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McLean County Jail Review Committee Collection

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Brief History

The McLean County Jail Review Committee is a citizens' group founded in 1980 at the suggestion of then Sheriff Steve Brien. It is a free-standing body whose members are appointed by various community groups to serve as their representatives. Community groups providing committee members include the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the McLean County Ministerial Association, the National Organization for Women (NOW), the ISU Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the McLean County Trades and Labor Assembly, the McLean County AIDS Task Force, and Chestnut Health Care Systems, along with others representing the community at large. The function of the committee was: 1) to monitor conditions in the McLean County Jail; 2) to see that inmates' civil rights were protected; 3) to talk regularly with jail staff and inmates to identify problems that may be present, work toward their resolution, and publicize them if necessary; and 4) to explore with other public officials in the criminal justice system ways in which the humaneness and efficiency of the criminal justice system and jail operations may be continually improved.

Scope

The collection includes the kept documentation and notes of Manual Mendoza, a member of the committee, during the period May 2001 through March 2015. Included in the documentation are meeting agendas, minutes, reports and other information discussed during the meetings along with some of Mr. Mendoza's personal, hand-written notes.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Meeting Information spanning May 2001 through November 2002

- 1.1 Summary Of Activities and Accomplishments Since 1980, McLean County Jail Review Committee, May 2001.
- 1.2 Committee Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2002.
- 1.3 Inmate Jail Summary Report, undated.
- 1.4 Committee Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2002.
- 1.5 Committee Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2002.
- 1.6 Top portion of Jail Review Committee Elections form, October 7, 2002.
- 1.7 Handwritten notes (one page) by Manual Mendoza, undated.
- 1.8 Committee Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2002.
- 1.9 Draft of the Final Report of the McLean County Jail Review Committee's Subcommittee on Interviewing Jail Inmates (October – November 2002)
- 1.10 *New York Times* newspaper article "Did Not Prevent Repeat Crimes" by reporter Fox Butterfield, June 3, 2002.
- 1.11 McLean County Detention Facility Commissary Order Form, blank and undated.
- 1.12 Handwritten notes by Manual Mendoza on back of envelope, undated.

Folder 2: Meeting Information spanning January through November 2003

- 2.1 Committee meeting agenda for January 23, 2003.
- 2.2 Committee meeting minutes for January 23, 2003.
- 2.3 Handbill for A Public Forum sponsored by The McLean County League of Women Voters and its Alternatives To Jail Committee on the topic of “Pre-Trial Electronic Monitoring Services In Tazewell County” held on January 22, 2003. 2 copies.
- 2.4 Report On The Interviews Of Inmates At The McLean County Jail Conducted By a Subcommittee Of The McLean County Jail Review Committee (October-November, 2002) which was approved at the regular meeting on January 23, 2003.
- 2.5 Report titled “Community Perceptions of Local Police: A Study by the Minority Advocacy Council” regarding a survey conducted in Bloomington/Normal during 1997. The report includes the survey questions and responses as well as methodology and conclusions.
- 2.6 Newspaper article from *The Pantagraph* titled “Sheriff gives daily reports on jail overcrowding” by reporter Steve Silverman.
- 2.7 Handout from the McLean County League of Women Voters titled “Pre-Trial Electronic Monitoring: Spend A Little Now, Save A Lot Soon” which includes sections on Key Considerations, Benefits, Cost Comparisons and Advocates, undated.
- 2.8 Handout detailing Cook County Sheriff’s Office information on their Pre-Trial Electronic Monitoring Program dated August 6, 2002 with additional notes added by B. Stuart dated October 6, 2002.
- 2.9 Handout from the McLean County League of Women Voters titled “Pre-Trial Electronic Monitoring: Spend A Little Now, Save A Lot Soon” which includes sections on Key Considerations, Benefits, Cost Comparisons and Advocates, undated.
- 2.10 Committee meeting agenda for March 27, 2003.
- 2.11 Committee meeting minutes for March 27, 2003.
- 2.12 Committee meeting agenda for May 22, 2003.
- 2.13 Committee meeting minutes for May 22, 2003.
- 2.14 Draft of McLean County Jail Review Committee By-Laws with mark ups.
- 2.15 Copy of McLean County Jail Review Committee By-Laws as amended January 10, 1990 with preliminary mark ups.
- 2.16 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, May 22, 2003.
- 2.17 Committee meeting agenda for July 24, 2003.
- 2.18 Handwritten meeting notes by Manual Mendoza from July 24, 2003.
- 2.19 Committee meeting minutes for July 24, 2003.
- 2.20 Handout detailing Cook County Sheriff’s Office information on their Pre-Trial Electronic Monitoring Program dated August 6, 2002 with additional notes added by B. Stuart dated October 6, 2002.
- 2.21 Committee meeting agenda for September 25, 2003.
- 2.22 Committee meeting minutes for September 25, 2003.
- 2.23 Copy of *America* magazine article dated November 10, 2003 titled “Faith in focus: Growing Old Behind Bars” by Jen Soring.
- 2.24 Copy of *New York Times* newspaper articles titled “Study Finds Hundreds of Thousands of Inmates Mentally Ill” by reporter Fox Butterfield and “Report on State Prisons Cites Inmates’ Mental Illness” by reporter Paul von Zielbauer, both dated October 22, 2003.

