

2014 RPT-295

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PP&J Working Session – Continued Discussion Regarding Jail Study. PP&J members will work informally to compile a list of questions regarding the 600+ page jail report.

General discussion commenced regarding the best format for compilation of the questions and topics raised.

A discussion arose regarding revisiting the issues raised at the July 1, 2014 public meeting. A representative from the Sheriff's department volunteered that the following issues were discussed at that meeting:

1. Review square footage of the building
 2. Jail population – current vs. changing numbers
 3. Statistical analysis done via computer software
- Rusk requests that these issues be incorporated into today's minutes.

Members of the public registered to speak:

Lisa Munro: Representing the group MOSES, working to cut down number of people in prisons. Jail population predictions:

1. What is driving the final jail study's increase in need for bed space?
2. What can be done to expand electronic monitoring?
3. Can more people be released to bail monitoring or released from jail sooner?
4. Why is alcohol prohibited in Bail Monitoring programs? (Can this requirement be eliminated for those individuals where alcohol was not a contributing factor to their arrest?)
5. What policy changes need to happen so that more people can be released with Huber privileges.?
6. Why isn't a mental health center being suggested?
7. What can be done to reduce number of people who are placed on holds, that are eventually dismissed?

Mark Hoover, Representing the Hoover Family Foundation. Materials presented and distributed.

1. Suggests using Medicaid to pay for drug court.
2. Better utilization of judicial resources during peak times.
3. Folks on Huber should not be in jail.
4. Training services should be expanded to help housing issues.

Ann Pooler: Representing the group MOSES

1. Problems with Executive Summary, page 17 and footnote.
2. Projection of funding?
3. Does not understand projection set forth in this page; anticipates it will be at a cost, not generate revenue.

Neil Rainford, Representing AFSCME Local #720.

1. Questions regarding projections and comparisons of CFS cost and private outsourcing.
2. Neil will send questions to Marcia.