judge Kevin Crane said at the Boone County Bar picnic last week, the attorneys were advised the attorney chambers, next to the criminal clerk's office, will be moving to what is now the break room outside the ceremonial courtroom. Staff from the public administrator's office will be moving into the current attorney chambers, in an effort to address space needs.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday October 23, 2018, at 7:45 a.m., in the Law Library of the Boone County Courthouse. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

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