- 2.25 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter 2003.
- 2.26 MCDF Population Report for November 2003.
- 2.27 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, November 20, 2003.
- 2.28 Online printout of *Chicago Sun-Times* newspaper article titled “Chico’s broad support gives him a leg up on Senate race” by reporter Juan Andrade dated August 1, 2003.
- 2.29 Committee meeting agenda for November 20, 2003 including handwritten notes by Manual Mendoza.
- 2.30 Committee meeting minutes for November 20, 2003.
- 2.31 Multiple pages of hand written notes from multiple meetings during 2003 by Manual Mendoza.

Folder 3: Meeting Information spanning March through November 2004

- 3.1 Committee meeting agenda for March 25, 2004.
- 3.2 Copy of a handbill for Joy Care Center program featuring Congressman Danny Davis presenting a program titled “Breaking the Chain” on April 16, 2004 on one side and an article titled “Growing Up in the Visiting Room” by Brent Staples dated August 21, 2004 on the opposite side.
- 3.3 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Population Report for March 2004.
- 3.4 Committee meeting minutes for March 25, 2004.
- 3.5 MCDF Health Services Report for May 2004.
- 3.6 MCDF Population Report for May 2004.
- 3.7 Committee meeting agenda for May 27, 2004.
- 3.8 Committee meeting minutes for May 27, 2004.
- 3.9 MCDF Population Report for June 2004.
- 3.10 One Church-One Offender program flyer and information sheets, undated.
- 3.11 Newspaper article from *The Pantagraph* titled “Tasers linked to five deaths” dated July 19, 2004.
- 3.12 Committee meeting minutes for July 22, 2004.
- 3.13 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for August 2004.
- 3.14 Committee meeting minutes for September 23, 2004.
- 3.15 Committee meeting minutes for November 18, 2004.

Folder 4: Meeting Information spanning March through November 2005

- 4.1 Committee meeting minutes for January 27, 2005.
- 4.2 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Year End Report 2004.
- 4.3 MCDF Population Report, January 2005.
- 4.4 Committee meeting agenda for March 24, 2005.
- 4.5 Committee meeting minutes for March 24, 2005.
- 4.6 MCDF Population Report for March 2005.
- 4.7 MCDF Average Population by month through March 2005.
- 4.8 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 1st Quarter 2005.
- 4.9 Committee meeting agenda for May 26, 2005.
- 4.10 MCDF Population Report for May 2005.
- 4.11 MCDF Average Population by month through May 2005.

- 4.12 Committee meeting minutes for July 28, 2005.
- 4.13 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter 2005.
- 4.14 MCDF Population Report for September 2005.
- 4.15 MCDF Average Population by month through September 2005.
- 4.16 Graph of Total Population, undated.
- 4.17 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 3rd Quarter 2005.
- 4.18 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for September 2005.
- 4.19 MCDF Population Report for November 2005.

