

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)
July 23, 2025

Members Present: Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Reid S. Felsing, Brenda Rayle, Steve Siegrist, Clint Auer, Public Defender Tim Havis, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Alicia Wesolek, Sheriff Tom Reich, Colette Scrimger, and Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar

Members Absent: Honorable Amanda G. Pollard, John Boles, Calley Green, and Chairperson of the Eaton County Board of Commissioners Jim Mott

Others Present: Melanie Achenbach, Peter Klein, Tyler Willison, Shelly Rasmussen, Christy Richards, Anne Howarth, Elizabeth Hoogstra, Honorable Kelly E. Morton, and Leslie Benoit

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 May 21, 2025, minutes as prepared. Sheriff Tom Reich **motioned to approve**, Steve Siegrist **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Board to Vote on FY25 Q3 Report

An update was given by CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach: As detailed in the third quarter report, all but one of the Community Corrections programs is exceeding enrollments. The 5-Day Housing program is currently at 60% of projected enrollments, with three new participants having been admitted. When the second quarter report was submitted, there was one new participant enrolled into this program. Although the enrollments remain below projections, this program has had a large increase in the percentage of new enrollees, going from 20% of projected new enrollments during the second quarter of FY25 to 60% of new enrollments during the third quarter of FY25.

Although the new enrollments for the MOTO Program appear to be below projections, the third MOTO program began on July 7th, 2025 and there were nine participants enrolled into the program at that time. By the end of this fiscal year, the county will have exceeded its projected new enrollments into the MOTO program.

With regards to the key performance measures, 100% of the participants who completed either a jail-based or community-based program since April 1, 2024 have not been convicted of a new felony offense since their successful completion. Data was tracked for any participants who successfully completed programming between April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (60 successful completions).

The county's Pretrial Programs have different key performance measures. The county's concurrence rate was 28.9%, which is a 6% increase from the second quarter. This statistic considers each individual condition of release that was ordered versus what was recommended. When looking at the type of bond ordered, release on personal recognizance was recommended 226 times and ordered 209 times = 92.5% concurrence, financial release was recommended 192 times and ordered 207 times = 92.8% concurrence, and bond denied was recommended four times and ordered six times = 66.7% concurrences. The county's release rate was 78.2% and although that is less than the projected goal of 80%, during the second quarter the county's release rate was 73.7%. The county is showing a 4.5% increase in its release rate between the second and third quarters of FY25. The county's Pretrial Supervision Program continues to exceed projections for its appearance rate and public safety rate but is slightly below projections regarding its success/compliance rate. The appearance rate tracks those participants who are being supervised by the Pretrial Services Specialist and have not missed any court dates resulting in a bench warrant being issued. The public safety rate tracks those participants who are being supervised by the Pretrial Services Specialist and have not been charged with a new offense. The success/compliance rate combines the two. These statistics show that during FY25 participants in the county's Pretrial Supervision Program have either failed to appear for scheduled court appearances, or have been charged with a new offense, but have failed to appear for a scheduled court appearance and been charged with a new offense.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY25 third quarter report as prepared. Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar **motioned to approve**, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

New Business:

Office of Community Corrections Annual File Review Report: CCAB Coordinator
Melanie Achenbach

Annual file reviews are required by the grant contract. As detailed, all the local files reviewed were in compliance with the Office of Community Corrections rules and expectations. Grant Manager Dawn Karfonta recommended the county request additional technical assistance as it deems necessary and recommends the county continue to promote community corrections programming. This is a positive report.

Specialty Courts Update:

ACDC: Christy Richards: There were 14 participants admitted into the program. Nine participants successfully completed the program. There are 13 active participants reporting. Eleven participants have been screened and are awaiting admission. It is anticipated three more participants will graduate during FY25.

Veterans Court: Tyler Willison: There were three participants admitted so far during FY25. There are currently 10 active participants in the program. So far during FY25 there have been 15 phase advancements. Five participants have been screened for admission this fiscal year. The program has not celebrated any graduations yet this fiscal year, but it is anticipated two participants will successfully complete the program by the end of FY25.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham stated for the size of Eaton County, we have a large Veterans Court. The current group of Veteran participants are very supportive of one another.

Felony Sobriety Court: Tyler Willison: There were 13 participants admitted into the program. There are currently 29 participants actively reporting. Nine participants have been screened and are awaiting admission. Thirteen participants successfully completed the program, and it is anticipated seven additional participants will successfully complete the program during FY25.

Honorable Kelly E. Morton stated there are a large number of participants in phase one.

SSSPP: Christy Richards: There were nine participants admitted into the program. There are currently 10 participants actively reporting. Three participants have been screened and are awaiting admission. Two participants successfully completed the program, and it is anticipated two additional participants will successfully complete the program during FY25.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham stated that Swift & Sure is a compliance program, not a traditional treatment court.

56-A Hybrid Court: Anne Howarth: There are currently 27 participants actively reporting. There have been 12 participants admitted into the program. Eight participants successfully completed the program this fiscal year and it is anticipated two additional participants will successfully complete the program during FY25.

Domestic Violence Treatment Court: Honorable Reid S. Felsing: There were seven participants admitted into the program. There are currently 11 participants actively reporting. One participant successfully completed the program, and it is anticipated four additional participants will successfully complete the program during FY25.

Other:

Melanie Achenbach was promoted to Deputy Court Administrator. The Community Corrections Coordinator position has been posted, and Melanie Achenbach will be filling both positions until the Community Corrections Coordinator position is filled.

Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd is running for Michigan Attorney General.

Collette Scrimger from Eaton Behavioral Health will be retiring on September 30th, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:52 am

Next Meeting: October 22, 2025, Voting meeting on FY25 Q4 report.