

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)
October 25, 2023

Members Present: Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Julie A. O'Neill, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Steve Siegrist, Clint Auer, Brenda Rayle, Alicia Wesolek, Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar, Chairperson of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners Jim Mott, Calley Green, and Colette Scrimger

Members Absent: John Boles, Sheriff Tom Reich, Matthew Newburg, and Honorable Thomas Byerley

Others Present: CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, Honorable John D. Maurer, Anne Howarth, Kathy Brooks, Amy Etzel, Peter Klein, Tim Havis, Shelly Rasmussen, Tyler Willison, Amanda Pollard, Melissa Ballard, Hannah Horn, Leslie Benoit, Todd Brunner, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Logan Bailey, Connie Sobie, Christy Richards, and Liz Hoogstra

Call to Order:

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

Approval of the minutes:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the July 26, 2023 minutes as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve**, Steve Siegrist **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Voting on the FY23 Quarter 4 Report

An update was given by CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach.

We were awarded \$130,000 for the PA-511 grant during FY23. Overall, we spent \$116,274.17, which is 89% of our PA-511 grant funding during FY23.

We exceeded projected enrollments for Jail Cog, Moto, and both substance use disorder treatment programs as detailed in the quarterly report. Our enrollments for both MRT and 5-day housing were below projections. During FY23, MDOC Agents were provided with a virtual MRT program to utilize. This program is facilitated and funded by Kalamazoo County Community Corrections. Eaton County MDOC Agents have been utilizing that program for MRT during FY23. As a result, we have seen a decrease in enrollments into the MRT program in Eaton County. Although Agents have had positive feedback about the Kalamazoo County Community Corrections MRT program, information was received indicating the MRT program in Kalamazoo County reached maximum capacity, and Agents were asked to not send referrals to that program. We still have an MRT program through Eaton County Community Corrections for Agents to utilize until Kalamazoo County's program is able to take new referrals again.

Key Performance Measures. 100% of the individuals who completed any PA-511 funded programming in Eaton County were not convicted of a new felony offense during FY23. That shows our programs are reducing the likelihood of new criminal behavior.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve and submit the FY23 Q4 report as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve** the FY23 Q4 report as prepared. Honorable Julie A. O'Neill **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

New Business: Review of FY23 funding, programs and grant award

PA-511: During FY24, we received \$197,000, which is a \$67,000 increase from last year.

We requested additional funding with the intent of hiring a full-time Pretrial Services Specialist this year. That position is going to cost \$92,500. After meeting with Connie, Melissa, Heidi, and Amy, it was recommended that we utilize grant funding to cover 70% (\$64,729.65) of this position and ask the Board of Commissioners to fund 30% (\$27,741.28) of this position. This will help ensure longevity of this position.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion that the CCAB request the Public Safety Committee to approve a full-time Pretrial Services Specialist Position. If approved by the Public Safety Committee, the request will be forwarded to the Ways and Means Committee to request approval of 30% of the Pretrial Services Specialist's salary be paid for with County funding. Chairperson of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, Jim Mott **motioned to request the position**, Colette Scrimger **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham announced that Matt Newburg resigned his position on the Eaton County CCAB. Discussion was held regarding recommending the Public Defender, Tim Havis, to serve as a voting member of the Eaton County CCAB.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to accept Matt Newburg's resignation and to approve the recommendation of Public Defender Tim Havis to serve as a voting member of the Eaton County CCAB. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve**, Chairperson of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners Jim Mott **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Proposed FY24 scheduled CCAB meetings:

January 24, 2024: Voting meeting on the FY24 Q1 Report

April 24, 2024: Voting meeting on the FY24 Q2 Report and the FY25 OCC Grant Application

July 24, 2024: Voting meeting on the FY24 Q3 Report

October 23, 2024: Voting meeting on the FY24 Q4 Report

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the proposed FY24 CCAB meeting schedule. Steve Siegrist **motioned to approve**, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Colette Scrimger, Health Officer from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department informed the CCAB of a grant that has been awarded to the Barry-Eaton District Health Department in the amount of \$850,000. Over the next 5 years, the funding will help strengthen ongoing efforts to manage the opioid overdose crisis and reduce overdoses in the community. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham suggested the possibility of scheduling a separate meeting to inform various departments of the grant received.

