

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)

May 21, 2025

Members Present: Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Amanda G. Pollard, Honorable Adrienne K. Van Langevelde, Brenda Rayle, Steve Siegrist, Clint Auer, Public Defender Tim Havis, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Alicia Wesolek, Calley Green, Chairperson of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners Jim Mott, Sheriff Tom Reich, and Colette Scrimger

Members Absent: John Boles and Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar

Others Present: Melanie Achenbach, Kathy Brooks, Peter Klein, Tyler Willison, Shelly Rasmussen, Christy Richards, Anne Howarth, Amy Etzel, Diana Bosworth, and Honorable Reid S. Felsing

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 January 22, 2025 minutes as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve**, Public Defender Tim Havis **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Action Item: Voting on the FY25 Q2 Report

An update was given by CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach.

Eaton County's FY25 Q2 Report shows that the County is meeting or exceeding projected enrollments in every program, with the exception of the 5-Day Housing jail reimbursement program. There was one participant enrolled in this program during the first half of this fiscal year, and there was one additional enrollment during the third quarter. The Community Corrections Department continues screening potential candidates for enrollment into this program.

Financially, the report shows the County is right on budget regarding the Jail Cog and MOTO programs, is under budget regarding community-based programming (both substance use disorder treatment programs, MRT, and 5-day housing), and is over budget in regards to the pretrial programs. After a meeting with Melissa, the Finance Director in Eaton County, a budget adjustment request was completed on April 29th and was sent to the Controller's Office for review prior to submission. This will help ensure the County expends the largest percentage of grant funding available, utilizing the smallest amount of general funding for employees' salaries as possible.

Moving on to the Key Performance Measures, the data shows 100% of the participants who successfully completed Jail Cog, MOTO, either Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program, or MRT were not convicted of a new felony offense 12 months post successful completion. This data was tracked for any participants who successfully completed programming from January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025.

The County's Pretrial Programs have different key performance measures. The County's Concurrence Rate was 22.9%. As mentioned in previous meetings, this rate considers each individual condition of release ordered versus what was recommended. When looking at the type of bond ordered versus the recommendation provided, the rates greatly improved. Release on personal recognizance was recommended 141 times and ordered 126 times (89.4% concurrence), a financial bond was recommended 124 times and ordered 135 times (91.9% concurrence), and bond denied was recommended one time and ordered five times (20% concurrence). Although the County's release rate is slightly less than projected at 73.7%, this rate is very fluid. There were 151 additional PRAXIS Assessments completed during April, 2025. This data will continue to be monitored as

we move through FY25. The County's pretrial supervision program exceeds projections for its appearance rate, public safety rate, and success/compliance rate.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY25 Q2 Report as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve**, Steve Siegrist **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously

Action Item: Voting on the FY26 Grant Application

The County's FY26 Grant Application represents a continuation of programming and staff. The Office of Community Corrections provided an internet application for grant development and submission for FY26, causing the grant application to look different. This year provided are program descriptions for each program, and a logic model for all of the programs, with the exception of the 5-Day Reimbursement program. The logic model contains four components: inputs: what is invested into the program, activities: what the program does, outputs: direct results of the program activities, and outcomes: benefits realized in the population served by the program. The logic model is new this year due to the electronic application.

The County's overall Prison Commitment Rate, Group 2 Prison Commitment Rate, Straddle Cell Prison Commitment Rate, and Group 2 Straddle Cell Prison Commitment Rate were less than the State of Michigan's. Due to the transfer of MDOC's database from OMNI to COMS, the Office of Community Corrections was not able to provide accurate recidivism data this year, so that data was not analyzed.

The County did achieve its Prison Commitment, Pretrial Appearance Rate, and Public Safety Rate projected goals from last fiscal year.

