

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)

April 24, 2024

Members Present: Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Julie A. O'Neill, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Brenda Rayle, Alicia Wesolek, Calley Green, John Boles, and Chairperson of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners Jim Mott

Members Absent: Sheriff Tom Reich, Steve Siegrist, Clint Auer, Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar, Public Defender Tim Havis, and Colette Scrimger

Others Present: Honorable Kelly E. Morton, Melanie Achenbach, Kathy Brooks, Peter Klein, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Shelly Rasmussen, Christy Richards, Honorable Amanda G. Pollard, and Liz Hoogstra

Call to Order:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

Action Item: Voting on the FY24 Quarter 2 Report

An update was given by CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach.

We first want to thank the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office, Public Defender's Office, District Court Probation, MDOC, and Judicial Staff for teamwork and collaboration in keeping our programs functioning.

We are exceeding our projected enrollments in almost every program with the exception of the 5-day housing program. This program has very specific criteria and because it is a jail reimbursement program, future arrests and incarcerations will determine the new enrollments into this program.

On February 5, 2024, Eaton County began conducting Pretrial Risk Assessments (known as the PRAXIS) on individuals charged with crimes in the county. Between February 5th and March 31st, there were 115 PRAXIS Assessments completed. We have completed an average of 58 per month, and at that rate, could complete up to 690 PRAXIS Assessments per year. Our Pretrial Supervision program is also exceeding enrollments with 78 participants enrolled during the first two months.

When looking at the county's Pretrial Risk Assessment Program, although our concurrence rate and release rate are lower than anticipated, in regards to bond recommendations, out of the 115 PRAXIS Assessments completed, release on personal recognizance was recommended 71 times and ordered 57 times (80% concurrence). Release on some type of financial bond was recommended 44 times and ordered 58 times (76% concurrence). Our concurrence rate is calculated, not just based on the type of bail that was set, but also on each individual condition that was recommended and then ordered. The National Association of Pretrial Service Agencies (NAPSA) in holding a conference in September, which would be helpful for additional training.

Our key performance measures for our Pretrial Supervision program are much more positive as the county has established an appearance rate of 92.3% with 72 out of the 78 participants in the pretrial supervision program attending all scheduled court appearances pending case disposition. We have established a public safety rate of 98.7% with 77 out of the 78 participants in the program not being charged with a new criminal offense pending case disposition. We established a success/compliance rate of 91% with 71 out of the 78 participants attending all scheduled court appearances and not being charged with a new criminal offense pending case disposition.

When looking at our Key Performance Measures, in regards to our jail-based programs as well as our community-based programs 100% of individuals who completed those programs during this fiscal year were not convicted of a new felony offense since their successful completion.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve and submit the FY24 Q2 report as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve** the FY24 Q2 report as prepared. Honorable Julie A. O'Neill **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Voting on the FY25 Grant Application

In regards to the analysis of our PCR, although our PRC increased between FY23 and FY24, once again, so did the percentage of individuals who had presumptive prison sentencing guidelines.

Our pretrial programs are just getting started and I am confident they will be successful in Eaton County. Since February 5th, there has been a great deal of teamwork with the Eaton County Sheriff's Department Staff, Eaton County Judicial staff, staff in the Prosecuting Attorney's office, as well as the staff in the public defender's office. Our Magistrate has been very receptive to utilizing the PRAXIS Assessment and both the District Court Clerk's office as well as the Circuit Court clerk's office have been extremely helpful in launching these programs. I can't thank the people in this county enough.

Our FY25 Grant Application asks for a continuation of our current programming, including both pretrial programs.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve and submit the FY25 Grant Application as prepared. John Boles **motioned to approve** the FY25 Grant Application and Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **seconded the motion** and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Appoint CCAB Voting Member:

Per the PA-511 statute, it is recommended that Eaton County's new Probate Judge, the Honorable Amanda G. Pollard officially appointed as a voting member of the CCAB.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to recommend the appointment Honorable Amanda G. Pollard to the CCAB. Honorable Julie A. O'Neill **motioned to approve**. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **seconded the motion** and the **motion passed** unanimously.

New Business: Community Corrections site visit on February 20, 2024

The OCC Grant Manager, Ms. Dawn Karfonta came to visit Eaton County Community Corrections on February 20, 2024, as that was just about two weeks after our pretrial programs were launched. We were able to obtain some clarification from her on the grant language and eligibility criteria for our Pretrial Supervision program. The visit was very positive and she stated that we had overcome barriers in two weeks that others continue to struggle with.

Problem-Solving Courts Update:

Melanie Achenbach - National Drug Treatment Court month is May 2024

ACDC –Peter Klein – There are currently 25 active participants in the program, four have successfully completed the program during this fiscal year, and five participants have been screened and are awaiting admission.

J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court – Melanie Achenbach – There are currently six active participants in the program. Four participants have been admitted to the program and three participants successfully completed the program during this fiscal year. We anticipate four participants will successfully complete the program this fiscal year and five participants have been screened and are awaiting admission.

Felony DWI Court

The Honorable Judge Kelly E. Morton will preside over Sobriety Court until a new Judge is appointed. Peter Klein – There are currently 32 active participants in the program. 10 participants have been admitted into the program and three participants successfully completed the program so far during this fiscal year. We anticipate five participants will successfully complete the program this fiscal year. There is currently one participant who has been screened and is awaiting admission.

Swift & Sure

The Honorable Judge Janice K. Cunningham will preside over Swift & Sure Court until a new Judge is appointed.

Melanie Achenbach – There are currently nine active participants in the program. Four participants have been admitted into the program and three participants successfully completed the program so far during FY24. It is anticipated three additional participants will complete the program this fiscal year. There is one participant who has been screened and is awaiting admission into the program.

We are currently in need of participants for this program. Historically, Probation Violators were eligible to be screened for SSSPP. If all stakeholders agree, we would be happy to screen this population for admission into the program.

56-A District Hybrid Court – Honorable Judge Julie A. O'Neill – There are currently 23 active participants in the program. Five participants have been admitted into the program and six participants successfully completed the program so far during FY24. It is anticipated six participants will successfully complete the program during this fiscal year. There are three participants who have been screened and are currently awaiting admission into the program.

Domestic Violence Court – Elizabeth Hoogstra – There are 11 active participants in the program. Five participants have been admitted into the program and six participants successfully completed the program this fiscal year. It is anticipated two participants will successfully complete the program during FY24. There is currently one participant who has been screened and is awaiting admission.

Truancy Court – Honorable Judge Amanda G. Pollard – There have been eight new participants admitted to the program this fiscal year. We are trying to help families with structure, bedtime, and family time.

Saf-T Court – Honorable Judge Amanda G. Pollard – There are currently 3 active participants in the program. There are two or three who have been screened and are awaiting admission. Katie Price has been hired as the new Juvenile referee

Calley Green of Peckham has informed us that their facility has closed in Charlotte, but they still will employ for Eaton County. If you have any participants with disabilities, looking for employment, please contact Peckham and they will try to help.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2024 Voting meeting on the FY24 Q3 report

Meeting adjourned 12:11 pm