

# Adams County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

July 11, 2013  
2 - 4 p.m.

Adams County Justice Center  
1100 Judicial Center Dr, Brighton  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Jury Assembly Room

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Attendees

#### **Members Present**

Vincent Phelps (Chair), Charlie Long, Kurt Ester (for Doug Darr), Scott Evans, Sharon Dunlap, Tim McCormack (for Dave Young)

#### **Members Absent**

Dave Young, Doug Darr, Kimberly Kaufman, Lee Birk, Randy Nelson, Richard Weinberg, Ruth Kedzior

#### **Others Present**

Jim Greco, Intervention Chief Operation Officer; Kristi Melling, RMOMS National Business Development Manager; Roger Engelsman, Adams County Undersheriff; Susan Argo, Adams County Sheriff's Office; Beth Daniel, CJCC Planner/Analyst

### Agenda Items

#### **Call meeting to order and approve minutes:**

- ✓ Judge Phelps called the meeting to order.
- ✓ The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

#### **Offender management presentations:**

Jim Greco of Intervention and Kristi Melling of RMOMS presented their company's services and discounted exclusive-use pricing to committee members. Below is a short recap of the new information presented by both companies that was not included in the *Offender Management Options (Final Comparison)* report.

##### *Intervention, Inc.*

- All equipment is manufactured by BI, Inc.
- EHM does not need the offender to have a landline or cell phone. The EHM bracelet transmits via a home base with its own cell phone connection.
- Intervention has approximately 110 EHM clients in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District at the moment.

##### *Rocky Mountain Offender Management (RMOMS)*

- Equipment is purchased based on an in-house researcher's conclusions for the best products.
- EHM equipment is manufactured by Gryphex and does not need the offender to have a landline or cell phone. The Gryphex unit also contains a GPS for a "Locate Me Now" function, though it can only be accessed on an as-needed basis for emergencies or court cases.
- RMOMS has approximately 100-150 EHM clients in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District at the moment.
- A majority of the RMOMS case managers in the 17<sup>th</sup> are bilingual.

Both companies use the BI Soberlink 2 for alcohol monitoring. The Soberlink unit can capture virtually unlimited breathalyzer tests. The unit takes a picture of the offender at the time of the test and also records the GPS coordinates. It then transmits the information immediately to the offender management company.

### Our Purpose

To provide an ongoing forum for leaders from the criminal justice agencies, general governments, and communities in Adams County to discuss and prioritize public safety and criminal justice issues and coordinate resources to address issues in the most evidence-based, cost-effective, and equitable ways possible.

## Discussion of offender management presentations and recommendation to municipalities:

The Committee would like to find out answers to the following questions/inquiries:

- Are any of Intervention's case managers in the 17<sup>th</sup> bilingual?
- What companies do each of the municipalities use now and what do they think about the companies they use?
- Would the municipalities be interested in an exclusive-use contract?

If the CJCC did recommend an exclusive-use contract, it would recommend a contract no longer than one year in length.

## Discussion of potential for risk assessment tools and evidence-based sentencing:

Summaries of three risk assessment tools were presented in a *Risk Assessment Tools* report and briefly discussed.

### *Arrest Proxy Tool*

Currently being piloted by Mesa County, Colorado and Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, results of the effectiveness of an arrest proxy tool are still inconclusive, though findings will hopefully be ready this fall or winter. Sheriff Darr and Police Chiefs from across the county have been in discussions regarding ideal arrest procedures at this time (i.e. misdemeanor, non-violent offenders released on summons; etc.).

### *Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool*

Use of an evidence-based pretrial risk assessment tool, such as the CPAT, is now required by state statute. The Adams County Sheriff's Office has begun implementing the CPAT and is comparing it to their current bond recommendation procedure.

### *Evidence-Based Sentencing*

Chief Judge David Bottger of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District will present information on evidence-based sentencing on September 30, 2013. The presentation will be held at the Adams County Justice Center in the first floor Training Room from 9am – 12pm.

Committee members decided to form a Risk Assessment Subcommittee. Potential Subcommittee members include:

- Scott Evans
- Dave Young (or a representative from the DA's Office)
- Susan Argo from the Adams County Sheriff's Office
- A representative from the District Court

Formation of the Subcommittee will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

## Discussion of additional agenda items:

Due to time constraints, discussion of the additional items on the meeting agenda was postponed until the next CJCC meeting.

### Adjourn

✓ Judge Phelps adjourned the meeting.

### Next CJCC Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2013; 2-4pm; Adams County Justice Center