

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)

April 20, 2022

Members Present:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Julie A. O'Neill, Honorable Thomas Byerley, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Eaton County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, John Boles, Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg, Steve Siegrist, Hanannah Horn as a proxy for Clint Auer, and Sheriff Tom Reich.

Members Absent: Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar

Others Present: Honorable John Maurer, Honorable Kelly Morton, Melanie Achenbach-CCAB Director, Anne Howarth, Christy Richards, Elizabeth Hoogstra, Kathy Brooks, Amy Etzel, Peter Klein, Shelly Rasmussen, Tyler Willison, Heidi Kirchen, and Melissa Ballard.

Call to Order:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham called meeting to order at 11:34 am.

Approval of January 19, 2022 minutes:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd motioned to approve, Sheriff Tom Reich seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Voting on FY22 Quarter 2 Report:

CCAB Director Melanie Achenbach reported that Jail Cog had 32% enrollment and 45.7% expenditures. The Jail Cog Program was suspended from 02/04/22 to 04/04/22 due to the number of inmates who tested positive for COVID-19, but has since resumed in April, 2022. Moto had 35% enrollment and 32.5% expenditures. The Moto program was suspended 02/04/22 to 04/04/22 due to the number of inmates who tested positive for COVID-19. The next moto session is scheduled for 6/27/22. Reality and Cognitive Consultants combined have a 73.5% enrollment and 37.6% expenditures. MRT had 80% enrollment and 53.2% expenditures and the 5 day housing has 40% enrollment and 34% expenditures.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY22 Quarter 2 Report. Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg motioned to approve, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Voting on FY23 OCC Grant Application:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY23 Grand Application. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd motioned to approve, Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Vacant positions on the CCAB:

The CCAB has vacant positions currently: one member who is from the communications media, one member who is affiliated with the applicable workforce investment board and one to three members selected from mental health, public health, substance abuse, employment and training, or community alternative programs.

Sean Corbin was a member of the CCAB, but recently resigned after taking a position in Grand Rapids. CCAB Director Melanie Achenbach will reach out to Brenda Rayle, Alicia Putmon, and Bill Hay. Eaton County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum suggested Colette Scrimger who is employed by the Eaton County Department of Health and Human Services, may be a good addition to the CCAB as well. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd suggested the Eaton County Public Defender, Timothy Havis, would be an asset to the CCAB.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the Public Defender office to the CCAB. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd motioned to approve, Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg seconded the motion, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

FY22 Scheduled CCAB meetings:

- July 20, 2022: Voting meeting on the FY22 Q3 Report, 11:30 am
- October 19, 2022: Voting meeting on the FY22 Q4 Report, 11:30 am

New Business:

Channel 47 conducted an impromptu interview with Eaton County Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Honorable Julie O'Neill, and Magistrate Bobby Ficklin Jr. regarding our grant funding. There was positive feedback regarding the interview. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham mentioned she would participate in an interview with CCAB Director Melanie Achenbach to promote Eaton County's Problem-Solving Courts.

MATCP training this year was remote and in-person. There will be a training this fall for medication treatment and all should attend.

Defense Attorney Matthew Newburg informed us that he has created a form to be utilized by defense attorneys to help them screen clients for the various Problem-Solving Courts in Eaton County.

Specialty Courts Update:

ACDC – Honorable Janice K. Cunningham. The State Court Administrative Office Certification went well. There was good dialog, SCAO attended both the staffing session and review hearings.

CCAB Director Melanie Achenbach. Regarding the SCAO Certification process, we have submitted all of our paperwork and are awaiting their final determination.

Christy Richards. There have been 16 new participants admitted into the ACDC during the first half of FY22. There are currently 19 active participants reporting by zoom and in-person. There are four participants currently in residential treatment, five participants successfully completed the program during the first half of FY22, and we anticipate five more participants will successfully complete the program during this fiscal year. RISE has been a great partner for our program.

J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court – Tyler Willison. There were three participants admitted to the program during the first half of FY22, and there are four active participants in the program. One participant successfully completed the program during FY22, and six have been screened and are pending admission into the program. Honorable Judge Janice K. Cunningham mentioned the SCAO certification went well in her opinion. There was good dialog, SCAO attended both the staffing session and review hearings. We also have some previous mentors coming back to continue mentoring new Veterans Court participants.

Felony DWI Court – Peter Klein. There are currently 21 active participants. So far during FY22 we have an 80% success rate with participants who successfully completed the program. We anticipate four more participants will successfully complete the program during FY22. There have been six participants admitted to

the program during FY22, and six participants who have been screened pending admission into the program. When we screen participants for Sobriety Court, we have found some of them may also be eligible for Veterans Treatment Court. This has helped put people into the Problem-Solving Court most suited for their needs.

Swift & Sure – Tyler Willison. There are currently 18 active participants, six participants were admitted to the program during the first half of FY22, and two participants successfully completed the program with a 100% success rate. We anticipate 2 more participants will successfully complete the program this fiscal year.

56-A District Hybrid Court – Anne Howarth. There were 5 new participants admitted during the first half of FY22. There have been 13 participants who successfully completed the program this year with a 100% success rate, and we anticipate there will be seven more participants who successfully complete the program by the end of FY22. Currently there are 21 active participants in the program, and four participants who have been screened and are pending admission into the program.

Honorable Julie A. O'Neill stated there are some very talented participants currently in the program and they are exploring new hobbies.

Domestic Violence Treatment Court – Honorable Kelly Morton. We continue to hold review hearings utilizing a group discussion format. At times participants are given a reading assignment and there is a group discussion that follows. Peter Klein was able to attend review hearings since our last meeting.

Peter Klein. Participants were more involved and the process was more inclusive than traditional review hearings.

Liz Hoogstra. There are currently 22 participants in the program and eight participants on pre-trial status and awaiting sentencing. We anticipate there will be five more successful completions during the remainder of FY22.

Truancy Court – Honorable Judge Byerley. There have been 30 active participants with an 80% success rate. Kids are getting back into school and this program is holding kids and parents accountable.

Meeting adjourned: 12:10 pm.

Next Meeting:

July 20, 2022 at 11:30 am