

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION COORDINATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DISCUSSION HELD ON
July 16, 2019**

Present: Judges Brouck Jacobs, Kevin Crane, Jodie Asel, Kimberly Shaw, Tracy Gonzalez, and Stephanie Morrell. Also present were Boone County Commissioner Janet Thompson, Boone County Auditor June Pitchford, Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore and Unit Manager Sherry Seiling, District Defender Sarah Aplin and Deputy District Defender Jeremy Pilkington, Boone County Prosecutor Dan Knight and First Assistant Prosecutor Roger Johnson, Probation and Parole District Administrator Jared Drummond, Reality House Executive Director Blair Campmier, Boone County Major Tom Reddin and Detention Director Keith Hoskins, Race Matters, Friends representative Peggy Placier and Nina Hampton, Court Services Officer LaDonya Hill, Court Administrator Mary Epping and Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett.

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Judge Jodie Asel called the meeting to order in the Law Library of the Boone County Courthouse at 7:45 a.m. and welcomed guests.

2. Review Minutes of June 11, 2019

No corrections were noted.

3. Burrell Community Mental Health Liaison

Court Administrator Mary Epping said Burrell Behavioral Health has traditionally had a community mental health liaison for a catchment area that includes Boone County and 9 other counties. She said this liaison is available to assist law enforcement in the field or for law enforcement to send a referral to Burrell for people they encounter in crisis. Burrell staff recently advised they will have an FTE with 20 hours dedicated solely to Boone County. They said if the numbers justify the need for an FTE, it could become 40 hours a week dedicated to Boone County. Mary said they continue to look at other options for immediate mental health assistance to law enforcement in the field, such as Telehealth. Major Tom Reddin said Sergeant Cleeton is their liaison for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and he stays in contact with the liaison. Commissioner Janet Thompson said there was recently a meeting with the Sheriff, Chief Geoff Jones and others folks regarding referrals to the mental health liaison. She said Burrell came up with a 20 hour FTE for Boone County based on referral numbers. They learned Columbia Police Department officers may not be referring cases to CIT as it requires them to complete an extra report. She said the Chief of Police and Sheriff agreed they could create a check box in their current reporting system, so a report could go to the liaison, without having to complete a second report. The liaison will have to be Criminal Justice Information System authorized, which requires background checks, so they can be

given the level of security needed to access the law enforcement database. It is anticipated this will generate additional referrals. Mary said the position has been posted, but they anticipate it taking a couple months before someone is hired and in the position.

4. RMF Bail Fund

Race Matters, Friends representative Peggy Placier said there have been a total of 23 cases they have provided bail, for a total of \$18,000. She said they have noticed a slowdown in request since July 1, which they think may be due to Rule 33. Peggy said she encountered one person who had a summons and could not figure out where to appear therefore a failure to appear warrant was issued. She said they continue to discuss the process for the occasional cases they get from municipal charges, where there is an additional step of going to the Columbia Police Department for authorization prior to bonding someone from jail. They are trying to determine why the differences in processes between municipal and county charges and they are working with Chief Geoff Jones and Municipal Judge Cavanaugh Noce regarding the process.

5. Adult Court Services Report

Adult Court Services Officer LaDonya Hill said they have 150 on bond supervision and 23 on home detention. She noted there are no significant changes.

6. Other

Commissioner Janet Thompson said she and Mary Epping just got back from National Association of Counties annual conference. She hopes this group may be of assistance for a task force she is a part of. She said this task force's primary goal is to convince congress to do away with the piece of federal law that either suspends or terminates federal benefits of individuals when they are incarcerated. Missouri chose to terminate the benefits once incarcerated. She said the effects of the law are local, in that it affects the family of the individual and upon the individual being released from incarceration it takes at least 90 days to get reconnected with federal benefits. They are reaching out to other groups for assistance. Janet said in Boone County there is a SOAR specialist that assists people with reconnecting their benefits. She said during the last legislative session there was at least some movement towards getting Missouri to be a suspension versus a termination state. However, it was agreed getting this accomplished at the federal level would be the most beneficial. Janet asked that people contact her if they are aware of other partners who would be interested in working to get this accomplished.

Judge Jodie Asel said there was discussion at Court en Banc regarding ordering an ROR after a plea of guilty on a defer. She said it extends the time of the return on the SAR; however, it was noted it should not. She said she had a case recently where the return date for a SAR for an in custody defendant was August 14 and an out of custody SAR date was August 28. She said the final disposition date for the August 28 SAR date will be September 3. Her concern is someone leaving jail has more than 7 weeks from when they are released from jail until they begin supervision under the probation officer,

assuming probation is granted on September 3, which is a long time of going from total structure to no structure. Probation and Parole District Administrator Jared Drummond said administratively they have had to make some changes and historically they have had 2 to 3 SAR writers for Boone County; however, due to work flow it has been reduced to 1 SAR writer. He said per probation and parole policy a SAR should be completed within 35 calendar days or 5 weeks. He said the 35 days is for in custody and out of custody defendants. He said historically probation and parole, to help with jail overcrowding, has agreed with the courts that they would complete the SAR within 4 weeks. He said if someone lives out of county, they have requested an additional week. Judge Asel said her most recent case was given a return date of 44 days. Jared said he will follow-up with the court liaison, as it should be 35 calendar days. It was noted by several of the judges that they are ordering at least half the number of SARs compared to a year ago.

Judge Asel also said there was recently a case where a treatment court assessment eligibility letter was filed and the defense attorney was unable to see the second page, which indicated why the person was not eligible for treatment court. Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore said she would follow-up on that case as the attorney should be able to see the document.

Judge Kevin Crane said he had a case last week where the probation officer was requesting a capias and the person is still in treatment court. He said the confusion is if he issues a capias, the person will show up in his courtroom, but however the treatment court case is still active. He asked for probation and parole to note at the top of the report that person is still in treatment court. Jared Drummond said he assumes the person was an absconder and they do not get terminated from treatment court until the body appears in front of Commissioner and a termination hearing is held. Judge Crane said the case should go to the Commissioner as she can order the capias.

Judge Kevin Crane said yesterday he took all the pre-plea diversions; however, there was one person that had not yet been screened for treatment court. Public Defender District Defender Sarah Aplin said she will follow-up.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 7:45 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

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