



Justice System Reform Governing Board

Minutes from June 9, 2009
9:00 am

1) Call to Order

Commissioner Hagan, welcomed the members, commented on the budget crisis facing the County, and pledged that commitment to the Reform would continue, despite the need for drastic cuts.

2) Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the JSR Governing Board meeting held on March 25, 2009 were approved.

3) Discussion of Agenda Items

- **Stimulus and grants**
 - Chief McGrath of CPD explained the allocation of federal stimulus Justice Assistance grant funding to municipalities, and the sustainability of funding was discussed.
 - **JSR Initiative**
 - Prosecutor Bill Mason noted that with the hope of completing all current Pilots the Initiative will continue to make progress toward our goals.
 - **Technology Council**
 - Linda Lingler (ISC) reported that the council is addressing the issue of e-mail archiving, and improvements at the Sheriff's office.
 - Ursula Kaunas (ISC) reported that Video Conferencing is working 100% with point to point connections and is still working out some issues with multi point connections. Evaluation will be done in July and the grant will end in August.
 - **Standards Workgroup**
 - Michael O'Malley (Prosecutor's office) reported the work group is working with the Bond commission on a standard bond review form. Interfaces with the Common Pleas Court and the Prosecutor's Office will be necessary.
 - **CBCF**
 - Greg Popovich (Common Pleas Court) reported that the zoning variances have been obtained, Construction bids will be accepted and Ground breaking will be possible later in the year.
 - **Drug Court Expansion**
 - Mr. Popovich and Dan Peterca (Pre-Trial Services) reported that Judge David Matia (Common Pleas Court) has begun with his first class and the Cleveland Municipal Court is continuing on its track. Officials of both courts received training in June.
 - **Reentry (Common Pleas)**
 - Greg Popovich (Common Pleas Court) reported that re-entry efforts are moving ahead and efforts are being made to increase the number of clients for the program.
 - **Case Processing Workgroup**
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- Greg Popovich (Common Pleas Court) reported that the workgroup's meeting dates have been posted and the group is working on gathering data.
 - Jerome Dowling (Prosecutor's Office) reported that the pilot prosecutors have been focused on jail cases, and that in general pilot cases result in about half the jail days as non-pilot cases. Expansion to the rest of the Cleveland districts and other communities is expected in July.
 - **Central Booking Workgroup**
 - Ken Kochevar (Sheriff's Office) reported that there have been significant reductions in the board and care costs in the jail as a result of reform efforts, and that it is hoped that by the end of July all prisoners housed outside of the county can be brought downtown.
 - **Re-Entry (Leadership Coalition)**
 - Dr. Russell Kaye (Leadership Coalition) reported that the group is preparing a booklet to help returning prisoners identify services. The Faith Community has been asked to help and to bring forward success stories.

The meeting was adjourned.