

Douglas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

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2023 Workgroup Updates

Failure to Appear (FTA) Workgroup Updates

- Members
- Work to Date
- Upcoming Tasks

FTA Workgroup Members

Judge McCabria, District Court

Judge Kopecky, Law. Municipal Court

Brad Finkeldei, Law. City Commission

Shannon Reid, Douglas County Commission

Jessica Glendening, BIDS

Adam Carey, District Attorney's Office

Pam Weigand, Criminal Justice Services

Shannon Young, Criminal Justice Services

Susan Benkelman, Court Services

Melinda Zilliox, Court Services

Brandy Brajkovic, Legal Self-Help Center

Carrie Neis, Reentry Services

Matt Cravens, Douglas County

Kirsten Kuhn, Community Member

Caroline Grootes, Community Member

Marty Dubois, Community Member

FTA Workgroup Work to Date

Goal:

- Better understand the impact of FTAs and current responses to FTAs so that we can identify our opportunities for improving court appearance in District and Lawrence Municipal Courts

Data Mining:

- Updated Jail Data on FTA-Only Bookings

District Court Data Evaluated:

- Number of cases with an active court event in a one-year time period
- Number of those cases where an FTA occurred
- How many cases had an FTA warrant issued
- When an FTA warrant was issued, how many previous FTAs occurred on that case
- Type of case (M/F) where FTA warrants were issued
- FTAs at the defendant level, rather than just at the case level

Court Notifications and Other Responses to FTA:

- Start to look at alternative responses other jurisdictions have implemented to FTAs

FTA Workgroup Upcoming Tasks

Continued Data Evaluation:

- District Court
 - When FTA warrants are issued, what release conditions are set
 - Evaluate release conditions against number of prior FTAs in that case
 - Evaluate at which point in the case processing do FTAs occur
 - Utilize jail booking data for FTA-only and release conditions met to provide additional context for Court data
- Lawrence Municipal Court to consider undertaking a similar analysis

Inventory of Current Court Notification Practices in Jurisdiction

- In addition to court date reminders, but better understand how we communicate about court processes, potential consequences of not appearing, and other barriers individuals may have.
- Where are the opportunities to improve how we communicate with individuals involved in the court processes?

Examine/Hear from other Jurisdictions about Work in this Space

2023 Workgroup Updates

Probation Violation (PV) Workgroup Updates

- Members
- Work to Date
- Upcoming Tasks

PV Workgroup Members

Judge Glover, District Court

Susan Benkelman, Court Services

Nicole Breitenstein, Court Services

Rick Langford, Community Corrections

Dee Dee Knapp, District Attorney's Office

Jessica Glendening, BIDS

Vicki Stanwix, Law. Municipal Court

Carrie Neis, Reentry Services

Matt Cravens, Douglas County

Kirsten Kuhn, Community Member

PV Workgroup Work to Date

Updated jail booking data related to PV-only bookings

Agreed to complete file reviews of PV cases in District Court

Developed a data collection template for file reviews:

- Information on underlying case(s)
- Conditions of Probation that were violated
- Number of those violations
- Seriousness of violations
- Outcome/Disposition of the violation
- Number of Prior PVs

PV Workgroup Upcoming Tasks

Finalize file review data collection

Complete file reviews