Although it appears as two new programs are being requested, historically, Individual Treatment Sessions have been covered under the Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs. The G-18 Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs are intended to be group programming. Due to the electronic grant application requiring a number of individual sessions to be documented, the County's Grant Manager, Dawn Karfonta, advised to separate the individual sessions from the group sessions for our Substance Use Treatment programs. The funding requested for both Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Individual Treatment mimics what was requested for Outpatient Substance Use Disorder treatment alone last year. For next fiscal year, individual substance use disorder treatment sessions will be tracked separately. Separating individual sessions from group sessions may also benefit the treatment providers because if they have less than three participants in a group, they can provide services on an individual basis.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY26 OCC Grant Application as prepared. Sheriff Tom Riech **motioned to approve**, Brenda Rayle **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

New Business:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham: Kathy Brooks, Eaton County's Deputy Court Administrator, will be retiring from Eaton County on May 30, 2025. There will be a luncheon held in her honor for all who would like to attend.

The Honorable Adrienne K. Van Langevelde was appointed to serve on the State Office of Community Corrections Board. This left a vacant position on Eaton County's Community Corrections Advisory Board. The Public Safety Committee approved the appointment of the Honorable Reid S. Felsing to serve on the CCAB on Thursday, May 1, 2025. Judge Felsing's appointment will be presented to the full Eaton County Board of Commissioners this evening.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the Honorable Reid S. Felsing to serve on the Eaton County CCAB. Calley Green **motioned to approve**, Sheriff Tom Reich **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

FY25 Funding and Programs

ACDC: Christy Richards: There were 11 participants admitted into the program. Five participants successfully completed the program. There are 15 active participants reporting. Six participants have been screened and are awaiting admission. It is anticipated that six more participants will graduate during the next quarter.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham: The program has been going well and has been conducting graduation ceremonies at every review hearing recently.

Vet Court: Tyler Willison: There were two participants admitted into the program. There were six phase advancements during the first half of FY25. There are currently 10 active participants in the program. There were four potential participants screened and currently two are awaiting admission. The program has not celebrated any graduations yet this fiscal year, but it is anticipated that two participants will successfully complete the program by the end of FY25.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham: The program has been going well.

Felony Sobriety Court: Christy Richards: There were six participants admitted into the program. There are currently 26 participants actively reporting. Eleven participants have been screened and are awaiting admission. Ten participants successfully completed the program, and it is anticipated that nine additional participants will successfully complete the program during FY25.

SSSPP: Tyler Willison: There are currently ten participants in the program. Nine potential participants have been screened for admission. It is anticipated that five participants will be admitted during the third quarter. One participant successfully completed the program during this fiscal year.

56-A Hybrid Court: Anne Howarth: There are currently 25 participants actively reporting. There have been five participants admitted into the program. Five participants successfully completed the program this fiscal year and it is anticipated that five additional participants will graduate during FY25.

Honorable Adrienne K. Van Langevelde: The program is going well. Due to funding, although Use of Controlled Substance offenses are allowed to enter the program, drug screens for this population are not an allowable expense. Melanie Achenbach explained the funding for the program. Honorable Adrienne K. Van Langevelde mentioned sentencing two individuals for Use of a Controlled Substance offense, but the individuals were not placed into the 56-A District Hybrid Court. Discussion held.

Domestic Violence Treatment Court: Anne Howarth: There have been six participants admitted into the program during this fiscal year. There are currently 11 active participants in the program. There are two participants who will be admitted during the third quarter. It is anticipated that four participants will successfully complete the program by the end of FY25. During FY25 five out of the six participants who entered the Domestic Violence Treatment Court were originally charged with a felony offense but reduced to a misdemeanor offense to participate in the program.

Honorable Reid S. Felsing: The program has been going well. Although some participants have been unsuccessfully discharged, the remaining participants seem to put in more effort following a revocation.

Truancy Court: Honorable Amanda G. Pollard: There are currently eight participants in the program. Two participants have graduated successfully. Two participants did not appear. The success rate is currently between 85% and 90%.

Juvenile Substance Abuse Treatment Court: Honorable Amanda G. Pollard: There are currently three participants in the program. Following the resignation of Matt Ottney, Crystal George has taken over as the Juvenile Substance Abuse Treatment Court Probation Officer. Changes are currently being made to the program with hopes of improving the success rate of the participants.

Old Business: Vacant positions on the CCAB.

Communications media – vacant position

Next Meeting: July 23, 2025, at 11:30am. Voting meeting on the FY25 Q3 report

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm