

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)

April 14, 2021

Members Present: This meeting was held via zoom in an attempt to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Julie A. O'Neill, Honorable Thomas Byerley, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg, Steve Siegrist, Corey Bahm, Eaton County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar, and Sean Corbin.

Members Absent: Sheriff Thomas Reich, John Boles.

Others Present: Melanie Achenbach-CCAB Director, Kathy Brooks, Melissa Ballard, Shelly Rasmussen, Christy Richards, Kasey Heckman, Peter Klein, Amy Etzel, Anne Howarth, and Amanda Pollard.

Call to Order:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham called meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Approval of October 21, 2020 minutes:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd motioned to approve, Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Voting of the FY22 Grant Application

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY22 grant application. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd motioned to approve, Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

New Business:

Melanie Achenbach provided a review of the FY22 grant application and programs to the CCAB. Requested application to continue current programs. At this time because of COVID-19, there has been no OCC programs held in the jail since March 13, 2020. All other OCC programs have been up and running.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham mentioned that Melanie Achenbach will be going through the by-laws and will submit proposed amendments as they may need to be updated. Honorable Julie O'Neill asked regarding two open positions: Communications Media and City Council person. These positions seem to be harder to fill and Melanie Achenbach will also review the by-laws for required members.

Next CCAB meetings

July 14, 2021: If needed

October 20, 2021: Voting meeting on Year-End report and Proposed Updates to the CCAB By-laws

Specialty Courts Update:

ACDC – Christy Richards. For FY21, there are 17 active participants, 1 in the jail, 2 in residential treatment, 1 waiting to enter a plea into program, and 2 participants in the screening process. There have been 4 graduations so far during FY21, and there are 2 more anticipated graduations this FY. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham stated that because of COVID there have not been any formal graduation ceremonies. There will be a graduation celebration to be determined at a later date. The press will be invited to the graduation celebration so they can report on how the program has changed lives.

J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court – Kasey Heckman. During FY21, there have been 11 total participants, 9 phase advancements, and 5 successful graduates. There are currently 4 active participants, and 2 more anticipated graduations this FY. We are looking for new Veterans to get into this program. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham stated that all Review Hearings have taken place over zoom and Veterans who previously graduated as well as Veteran Mentors have participated in the Review Hearings to show their support.

Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd asked that all agencies make sure to ask if a person is a Veteran. Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg mentioned that the public defender's office has a form they use at screening and suggested to add the question if they are a Veterans to that form. Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg has offered to contact them. Eaton County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum has offered to help where needed for Veterans Court.

Felony DWI Court – Peter Klein. During FY21, there have been 9 participants enter the program and 2 graduations. Currently there are 26 active participants, 9 more anticipated graduations this FY, and 7 participants in the screening process. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham stated that zoom meetings have been easier for participants to be successful. We will look into zoom meetings for the future. It's important to have in-person reviews, but also be flexible with participants' work schedules.

Swift & Sure – Kasey Heckman. For FY21 there have been 17 participants in the program. Currently there are 3 waiting to be screened, 3 participants successfully completed the program, and 4 more are anticipated to successfully complete this FY.

56-A District Hybrid Court – Anne Howarth. Defendants have come together better as a team thru zoom. During FY21 there have been 9 participants admitted and 13 successful completions. There are currently 42 active cases and 12 more anticipated graduations this FY. There are zero participants who have been screened and are awaiting sentencing. The District Hybrid Court has reached capacity at this time. Honorable Julie O'Neill wanted to show appreciation to Melanie Achenbach and Anne Howarth for stepping up to get this program running and had zero violations last month.

District Domestic Violence Court – Melanie Achenbach. During FY21 there have been 15 participants admitted and 5 successful completions. Currently there are 36 active participants and 2 participants have been screened awaiting sentencing.

Truancy Court – Honorable Thomas Byerley. We had our first truancy court his month. This program works with parents for parental support, monthly meetings and review hearings to help kids get back in school. First review hearing next week and have 10 cases, 7 admitted, 2 declined, 1 no show and 5 more in May.

Sean Corbin mentioned that zoom has been good for treatment participants but will be better for treatment once we can get back together face-to-face.

Meeting adjourned: 12:06 pm

Next Meeting:

July 14, 2021 (if needed)