Specialty Courts Update: - CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach

ACDC – Melanie Achenbach - For FY24, we received \$122,000 in grant funding. This is a \$1,400 increase from what we received in FY23. For FY23 we utilized \$113,673.80 (94% of our total award).

Christy Richards – There are currently 23 active participants. During FY23, there were 18 participants admitted to the program, and six successfully completed. Currently, there are three participants attending residential treatment, and five participants who have been screened and are awaiting admission. It is anticipated there will be 12 graduations during FY24.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham attended the Mid-Michigan Treatment Court foundation fundraiser in October, 2023. One of our graduates was highlighted at the fundraiser. Funding is requested from the Mid-Michigan Treatment Court Foundation when a participant is in need of support and we are not able to utilize grant funding to assist them.

J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court – Melanie Achenbach - For FY24, we received \$47,000, which is a \$2,000 increase from what we received in FY23. For FY23 we utilized \$36,943.94 (82% of our total award)

Tyler Willison – There are currently seven active participants. During FY23, there were two participants admitted to the program, and two participants successfully completed the program. It is anticipated our next graduation will occur during the first quarter of FY24. There are four people who have been screened and are awaiting admission.

Felony DWI Court – Melanie Achenbach - For FY24, we received \$66,000 from the MDCGP and \$25,000 from OHSP, overall this is a \$600 increase in funding from FY23. However, the allowable expenses for each funding unit are specific and differ. OHSP funding cannot be utilized to pay for personnel's salary or fringe benefits. Even though we received a small increase in funding, we are \$22,000 short to pay our Felony Sobriety Court case manager full-time for FY24. We have been advised by SCAO to request additional MDCGP funding in the second quarter of this year. CCAB Coordinator, Melanie Achenbach recommended trusting our funding unit and making that request as soon as we are able to do so. In the meantime, CCAB Coordinator will continue working with Kathy, Amy, Connie, Melissa, and Heidi to explore any and all avenues to locate funding to pay our full-time case manager's salary during FY24. In addition, CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach plans on exploring other grant opportunities possibly through BJA (Bureau of Justice Assistance) and/or SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) during this year so that our Felony Sobriety Court remains fully operational. If anyone is aware of any grant opportunities, please share.

During FY23, we utilized \$88,658.08, with 90.4% of that being utilized to pay our full-time case manager, (98% of our total award).

Pete Klein – There are currently 29 active participants. There were 18 participants admitted to the program, and 12 participants successfully completed the program through FY23. We anticipate 11 participants will successfully complete the program during FY24. There are currently four participants who have been screened and are awaiting admission.

Swift & Sure – Melanie Achenbach – For FY24, we received \$88,000 in grant funding. This is a \$6,000 decrease in funding received during FY23. During FY23 we utilized \$59,198.01, (63% of our total award).

Tyler Willison – We currently have 8 active participants in the program. There were 0 participants admitted to the program during FY23. Participants are not officially admitted to the program until they have been released from the Eaton County Jail after serving their upfront jail time. The participants who are awaiting admission will complete their upfront jailtime during FY24. 11 participants successfully completed the program during FY23. There have been 5 people screened for SSSPP and are currently awaiting admission.

56-A District Hybrid Court – Melanie Achenbach – For FY24, we received \$17,000 from the MDCGP and \$20,000 from OHSP, a total of \$37,000. This is a \$4,000 increase from what we received in FY23. During FY23 we utilized \$24,180.85 (73% of our total award).

Anne Howarth - We currently have 26 active participants. There have been 17 participants admitted to the program this year, and six participants successfully completing the program in FY23. There are currently two participants who have been screened and are awaiting admission.

Truancy Court – Amanda Pollard – This will be our second full school year with 37 children with 75% participation rate and 87% success rate.

Saf-T Court – Amanda Pollard - We currently have 5 participants 13-18 years old. These kids have had multiple years smoking, drinking and substance abuse. We have started a parent support group.

Meeting adjourned: 12:09 pm.

Next Meeting:

January 24, 2024, and will be a voting meeting for the FY24 1st Quarter report.