

# AdCo CJCC Sanctions & Services Subcommittee

March 1, 2013  
2 - 4 p.m.

Adams County DA's Office  
100 Judicial Center Dr, Brighton  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Attendees

#### **Members Present**

Dave Young (Co-Chair), Scott Evans (Co-Chair), Adam Gollin, Brian Bowen, Chris Laws

#### **Members Absent**

John Stipech, Laurie Cole, Mike Garcia

#### **Others Present**

Beth Daniel, CJCC Planner/Analyst

### Agenda Items

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

- ✓ Dave Young and Scott Evans called the meeting to order.
- ✓ Meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Update on Offender Management Options:**

The subcommittee now has proposals from Behavioral Intervention; Intervention, Inc.; and Rocky Mountain Offender Management (RMOMS). The subcommittee recommends to the CJCC that municipal judges (1) utilize in-home and/or alcohol monitoring more often in sentencing, as opposed to jail, and (2) that all municipalities within Adams County agree to utilize the same offender management company to reduce costs via group rates/discounts. If municipal judges agree, then Beth will collect data from each jurisdiction regarding the amount of services currently used and the potential increased use of these services. She will then contact the offender management companies again with data in-hand to gather information on the lowest possible bids and report this information to the subcommittee.

#### **Discuss CJCC feedback regarding Sanctions & Services Subcommittee recommendations:**

Four Sanctions & Services Subcommittee recommendations were made to the CJCC in February. Many of the system participants are on board with the recommendations. The CJCC is still waiting to hear from one jurisdiction.

#### *Uniform Bond Schedule*

The subcommittee recommended a consistent bond schedule for the municipalities that would be in line with the county bond schedule providing uniformity between jurisdictions. At least one municipality pointed out that their current bond schedule is lower than the recommended bond amounts. The CJCC will alter their recommendation to propose that each jurisdiction's "bond schedule should not exceed the recommended bond amounts".

#### *Suspended Sentences*

The subcommittee recommended that suspended sentencing no longer be used as a method for attempting to gain compliance with other requirements. There has been some hesitation regarding complete elimination of suspended sentencing, although judges seem to be willing to reduce the use of suspended sentences.

### CJCC 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.

**Discuss additional areas of interest:**

***Staggered Sentences***

Broomfield currently incorporates staggered sentences into its options for alternative sentencing, especially for DUI offenders. Select defendants are sentenced to jail in segments; if they comply with their required programs and/or UAs, then they do not have to serve the remainder of their jail sentence. Broomfield has seen positive results with staggered sentences, but there is not enough data to make generalizations to other jurisdictions. Staggered sentences increase the number of court appearances that defendants are required to attend. In Adams County, the court dockets operate at much higher capacity than Broomfield; adding additional court appearances would strain the courts' resources. Available programs and services are also limited in many Adams County jurisdictions, reducing the positive impact requiring such programs could have on the defendants and their chance of recidivism.

***Diversion Programs***

Dave would like to expand his juvenile diversion program to all jurisdictions in Adams County. He feels this will help reduce recidivism among juveniles. Barriers to information sharing among agencies regarding juveniles need to be discussed.

**Determine next meeting date, time, and location:**

The subcommittee will wait for its previous recommendations to be discussed by the CJCC and to learn of stakeholders' responses and feedback. The subcommittee will touch base sometime this spring to discuss the progress and implementation of any of the recommendations, as well as additional ideas for future topics.

**Adjourn**

✓ Dave Young and Scott Evans adjourned the meeting.

**Next Meeting**

TBD