

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC)
Minutes of June 4, 2020

Committee Members Present:

Noelle Moeggenberg, Christie Minervini, Joanie Blamer, Tom Bensley, Chris Barsheff, Janette Mistele, Paul Jarboe, Nate Alger

Others Present: Lisa Emery

Called to Order: 5:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2020 - **Hold Minutes for approval at the July 2, 2020 meeting**

Public Comment:

NONE

Juvenile Justice Diversion Program Update – Joanie Blamer

Under the current restrictions of COVID-19 there have been no referrals to the Diversion program yet. Blamer expressed her hope for diverting juveniles from the court system and increasing access to CMH services.

While Noelle Moeggenberg and Janette Mistele have not had an opportunity to use the referral system, Noelle commented that after going through 219 cases from 2019, there were a minimum of 30 juveniles that would have qualified for the program.

Pam Blue from District Court has come on board with CMH composing the State required baseline data.

Jail Update – Captain Barsheff

Due to COVID-19, volunteers offered their resources outside of the jail.

The jail is following the CDC guidelines. The MDOC requires every jail to follow the CDC guidelines before an inmate is accepted into prison. The Grand Traverse County Jail has a comprehensive well thought out plan which made it possible for us to transfer inmates, the first jail in Michigan. There has been no positive COVID cases in the jail, all tests have come back negative. The jail will continue with the current protocols. MDOC is scheduled to continue jail inspections through June 22nd.

Judges have been brought into the jail to see the protocols in place. Discussions of proper distancing in court are taking place.

Court Update

Masks are required in the court room. Arraignments and meetings are happening remotely as much as possible. However, jury selection via remote meetings do not work.

MIDC Update – Paul Jarboe

Paperwork update – First quarter reports have been filed along with fiscal year compliance form.

Day to day – appointed case volume had gone down but is now starting to pick up.

Conducting arraignments on the weekends to help cases move through the system.

Both courts and jail have been working together through virtual meetings and it seems to be going well.

Paul offered a Thank you to the Courts, Prosecutor's Office and Captain Barsheff's Office for their joint efforts.

Next big Thing – State discussions about funding

Nate Alger asked about participants comfort level in courts – yes and somewhat no was Jarboe's answer. Criminal arraignments by zoom have not been a problem, however, contested cases may not be handled well through remote meetings.

Janet Mistele stated that Attorney and client should be together

Sheriff Bensley – Great progress in using technology over the last couple of months. Still requesting better communications from the courts.

Asked if the MIDC grant requested a correction officer position for this year as the correction officer position requested for last year was used for a bailiff's position. Paul confirmed.

Public comment.

NONE

Motion by Mistele, seconded by Alger, to adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

Date

Noelle Moeggenberg, Chairperson