Folder 5: Meeting Information spanning January through December 2006

- 5.1 Committee meeting minutes for November 17, 2005 and agenda for January 26, 2006.
- 5.2 Committee meeting minutes for January 26, 2006.
- 5.3 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Monthly Report for January 2006.
- 5.4 McLean County Detention Facility Health Services Department Program Description.
- 5.5 Information sheet titled "Comments By Kay Perry; International CURE ETC Campaign Coordinator", January 16, 2006.
- 5.6 Information sheet by McLean County League of Women Voters' Alternatives To Jail Committee, January 2006.
- 5.7 Information sheet by McLean County League of Women Voters' Alternatives To Jail Committee, December 16, 2005.
- 5.8 Flyer titled "The Family Telephone Connection Protection Act of 2005", undated.
- 5.9 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 4th Quarter 2005.
- 5.10 MCDF Population Report for January 2006.
- 5.11 Information packet on MCDF programs for population.
- 5.12 Blank Commissary Order Form.
- 5.13 Committee meeting minutes for March 23, 2006.
- 5.14 MCDF Average Population Report, Six Month Comparison for October 2005 through March 2006.
- 5.15 MCDF Health Services Report for April 2006.
- 5.16 Committee meeting minutes for May 18, 2006.
- 5.17 MCDF Population Report for May 2006.
- 5.18 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter 2006.
- 5.19 MCDF Population Report for July 2006.
- 5.20 MCDF Average Population Report February through July 2006.
- 5.21 MCDF Health Services report for July 2006.
- 5.22 Committee meeting minutes for September 28, 2006.
- 5.23 MCDF Population Report for September 2006.
- 5.24 MCDF Average Population Report for January through September 2006.
- 5.25 Letter to McLean County Sheriff Dave Owens regarding committee intention to interview inmates including Questions For Inmates, June 16, 2002.
- 5.26 McLean County Jail Review Committee Summary of Activities and Accomplishments since 1980 dated November 2006.
- 5.27 Committee meeting minutes for December 14, 2006.
- 5.28 MCDF Population Report for December 2006.
- 5.29 MCDF Average Population Report for January through December 2006.

Folder 6: Meeting Information spanning January through November 2007

- 6.1 Committee meeting minutes for January 25, 2007.
- 6.2 Committee meeting minutes for March 22, 2007.
- 6.3 Letter from committee chair Thomas S. Shea to *The Pantagraph* regarding Newspapers donated to the McLean County Jail dated March 23, 2007.
- 6.4 Newspaper article from the *Chicago Tribune* titled "Beyond License Plates" by staff reporter Robert K. Elder, May 22, 2007.
- 6.5 Article appearing in *The Catholic Worker* on the subject of the cost of inmate phone calls, March/April 2007.
- 6.6 *NY Times* articles: "Juvenile Justice" author unknown dated May 11, 2007 and "The Millions Left Out" by Bob Herbert dated May 12, 2007 and a section of the 1970 Illinois Constitution.
- 6.7 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Average Population May 2006 through May 2007
- 6.8 Committee meeting minutes for May 24, 2007.
- 6.9 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, May 25, 2007.
- 6.10 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report, June 2007.
- 6.11 Committee meeting minutes for July 26, 2007.
- 6.12 Information sheet regarding the book "High Society" by Joe Califano.
- 6.13 Committee meeting minutes for September 20, 2007.
- 6.14 MCDF Average Population from October 2006 through September 2007.
- 6.15 Committee meeting minutes for September 20, 2007 with penciled correction.
- 6.16 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 3rd Quarter 2007.
- 6.17 Committee meeting minutes for November 29, 2007.
- 6.18 MCDF Average Population from December 2006 through November 2007.
- 6.19 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, November 29, 2007.
- 6.20 Flyer for program sponsored by the Central Illinois Chapter American Civil Liberties Union and The League of Women Voters of McLean County titled "Rehabilitation In Our Prisons: Is Illinois Doing Its Job?" to be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007.
- 6.21 *New York Times* article titled "Gangs Grow, But Hard Line Stirs Doubts" by Solomon Moore dated September 13, 2007.
- 6.22 Summary of 110th Congress bills in process as of September 1, 2007.

