Oklahoma County Detention Center Action Committee Population Reduction Focus Group

Recommendations Report

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Trust Recommendations

- Support OCDC administration in its continued efforts to re-establish access to NCIC background checks in the jail to minimize booking, processing and release times. This includes securing necessary software, credentials, staff training and installation support.
- Call upon Trust members and other members of this Subcommittee to use their individual power, connections, and voices to help advocate for population reduction in various ways to those whose work intersect with ours (ex: district attorneys, defense attorneys, judges, bondsmen, etc.). Our ideas to reduce jail population that would depend on outside participation from these groups/entities include:
    - Add a Jail magistrate to eliminate delays and help judicial processes move more smoothly and time-efficiently.
    - Family and juvenile court coordination to address the various needs of incarcerated parents, juveniles, or families going through the criminal justice system.
    - Have bail hearing in/closer to the Jail, (this would be made easier with the implementation of a jail magistrate but is also possible without one.)
    - Facilitate Homeless court, a more suitable solution for our homeless populations.
    - End cash bail for non-violent offenders through judicial orders, cite and release programs, a revolving bail fund program for indigent arrestees, continued decrease of municipal offense incarceration.
    - Remove ICE agents from the OCDC.

Jail Administration Recommendations

- Work with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, and Oklahoma State Department of Health to ensure detainees who qualify for aid know how to and have access to Sooner Care, WIC, TANF, and other health and human services programs to alleviate food and healthcare insecurity and break the cycle that leads to repeat detention.

- Ensure Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) transfers are performed regularly and as soon as possible.
- Provide Homeless Alliance and organizations like it with access to Jail Tracker. They manage the homeless management tool full of data for various cities in the state and can help mitigate recidivism rates.
- Allow detainees access to their phones when they get arrested, prior to confiscation, so they can get important phone numbers and potentially arrange for bail.
- Perform needs assessment on detainees at intake (ie, Midwest City).
- Improve intake and classification processes by adopting system similar to Cleveland County's questionnaire and classification system.
- Work with pretrial service programs available to help get and keep people out of OCDC, including programs such as Oklahoma County Court Services conditional and OR bonds, The Bail Project, TEEM, Diversion Hub and North Care Day Reporting.

Partner Recommendations

● Streamline Medical Own Recognizance (OR) bond process to attempt to remove critically/terminally ill detainees from OCDC population. (Turnkey Health)

● Make recommendations for release based on intake and questionnaires filled out by arresting agencies and OCDC staff. (Public Defender/Defense Attorneys/Criminal Justice Reform Entities)

● Explore the utilization of other inebriation solution methods (ex: Civil Protective Custody). (Law Enforcement)