

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)
October 20, 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, Steve Siegrist, Eaton County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Undersheriff Jeff Cook representing Sheriff Tom Reich,

Members Absent: John Boles, Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg, Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar, and Sean Corbin.

Others Present: Melanie Achenbach-CCAB Director, Honorable Kelly Morton, Honorable John Maurer, Kathy Brooks, 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 11:36 am.

Approval of October 21, 2020 minutes:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the April 14, 2021 minutes as prepared. Steve Siegrist motioned to approve, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Voting on FY21 year-end report

Eaton County utilized 83% of projected expenditures for FY21 even though Moto was suspended and Jail Cog was not reinstated until August, 2021. Eaton County utilized \$91,090.79 of the \$110,000 total award received during FY21. Steve Siegrist raised the question regarding violations. Melanie Achenbach stated that historically the probation violators in Eaton County who were sentenced to prison committed multiple probation violations or their violations of probation were so serious in nature, they could not be supervised safely in the community. Steve Siegrist suggested the data regarding the breakdown of violations be added to the FY21 year-end report.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY21 year-end report. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned** to approve the report as written with the additional violation information added, Honorable Julie O'Neill seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Vote on proposed amendments to the CCAB By-Laws

Article III, Section 2: Selection of Officers states, the election of officers shall take place at the meeting of the CCAB held in January of each year. The proposed change states the election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the CCAB held during the calendar year.

Article IV, Meetings. Besides holding board meetings at the Eaton County Courthouse, it should also be stated that members can attend via Zoom. Eaton County Commissioner, Jeremy

Whittum stated the board room is set up for remote access. It was later discovered that attending CCAB Meetings via a virtual platform is a violation of the Open Meetings Act, and as of January 1, 2022, the only exception being for members who are absent due to military duty.

Article IV, Open meetings. Make sure regular meetings of the CCAB will be on file with the County Clerk and Controllers office, posted on the bulletin board. Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned** to support amendment changes to by By-Laws, Honorable Thomas Byerley seconded the motion. The motion passed with nine votes.

Action Item: Vacant positions on the CCAB

We currently have three board positions open: communications media, circuit court or district court probation officer, and an applicable workforce investment board member. Honorable Janice Cunningham asked to appoint Clint Auer to the position of circuit court probation as he is the Eaton County Probation/Parole Supervisor at this time. As for the workforce investment board member, examples Michigan Works or Peckham. This can be reviewed at the next CCAB meeting. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned** to recommend Clint Auer be nominated to the Eaton County CCAB by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners. The **motion passed** unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners to approve additional board members and adopt the By-Laws. Melanie Achenbach to send amendments to Eaton County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum to add to the Board of Commissioners board meeting for approval at the November meeting.

New Business:

Melanie Achenbach provided a review of the FY21 funding and programs.

* OCC – utilized 83%, \$91,090.79 out of \$110,000 received. All programs were continued including Jail Cog, MOTO, MRT, 5 Day Jail Stay, and two different Substance Abuse programs, asked for \$148,530, and received \$120,000 (\$10,000 increase from last year).

* ACDC – utilized 89%, \$100,554.99 out of \$114,000 received. Asked for \$124,700, received \$114,000 (exactly the same amount we received in FY21).

* Vet Court – utilized 59%, \$37,711.13 out of \$64,000 received, enrollments low FY21, trend across state. Asked for \$78,655, received \$23,000 (but we were allowed to utilize our unspent portion of the grant from FY21 which totals \$26,288.87 (so we received a total of \$49,288.87 - \$11,577.74 increase from what we spend last year)

* Felony DWI Court – utilized 91%, \$75,787.43 out of \$83,000 received. Asked for \$124,826, received \$83,000 (which is exactly the same amount we received in FY21).

* SSSPP – utilized 92%, \$78,429.75 out of \$85,000 received. Asked for \$94,211, received \$94,000 (\$9,000 increase from what we received during FY21).

* 56-A District Hybrid Court – utilized 96%, \$31,678.95 out of \$33,000 received. Asked for \$95,836, received \$33,000 (which is the exact same amount we received during FY21)

Proposed FY22 CCAB meetings

- January 19, 2022: Voting meeting on the FY22 Q1 Report
- April 20, 2022: Voting meeting on the FY22 Q2 Report and FY23 OCC Grant Application
- July 20, 2022: Voting meeting on the FY22 Q3 Report
- October 19, 2022: Voting meeting on the FY22 Q4 Report

Specialty Courts Update:

ACDC – Christy Richards. For FY21, there were 14 participants admitted. Currently, there are 20 active participants. There were 6 graduations during FY21, and there are 10 more anticipated graduations during FY22. We currently have 12 pending acceptance into the program.

J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court – Kasey Heckman. During FY21 we were struggling to get people into the program. We have had a 78% completion rate, we had 7 out of 9 successfully complete the program, there are 2 participants currently active, 2 waiting to enter program and we anticipate 1 participant will graduate during FY22. Kasey Heckman has taken a position with Clinton County as a Victims Advocate and will be leaving Oct 29. Peter Klein will be handling Swift & Sure caseload and Christy Richards will handle Veterans caseload until this position is filled.

Felony DWI Court – Peter Klein. During FY21, currently there are 20 active participants, 15 new participants entered the program during FY21, we had 12 graduations and we anticipate 7 more participants will graduate during FY22. There was a 75% successful completion rate during FY21. There were 43 phase advancements during FY21. Currently there are 10 participants awaiting admission into the program.

Swift & Sure – Kasey Heckman. For FY21 there was a 67% success rate. There are 17 active participants in the program. During FY21, 6 participants successfully completed the program, and there were 9 participants admitted. Kasey Heckman stated they have had more success with zoom meetings and getting creative with sanctions for probation violations. This has helped participants keep their jobs instead of going to jail. Currently there are 6 participants waiting to be screened.

56-A District Hybrid Court – Anne Howarth. During FY21 there have been 12 participants admitted and 28 successful completions with a 70% success rate. There are currently 28 active cases and 20 more anticipated graduations during FY22. There are zero participants who have been screened and are awaiting sentencing. We currently have 12 open spots available.

District Domestic Violence Court – Liz Hoogstra and Honorable Kelly Morton. During FY21 there was a 50% graduation rate, 32 participants were discharged from the program: 16 successfully completed the program and 16 were discharged unsuccessfully. There are currently 26 active participants. During Review Hearings, participants have been participating in group reporting setting, where Review Hearings are more informal. So far, there has been positive feedback.

Truancy Court – Honorable Thomas Byerley. During FY21, there was an 83% success rate, 15 kids had perfect attendance during the first round of truancy court. There were 9 admitted in the program.

Meeting adjourned: 12:17 pm

Next Meeting:
January 19, 2022