Clark County Sheriff's Office Corrections Branch



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Chief's Message

In 2016 the Corrections Branch of the Clark County Sheriff's Office continued to manage changes while working to maintain a safe environment for our staff, inmates, and the visitors to our two facilities. The Jail Management System (JMS) was implemented in April of 2016, replacing our Correctional Management System (CMS) that was implemented and maintained since 1989. This single event has required us to change, update, and move processes throughout the Main Jail and Jail Work Center. No project or replacement of resources is perfect, and the implementation of JMS has been no exception. However the men and women of the Corrections Branch have overcome obstacles and adapted work flows to match the requirements of the new system.

While we implemented a new computer system, we were given the resources and assignment of developing a feasibility study that would provide fact based data to update, expand, or replace our main facility. The report was completed in 2016 and is scheduled to be presented to the Board of County Councilors in 2017. This is the single most important step, to date, to improve the working conditions for our employees, living conditions for those in our custody, and safety for visitors to the facility.

As we look forward to 2017, we will continue to improve the safety of the main jail with almost one million dollars in funds to mitigate the risk of inmate suicide. These improvements, along with our highly successful Reentry Program, will continue to enhance our day-to-day public safety work and mission.

Moving forward, the citizens of Clark County and the Sheriff's Department owe a debt of gratitude to the women and men of the Clark County Sheriff's Office Corrections Branch. These people working in the housing, intake, medical, and support units, are an intrinsic part of a safe community. These people have my admiration and gratitude.

Sincerely, *Ric Bishop*

Reentry

The Clark County Jail Reentry Program works to promote public safety and reduce recidivism by facilitating access to community based programs and organizations. Reentry focuses on service referral, treatment, support, and recovery services to releasing inmates. The program targets individuals 2-6 weeks prior to release who meet basic qualifications and are receptive to reentry programming. The Reentry Unit is made up of 3 specialized Reentry deputies, a Reentry Sergeant, 2 Jail Discharge Planners and a contracted chemical dependency provider.

Reentry provided over 1,000 hours of direct service to inmates in 2016.

The Reentry program has several elements:

Day Program

The Day Program is coordinated by Reentry deputies. Classes are available at the Main Jail and Jail Work Center. Day Program classes are facilitated by community partners and include topics that will provide basic life skills to facilitate the recently released to avoid previous habits, patterns, and addictions.

Additionally, Reentry partnered with Clark College to offer classes to help connect inmates with post-secondary education and vocational training programs.

In 2016, The Day Program served 506 inmates through 611 classes and 755.5 hours of programming.

Chemical Dependency Services

Chemical dependency services are contracted through Community Services Northwest (CSNW). CSNW provides

free chemical dependency assessments and Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) groups. MRT is an evidence-based substance abuse treatment model, with groups available at the Main Jail.

Reentry coordinated 240 chemical dependency assessments and served 55 individuals in MRT groups. By providing these services in custody; once released these individuals are one step closer to staying out of jail.

Specialized Coordination

Reentry added 2 Jail Discharge Planners in early 2015 to coordinate release plans for locally

releasing inmates with inmates with complex needs and co-occurring disorders such as mental illness, chemical dependency, medical issues, homelessness, cognitive disabilities, elderly, domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking victimization. Discharge planners facilitate human trafficking screening and service referral. Discharge Planners are masters level social service professionals employed by the Clark County Sheriff's Office.

Community Engagement

Although Reentry's primary responsibilities are inside the jail, the unit supports community events as much as possible. Examples include volunteering at the YWCA Holiday Shop, Open House Ministries Street Fair, visiting local schools, Project Homeless Connect and Police Activities League. Additionally, the Reentry team facilitates a bi-monthly meeting for service providers serving adult criminal justice involved populations. The goal of the meeting is to provide networking and access to community resources, the provider meeting averages 40 attendees.

Training

The Reentry program supports a range of trainings for the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Reentry coordinates Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) for Corrections training, a specially designed 40-hour program. In 2016 Clark County's CIT program was awarded "CIT Program of the Year" by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Additional trainings included a presentation on "Sex Trafficking Screening in the Clark County Jail" which was presented at the Washington State Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs Conference in May, the Washington State Behavioral Health Conference in June and Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission CIT Regional Conference in September. "CIT for Corrections" training was presented at CIT International in April and Washington State Criminal Justice Commission CIT Regional Conference in September.

Internally, the Reentry team supports CCSO new hire training including Mental Health 101, Rage & Violence Risk Assessment, and Introduction to Substance Abuse, Suicide Prevention/Intervention, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

Starting in 2017, Reentry has 2 new grant funded programs.

