

CCA Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

Attendance:

Board Members: Judge Niemeyer, Judge Routson, ADAMHS Executive Director, Precia Stuby; Clearview Services, Director Bernie Bushardt; Public Defender, Paul Maekask; County Prosecutor, Mark Miller; Director of Court Services, Kim Switzer; Juvenile Court, Judge Kristen Johnson; County Treasurer, J. Steve Welton; Victim Representative, Donna Lichtle.

Guests: Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; Cynthia Orley of Century Health; Asst. Public Defender, Aaron Reid; ADAMHS Board Member, Carl Etta Capes; Concerned citizen Tony Grotrian; Director Ohio Job and Family Services, Diana Hoover; Adult Probation Officer, Brandy Tiell; Pre-Sentence Writer Adult Probation, Chad J. McClain; Forensic Team Leader, Kayla Verhoff; University of Findlay Occupational Therapy, Miranda Tippie and Rebekah Mack; Veterans Service Officer, Nichole Coleman; Findlay City Schools Superintendent, Edward Kurt; Doctor and Community Member Dr. William Kose.

The CCA Board Meeting was held at the Hancock County Courthouse in the Jury Assembly Room.

Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes:

Judge Niemeyer called the meeting to order and following introductions he requested the Board to review the minutes from the meeting of May 19, 2015. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Community Corrections Act Updates:

- **Community Corrections Updates**
Director of Court Services/Chief Probation Officer Kim Switzer provided the following updates:
 - ◆ **Website:** All Common Pleas Court and Community Corrections Board Meeting minutes, along with the updated Board Organizational Resolution/2015, annual reports and additional articles can be found on the court website. www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas.
 - ◆ **FY 15 Annual Report Snapshot:** We were running in line with State wide averages on successes and failures and exceeded goals for 2015.
 - ◆ **Grants/FY15 Program Activity Review:**
 - **Pretrial release/Bond/408/Intensive Supervision/407**

- Intensive Supervision-FY15 Goal of 72 intakes. We have surpassed our number of intakes by 13%. Currently at 82 intakes.

-Intensive Supervision Success rate to date is approximately 69.5%. The statewide average success rate for similar programs is typically 50% to 60%. Ours success rates have always been over 60%. We will utilize interns to assist in completing recidivism studies that will review the past 5 years. We will specifically exam individuals that have been exposed to the new treatment curriculum.

- Director Switzer reviewed demographics such as risk scores, break down of type offenses, degree of offenses with approximately 60% being felonies of the fifth degree, gender with 26% being female, education etc...
- Director Switzer reviewed FY 15 Intensive Supervision termination graph which outlined reason for termination such as technical violations, new felonies, new misdemeanors, administrative releases, others including transfer to other jurisdictions.
- Director Switzer indicated that the reason for failure in the programs is being studied based on criminogenic targets. Director Switzer advised that the top reason for failure within the Hancock County Adult Probation programs is substance abuse. Attitudes values and beliefs always contribute to someone's recidivism.
- Pretrial-FY 15 Goal of 200 intakes. We have surpassed our number of intakes by 16%. Currently at 232 intakes.
- Director Switzer noted that failure to appear was the main reason for someone being unsuccessful on bond.

- **Probation Incentive and Improvement Grant/PIIG**

- Director Switzer noted that this was a grant that we received a couple of years ago that was originally used to assist with establishing the Century Health Forensic Team in-house treatment program.
- Director Switzer indicated that we then established the Forensic Teams ability to bill for services which was launched July 1, 2015. Director Switzer gave credit to

Century Health staff for getting a lot of work done to put case plans in the computer so that we could start billing July 1, 2015.

- Director Switzer noted that we received an automatic renewal for the this grant based on our performance on the goals that the state sets for us.
- Director Switzer noted that this grant now funds two probation officers and a part-time secretary.
- Director Switzer noted that we wanted to show a snapshot at the increased traffic at the Adult Probation Department. Director Switzer explained that in 2012 Adult Probation had 13 people coming for the MRT program. When compared to May of 2015, 374 people are now coming for in-house treatment including individual case management and various treatment groups. This data supported the need for additional support staff. A previous case manager from Century Health was hired to fill the part-time support staff position this person was Amanda Sharp.
- Director Switzer indicated two full time probation officers are much needed due to increased workload. If we lose the PIIG grant we would have to locate funding for those positions.
- Director Switzer also noted that the Court was pre-certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio for Drug Court. Site visits will occur in October of 2015 and then grant full certification as a Drug Court. Additionally with pre-certification the Court will be eligible for a grant that was recently announced.
- Director Switzer gave special thanks to Tony Grotrain for his advocacy with the Supreme Court officials to get materials so the Court would be eligible.
- Director Switzer indicated that a new CCA Board resolution would be coming to Cindy Land of the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office for updating.
- Director Switzer reviewed fiscal quarterly reports/year end reconciliation. PIIG grant returned \$.51, 408/Bond grant returned \$62.02 this was a variance in insurance and 407/Intensive Supervision grant returned \$37.58.