Folder 7: Meeting Information spanning March through November 2008

- 7.1 Committee meeting minutes for March 27, 2008.
- 7.2 Newspaper article appearing in *The Pantagraph* on May 14, 2008 titled "Former McLean jail employee accused of sexual misconduct" by Bob Holiday.
- 7.3 Copy of memo to Members of the McLean County JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE dated November 20, 2006 regarding election of officers.
- 7.4 Committee meeting minutes for May 22, 2008.
- 7.5 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Quarterly Report for 1st Quarter 2008.
- 7.6 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for March 2008.
- 7.7 Committee meeting minutes for July 24, 2008.

- 7.8 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for July 2008.
- 7.9 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, September 24, 2008.
- 7.10 McLean County Jail Review Committee Summary Of Activities and Accomplishments Since 1980, November 2006.
- 7.11 Pretrial Services Monthly Statistical Report For August 2008 prepared by Sharjeel Rizvi.
- 7.12 MCDF Average Population for October 2007 through September 2008.
- 7.13 MCDF Average Population for January through September 2008.
- 7.14 Committee meeting minutes for September 25, 2008.
- 7.15 Memo to Members of the McLean County JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE on the election of officers, November 14, 2008.
- 7.16 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, November 20, 2008.
- 7.17 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 3rd Quarter 2008.
- 7.18 Pretrial Statistics Report from September through November 2008.
- 7.19 MCDF Average Population Report for January through November 2008.
- 7.20 Committee meeting minutes for November 20, 2008.

Folder 8: Department of Justice Review Report January 2009

Folder 9: Meeting Information spanning February through October 2009

- 9.1 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Report for February 2009.
- 9.2 Committee meeting minutes for March 26, 2009.
- 9.3 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, March 26, 2009.
- 9.4 MCDF Health Services Report for March 2009.
- 9.5 Committee meeting minutes for May 28, 2009.
- 9.6 McLean County Jail Review Committee By-Laws as amended through July 24, 2003.
- 9.7 Prisoner survey results report, undated.
- 9.8 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, May 28, 2009.
- 9.9 MCDF Average Population Six Month Comparison for December 2008 through May 2009.
- 9.10 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter 2009.
- 9.11 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for June 2009.
- 9.12 Letter from Associate Professor Jessie Krienert, Ph.D., Criminal Justice Sciences at Illinois State University, including business card, regarding a first draft of suggested questions for upcoming JRC inmate interviews, undated.
- 9.13 Draft questionnaire for inmate interviews, undated.
- 9.14 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, August 6, 2009.
- 9.15 Sampling strategy and categorized questions for inmate survey, undated.
- 9.16 Inmate survey results report, undated.
- 9.17 McLean County Jail Review Committee By-Laws as amended through July 24, 2003.
- 9.18 Personal handwritten notes by committee member Manny Mendoza.
- 9.19 Committee meeting minutes for August 6, 2009.
- 9.20 Committee meeting minutes for October 1, 2009.
- 9.21 Preliminary Jail Interview Results for 2009.
- 9.22 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 3rd Quarter 2009.
- 9.23 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, November 19, 2009.

- 9.24 McLean County Detention Facility, Health Services Department, Program Description, undated.

Folder 10: Meeting Information spanning January through December 2010

- 10.1 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Monthly Report for January 2010.
- 10.2 Committee meeting minutes for May 27, 2010.
- 10.3 Committee meeting minutes for May 27, 2010 with handwritten notes by committee member Manny Mendoza.
- 10.4 Committee meeting minutes for July 22, 2010.
- 10.5 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, July 22, 2010.
- 10.6 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 2nd Quarter 2010.
- 10.7 Committee meeting minutes for September 23, 2010.
- 10.8 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, September 23, 2010.
- 10.9 MCDF Average Population Report for the period October 2009 through September 2010.
- 10.10 "Celebrate Recovery" program pamphlet from the First Assembly of God Church, Normal, Illinois.
- 10.11 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for October 2010.
- 10.12 Committee meeting minutes for December 2, 2010 with handwritten notes made by committee member Manny Mendoza.
- 10.13 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, December 2, 2010.
- 10.14 MCDF Year End Report for 2010.

Folder 11: Meeting Information spanning March through December 2011

- 11.1 Committee meeting minutes for March 24, 2011.
- 11.2 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, March 24, 2011.
- 11.3 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Monthly Report for April 2011.
- 11.4 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, June 15, 2011.
- 11.5 Committee meeting minutes for August 25, 2011.
- 11.6 Committee meeting minutes for October 13, 2011.
- 11.7 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for October 2011.
- 11.8 Draft of sampling strategy and questions for inmate survey, undated.
- 11.9 Committee meeting minutes for December 8, 2011.
- 11.10 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, December 8, 2011.
- 11.11 Handwritten notes taken by committee member Manny Mendoza.

Folder 12: Meeting Information spanning March through November 2012

- 12.1 Committee meeting minutes for March 22, 2012.
- 12.2 Letter from Citizens for Justice Options (CJO), which was formerly named Alternatives to Jail Committee and part of the League of Women Voters of McLean County requesting information around detention of undocumented immigrants, February 27, 2012.
- 12.3 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Monthly Report for March 2012.
- 12.4 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, March 22, 2012,

- 12.5 Draft of committee meeting minutes for May 17, 2012 with a note from Bill Sutherland, committee secretary.
- 12.6 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, May 17, 2012.
- 12.7 MCDF Health Services Quarterly Report for 1st Quarter 2012.
- 12.8 Committee meeting minutes for May 17, 2012.
- 12.9 Flyer titled M.C.D.F. Program Schedule revised May 29, 2012.
- 12.10 Information sheets for Area Celebrate Recovery Groups, undated.
- 12.11 Committee meeting minutes for July 26, 2012.
- 12.12 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for July 2012.
- 12.13 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, September 20, 2012.
- 12.14 Committee meeting minutes for November 8, 2012.
- 12.15 Untitled, undated report for twelve month period regarding inmate activity related to health services.

Folder 13: Meeting Information spanning March through November 2013

- 13.1 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Monthly Report for January 2013.
- 13.2 Committee meeting minutes for March 28, 2013.
- 13.3 Final Report on Inmate Survey Responses, March 28, 2013.
- 13.4 Committee meeting minutes for May 23, 2013.
- 13.5 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, May 23, 2013.
- 13.6 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for May 2013.
- 13.7 Committee meeting minutes for July 25, 2013.
- 13.8 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for July 2013.
- 13.9 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, July 25, 2013.
- 13.10 Committee meeting minutes for September 26, 2013.
- 13.11 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, September 26, 2013.
- 13.12 Committee meeting minutes for November 14, 2013.
- 13.13 Handwritten notes by committee member Manny Mendoza.

Folder 14: Meeting Information spanning March 2014 through March 2015

- 14.1 McLean County Detention Facility (MCDF) Health Services Monthly Report for February 2014.
- 14.2 Committee meeting minutes for March 26, 2014.
- 14.3 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, March 26, 2014.
- 14.4 Pamphlet for Labyrinth Outreach Services to Women offering reintegration services to formerly incarcerated women residing in McLean County, undated.
- 14.5 Thoughts for Community Relations Committee to consider by Bob Sutherland, March 6, 2014.
- 14.6 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for April 2014.
- 14.7 Committee meeting minutes for May 28, 2014.
- 14.8 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, May 28, 2014.
- 14.9 MCDF Health Services Monthly Report for June 2014.
- 14.10 Committee meeting minutes for July 16, 2014.
- 14.11 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, July 16, 2014.

- 14.12 Flyer for “Conexiones Latinas De McLean County”, a non-profit organization consisting of volunteers who share a passion for improving and creating opportunities for Hispanic and Latino families in McLean County, undated.
- 14.13 Committee meeting minutes for September 17, 2014.
- 14.14 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, September 17, 2014.
- 14.15 McLean County Prisoner Breakdown Report, November 12, 2014.
- 14.16 Committee meeting minutes for March 18, 2015.