- 1) Trained peer mentors are offered to inmates in substance abuse treatment. Partners are Consumer Voices are Born, and Community Services Northwest.
- 2) In-custody job training program called Linking to Employment Activities Pre-Release (LEAP). Partners are Workforce Southwest Washington and WorkSource. The grant hired 2 WorkSource staff to facilitate classes and provide employment support post release. LEAP is funded through a federal Department of Labor grant administered by Workforce Southwest Washington.

Jail Transport

The jail transport unit is comprised of 13 corrections deputies and is supervised by Sergeant Ruth Anderson. The transport team is responsible for moving inmates for court appearances before the judges of the District and Superior Courts.

In 2016 this unit had 11,284 inmate trips to the appropriate courts.

Transport Corrections Deputies works directly with the assigned courthouse Enforcement Deputies when managing court appearances that are high profile or raise the need for additional security. The success of this unit is directly related to the coordinated efforts between the unit and the many judicial assistants who work directly for the judges.

Our deputies also staff the video arraignment services contracted to the Battleground Municipal Court for the cities of Battleground, Ridgefield and La Center, Washington. In 2016, 221 appearances were made to this court by video. We also had 3,508 inmates who made a first appearance to our District Court via a video link.

This unit also plays an instrumental role as a member partner of the cooperative mini chain system for the Northwest region. During this reporting period the transport unit moved 2,256 inmate's on the mini-chain system avoiding costly extradition expenses and saving taxpayer resources. Along with these duties the transport unit also works with Western State Hospital to coordinate transports for competency or restoration services.

Jail Operations

Main Jail Operations is managed by Commanders Paul Dougher and Randy Tangen. Commander Dougher manages day shift, swing shift and classification. Commander Tangen manages the night shift, Reentry program and the Crises Intervention training (CIT). From an operations perspective this was a very busy and challenging year.



Main Jail Living Area

During 2016, 13,605 inmates were booked into the facility and 13,566 released from the facility with an average stay of 19 days. That is an average of 74 inmates moving through the booking area every 24 hrs. It is easy to look at statistics and count events; however, statistics don't document the dedication of staff or the mitigating events which impact their daily workload. On April 3rd, 2016, The Sheriff's Office rolled out a new Jail Management System. Everything we had done in the past on the computer changed. All deputies attended training before the go live date. There were many complications discovered during the go live period. Also implemented later in the year was a biometrics piece that records inmates' fingerprints upon intake and then is later matched for positive identification upon release. With Jail support staff and deputies working together, the implementation of both of these projects was a success.

The corrections branch continues to deal successfully with an average daily population of 714 inmates per day for 2016, in two facilities, the Main Jail down town and the Jail Work Center on Lower River Road. Staff continues to meet new challenges every year through adaptive and innovative means, even while working in a building that has exceeded capacity and is showing signs of 32 years of continuous use. One of the greatest challenges is managing an ever growing population of



Jail Work Center Living Area

special needs inmates, specifically those with mental illness. All too often this population is violent to themselves, other inmates and staff.

The Clark County Sheriff's Office maintained two types of partial-confinement programs (i.e. inmates may be authorized to leave the facility for employment and/or school) at the JWC. The first Work Release program allows local individuals to maintain their employment throughout their incarceration period if their job meets program requirements. The second is a partnership contract with the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) that allows prisoners to complete the last portion of their respective sentences (i.e. up to six months) at the JWC prior to release; facilitating a return to the community at large that includes gainful employment.

Jail Medical

The Sheriff's Office contracts with Correct Care Solutions (CCS) for inmate medical services. This partner provides medical care for those at the Clark County Jail, Jail Work Center and the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center. CCS practices a multidisciplinary approach to care, the respectful and humane treatment of the inmate population, and provides medical, dental, mental and behavioral health services. Rhonda Hansen-Boyle is our current site Health Services Administrator.

As reported by CCS, they managed:

- *36,352 Medical Contacts
- *9,807 Diabetic Visits
- *6,003 Wound Care Treatments
- *8,957 Detox Checks
- *10,296 Mental Health Contacts
- *543 Dental Visits
- *175 Off-Site Specialty Consultations for Treatment



2016 Jail Statistics

Jail Population	
Average Daily Population	714.64
Average Length of Stay	19.29
Avg Monthly Bookings	1,134
Avg Monthly Releases	1,131
Transport	
Inmates to Court	11,284
Mini Chain	1,914
Medical	114
Western State Hospital	99
Inmates to Video Arraignment	3,729
Medical Unit	
Inmates Seen by Medical Staff	36,352
Inmates Seen by Mental Health	10,296
	10,230
Work Release Operations	
Walk Away	1
Program Terminations	29
New Admissions	181
Staffing	
Administration	6
Corrections Sergeants	18
Corrections Staff	152
Support Staff	4
Social Worker/Reentry	2
Medical Contract Positions	24.45
Classification	
Interviews	13,849
Screen for Work Release	47
Made Trustee	
Cell Changes	743