- Director Switzer mentioned that treatment staff are now working directly alongside probation staff with treatment focusing on level of care and probation working toward accountability.
- Director Switzer advised that Kayla Verhoff was promoted from Forensic Team Case Manager to Forensic Team Leader and Drug Court Coordinator. Additionally Cindy Orley was introduced as the new manager of the Criminal Justice Division of Century Health overseeing.

- **Forensic Team Report**

Kayla Verhoff reported the following updates:

- Ms. Verhoff indicated that they currently have 112 active clients receiving services from the forensic team with 14 clients being involved with the Drug Court Program.
- Ms. Verhoff advised that 1 Findlay Municipal Court client is involved in aftercare group and 2 additional clients have been referred.
- Ms. Verhoff reviewed the current groups that are being offered which include three Thinking for a Change groups, two Social Skills groups, a Motivation group is available if needed, three Aftercare Groups and Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse groups, EPICS and Motivational Interviewing. The days and times of the treatment groups were reviewed by Ms. Verhoff which reflected that groups are separated by gender/risk and both day and evening groups are conducted.
- Ms. Verhoff indicated that the Forensic Team is now fully staffed with Ms. Verhoff as Team Leader, Cindy Orley as Criminal Justice Coordinator and three full time case managers.

- **Hancock County Common Pleas Drug Court**

Kayla Verhoff reported the following:

- Ms. Verhoff advised that Drug Court has a total of 56 clients referred with 18 being referred since July 13, 2015. 7 males and 7 females have been accepted with 2 clients on an inactive status.
- Ms. Verhoff indicated that Judge Niemeyer's Drug Court docket includes 2 males and 5 females.

- Ms. Verhoff indicated that Judge Routson's Drug Court docket includes 5 males and 2 females.
- Ms. Verhoff indicated inactive clients include 1 male and 1 female.
- Ms. Verhoff advised that 1 referral declined to be screened for Drug Court and 2 referrals that declined to participate in Drug Court after being found eligible.
- Ms Verhoff indicated that 16 total referrals that had been found ineligible and 4 that were eligible but were not entered at the time they went to court, 3 referrals that are waiting they have been found eligible and are scheduled for court, and 11 referrals that are in the "parking lot" waiting to be screened. The breakdown of the 11 pending referrals is 5 for Judge Routson and 6 for Judge Niemeyer.
- Director Switzer indicated that this entire structure was designed to mirror evidenced based research. Director Switzer questioned the reason for the 16 ineligible participants. Ms. Verhoff indicated that they don't meet the minimum criteria such as ORAS score or they don't meet the criteria based on dependency diagnosis or individuals who are not even able to attend the drug court screening appointments and expecting that the individual would be able to attend multiple appointments expected from Drug Court participants.
- Director Switzer reminded everyone that Drug Court is voluntary as due process is set aside and that opiates remain a significant problem.
- Director Switzer indicated that we conducted 16, 000 drug test last year and cautioned that we will likely see an increase in drug testing due to Drug Court.
- Director Switzer indicated that the Adult Probation Department receives various sources of funding with 40% coming from the County funds and 60 % from State funding. Director Switzer and that if the grants went away we would be looking for the funding elsewhere.
- Director Switzer indicated that we have already surpassed last year's bond intake numbers utilizing the same staff.
- Prosecutor Miller commented that he is not surprised as 236 indictments have already occurred with 4 months remaining.

