

BOONE COUNTY JUDICIAL & LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

MEETING SUMMARY – October 2, 2019

Attending: Lisa Thomas, Keith Hoskins, Chris Haynes, Dan Hanneken, Phil Steinhaus, Bob Aulgur, Jared Drummond, Penny Kuhns-Knarr, Jacob Clifford, Kelli Canada, Mary Epping, Chimene Schwack
Rusty Antel

The meeting opened at 4:30 pm and concluded at 5:50 pm.

The meeting was centered on the issue of establishing a more focused mission statement for the group. Some members thought the county commission should be responsible for setting a revised mission statement.

Other comments:

Is the task force necessary at the present time with other groups having been established that cover the same mission.

Should the group review the late 2016/early 2017 jail report written by retired judge Gary Oxenhandler.

Should the county add additional space to the existing jail.

Should re address specific topics such as gun violence, juveniles or housing.

The need for a searchable database of community resources. It was noted that the City/County Health Department maintains such a database, but members questioned its functionality. A member brought up the 211 system.

Dan Hanneken discussed the new Reentry Opportunity Center which is opening this month. The primary target populations are those recently released from prison or jail and those at risk of incarceration. The center will have limited hours when it opens; 24/7 operations is a long term goal but financial resources are limited at this time. The center will be a resource for law enforcement. We discussed if the group could serve as a voice for organizations like the ROC.

It was suggested that the group might benefit from a new name.

The general lack of 24/7 resources in the community was mentioned, notably the lack of a local pharmacy that provides 24/7 services.

Jared Drummond, the district supervisor for the Boone County unit of the state board of probation and parole mentioned the new Justice Reinvestment Initiative Treatment Pilot (JRITP) program. The program is nearing the end of its first year and has served more than a hundred clients, many of whom might have been incarcerated without the program.

Janet Thompson was not available, but she noted that county officials would be going to Johnson County, Kansas to attend a leadership lab meeting. A second sequential intercept mapping that would inventory all of our resources has been funded. Another group of county officials will visit Miami/Dade County to see their mental health treatment program.

The next meeting will be scheduled soon, most likely in November. The group consensus was that it would be helpful to review Judge Oxenhandler's report at the next meeting. A notice of the date of the next meeting will be circulated shortly with a link to the report.

Rusty Antel, Chair