Old Business:

- **Legislative Updates**
Judge Routson reported the following:

- Judge Routson advised that the Criminal Law Recodification Committee has been created to review significant portions of the criminal code with the mission from the legislator being to simplify the code and are looking into changes and reforms in the criminal justice system with Judge Pepple from Auglaize County, Ohio being the committee chairperson. Judge Routson indicated that Ohio already has a Sentencing Commission in place and expressed concern that the missions may clash. The committee should have a product issued around August of 2016.
- A section was placed into the most recent State of Ohio budget bill granting the Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to release certain low level drug offenders if they are sentenced by a Judge to prison if they meet a host of criteria they can be removed and placed into a new treatment facility. It has become the law and was part of the budget bill and it will be monitored to determine if it is effective.
- **Domestic Violence Task Force**
Ashley Ritz reported the following:
 - Ms. Ritz advised that the Domestic Violence Task Force continues support the University of Findlay with their efforts to bring domestic violence and sexual assault education to students. Open Arms has staff working on campus 10 hours per week even through the summer to address these issues. Additionally Open Arms staff continue to be available to respond to domestic violence and sexual assault crisis 24/7.
 - Ms. Ritz advised that they will be working with University of Findlay Security as they transition into forming their police force to assure that all staff are trained on the issues of sexual assault and domestic violence.
 - Ms. Ritz indicated that they are working to move forward with collective impact.
 - Ms. Ritz advised that Legal Aid is searching for contract attorney's to assist clients with CPO's and other legal matters pertaining to domestic violence should anyone be aware of such individuals please refer them to Ms. Ritz or Melissa LaRoco at Legal Aid.
 - Ms. Ritz advised that Open Arms annual meeting is on October 19, 2015. Additionally Ms. Ritz reminded everyone that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and they will be having Kira Kazantsev who is the 2015 Ms. America and a survivor of domestic violence.
- **OH Job & Family Services; Forensic Case Manager Services Update**
Diana Hoover reported the following:

- Ms. Hoover advised that they had 31 individuals in the program last quarter. Ms. Hoover advised that they are using the Cincinnati Works model as it has research to support its success.
 - Ms. Hoover advised that Kayla has been working with more individuals at the Hope House who have a criminal background.
 - Ms. Hoover advised that they have individuals that are maintaining employment for 6 months.
 - Ms. Hoover indicated that they will be doing comprehensive case management for 16-24 year olds with multiple barriers to employment. They will be targeting people in Kayla's program as well as individuals with child support orders.
- **Hancock County Justice Center**
Judge Niemeyer reported the following:
 - Judge Niemeyer advised that Ryan Kidwell was not able to attend and submitted his updates by way of a written handout available to all attendees. Judge Niemeyer advised that it discusses issues concerning the jail and their relationship with the University of Findlay. Judge Niemeyer also indicated that it discusses the body scanner that is used at the jail. Judge Niemeyer advised that if participants had questions they could contact Sheriff Heldman or Lt. Ryan Kidwell directly or leave the questions with Director Switzer or himself and they would assure that the questions would be forwarded to the Sheriff or Lt. Kidwell.
- **Hancock County Juvenile Court**
Judge Johnson reported the following:
 - Judge Johnson indicated that they started their first Truancy Court last Friday with 17 students that included 16 Findlay City School students and 1 County School student. Judge Johnson advised that they had 16 successes and 1 failure.
 - Judge Johnson advised that they are hoping to have a guardianship training locally. The first day will be a training for guardians who are attorneys and the next day for guardians that are lay people. It will occur at the Agency on Aging and Judge Johnson advised that she could get the dates for those individuals that are interested.
 - Judge Johnson indicated that there has been a change in the marriage law and reported that all forms have been changed with no issues.
 - Judge Johnson advised that they have had personnel changes at the Court and they have had a security assessment. Shawn Carpenter is now

Court Administrator and Chief Probation Officer. Becky VanScoder is Chief Clerk of both Probate and Juvenile Divisions.

- **Findlay Municipal Court**

Judge Starn reported the following:

- Judge Starn indicated that they are bucking the statewide trend as the case filings have increased. Criminal case load is up approximately 12%. Mostly traffic offenses. Judge Starn advised that the domestic violence cases are down but drug cases have increased. The percentage of assault cases have increased. Judge Starn advised that OVI cases have decreased and DUS cases have increased significantly.
- Judge Starn reported that they have had staffing changes advising that Marsha Okley retired last week and that David Spridgeon who was formally a Probation Officer is now the Clerk of Courts and Candace Pahl who was formally with the Findlay Police Department is now serving as a Probation Officer. Judge Starn advised that a Deputy Clerk will be leaving soon and they will be filling that position.
- Judge Starn indicated that the renovations of the second floor indicated that it should be starting soon. The Probation Department will have more room for drug testing to be conducted within the Probation Department. Additionally there will be room added for one additional probation officer.
- Judge Starn reported on CASC saying that work groups had been meeting. He indicated that he was not able to obtain a full report on CASC as Judge Fry had a family medical emergency. Judge Starn advised that he hoped to have further information at the next meeting. Judge Starn that he has been advised that the renovations should be complete at the end of 2015.

- **Re-entry Coalition**

Precia Stuby reported the following:

- Mrs. Stuby advised that designation of the re-entry coordinator was rolled into the Criminal Justice Coordinator position. Cindy Orley will be serving as the re-entry coordinator.

- **Opiate Task Force:**

Precia Stuby reported the following:

- Mrs. Stuby indicated that the Opiate Task Force approved their FY 16 plan. Mrs. Stuby advised that they are trying to bring in a doctor to

present a CME on working with infants exposed to Neo Natal Abstinence Syndrome.

- Mrs. Stuby advised that the Opiate Task Force is working with the University of Findlay on a root cause analysis which is a review of every case that results in a death or a near miss. The information would be used in a research project that could assist later with legislation.
- Mrs. Stuby indicated that grants are available for Brief Intervention and Screening for Substance Disorders with the goal being of getting ESPERT involved in the local schools.
- Mrs. Stuby advised that there is continued emphasis on medication collection and the availability of NARCAN. Ms. Stuby indicated that every Ohio County was awarded funds for NARCAN and the Findlay City Health Department is the distributor of the NARCAN locally. Individuals and Agencies that receive the NARCAN must complete an education program before receiving the NARCAN. The money received from the state for the NARCAN is for First Responders however the University of Findlay made a contribution to expand availability and that all providers are encouraged to refer individuals with substance abuse disorders and families are told how to access the NARCAN.
- Opiate Task Force has been focused on the State of Ohio marijuana legislation ballot issue. Fact Sheets and Speakers Bureau are available.
- **ROSC Initiatives**
Precia Stuby reported the following:
 - Mrs. Stuby advised that there are 28 different initiatives attempting to improve our system. The focus in FY 16 will be piloting an Ambulatory Detox Program, begin to work on employment. Mrs. Stuby advised that they are required by statute to get Intensive Outpatient Services up. Mrs. Stuby advised they would be working on the communications plan due to the Recovery Housing issue. Mrs. Stuby advised that it was determined that there is little empathy concerning the disease of addiction or mental illness and that some feel it is a choice. Mrs. Stuby advised that there is a concept that people should be put away in isolation. Work
- **Recovery Month**
Precia Stuby reported the following:
 - Mrs. Stuby reported that September is Recovery Month. Mrs. Stuby advised that the first Recovery March was held this past Saturday with 200 people in attendance.

- Mrs. Stuby advised that a rededication of Focus on Friends will occur to make it a Recovery Support Center and asked for support.
 - Mrs. Stuby advised that a presentation will occur with Dr. Flaety next week and encouraged all to attend.
 - Mrs. Stuby advised that there is a class happening every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm at the University of Findlay in the Pharmacy building. It is open to the public and students each week is a stand-alone topic.
- **Recovery Home Update**
Precia Stuby reported the following:
 - Mrs. Stuby advised that both homes have been purchased and house parents have been hired. Mrs. Stuby reported that this coming Friday they will have residence in the homes.
- **Vivtrol Access**
Precia Stuby reported the following:
 - Mrs. Stuby advised that they will be starting a vivtrol pilot in the jail with the intent to expand it. Working with a consultant that works with the jails to assist with the protocol.
 - Mrs. Stuby indicated that all parties want to feel comfortable before getting started with the process and a final meeting will occur this week to discuss the issue.
 - Mrs. Stuby reported that the ADAMAS Board is very concerned about access to substance abuse treatment. Mrs. Stuby was directed to contact their treatment agencies to find out from them what it will take to increase access to substance abuse treatment due to the length of time to get into treatment which is not sufficient to address the problems that we are facing. Those proposals will be reviewed in October 2015 with the hope of improving access.
 - Mrs Stuby advised that Dr. Flarety will be conducting a QA review if Treeline.

- **CCA Board went on record being OPPOSED to State Issue Number 3 on the ballot.**

Next Meeting Date/Time:

Judge Niemeyer announced the next CCA Board meeting would be held on **Tuesday, January 19th, 2016 at 5:00 pm** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS HANDOUTS FROM MEETING

- CCA Board Meeting Minutes February, 2015
- ISP, Bond, and PIG Grant Pie Charts 2015 breakdown of programs
- Hancock County Adult Probation Department Funding Pie Chart
- Drug Court Brochure Adult Probation Brochure