

CCA Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016

Statutory members : Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Judge Niemeyer, Judge Routson, Findlay Municipal Court, Director of Court Services, Dave Beach; ADAMHS Executive Director, Precia Stuby; Public Defender, Paul Maekask; Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Director of Court Services/CPO, Kimberly Switzer; Juvenile and Probate Court, Judge Kristen Johnson; County Treasurer, J. Steve Welton;

Guests: Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; Probation Officers, Chad McClain and Steve Wiechart; Century Health representatives; Tina Pine, Cindi Orley and Kayla Verhoff; Asst. Public Defender, Ken Sass; Sheriff Mike Heldman and Lt. Ryan Kidwell; ADAMHS Board Member, Carl Etta Capes; Concerned citizen Tony Grotrian; A Renewed Mind, Emily Nunn; Director Ohio Job and Family Services, Diana Hoover; Asst. Hancock County Prosecuting Attorney, Alex Treece; Findlay City Law Director's, Elliot Werth; Executive Director of Open Arms, Ashley Ritz; Findlay City Schools Superintendent, Ed Kurt; University of Findlay Occupational Therapy, Miranda Tippie; and The Findlay Courier Reporter, Allison Reamer.

Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes:

Judge Niemeyer called the meeting to order and introduced Allison Reamer of the Courier and Emily Nunn of A Renewed Mind. He requested the CCA Board to review the minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting. Upon motion and second, the meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Community Corrections Act Updates:

Director of Court Services/Chief Probation Office Kim Switzer provided the following updates:

- ◆ Director Switzer introduces the Faber Act: This act may affect our funding because State priorities may shift from community based corrections to the Adult Parole Authority after inmates are released into the community from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.
- ◆ Director Switzer addresses the FY 15 CCA Annual Report: Intervention in Lieu of Conviction screening reports are now replacing pre-sentence reports in many cases. It was also noted that the preparation of the Pre-Arrestment bond reports have increased. Those who are released on bond prior to trial have increased every year.
- ◆ The CCA Annual Report breaks down the nature of criminal offenses which are covered by the CCA grants to include demographics by age and gender.
- ◆ Intensive Supervision intakes were discussed and the grants cover approximately 82-83 clients this year. The report addresses why people are unsuccessful in completing the program. Forty Two percent (42%) of what the Hancock County Adult Probation Department does is funded through the Hancock County general fund and the rest is provided by grants that are through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- ◆ New Drug Court grant funded through OHMAS for \$79,744.00.

- ◆ Intensive Supervision Activity Report for FY 16- Goal FY16 of 74 intakes. * Currently at 48 intakes, 64% of goal. Success Rate is 47% unsuccessful. This success rate is very poor however most of the state is at this success rate.
 - ◆ Bond Activity Report for FY16-Goal of 204 intakes. * Currently at 159 intakes, 78% of goal. Success Rate is 24% unsuccessful. The unsuccessful completion rate has increased slightly due to failure to report as part of a defendant's personal recognize bond.
 - ◆ The Drug Court began in February, 2015 and the Hancock County Drug Court was certified by the Ohio Supreme Court in December, 2015, as to each Judges' individual docket.
 - ◆ Director Switzer introduces Kayla Verhoff, our Drug Court Coordinator to describe handouts.
 - ◆ The CCA Board governs 3 grants: the 407 Intensive Supervision, the 408 Pre-Trial Release, and the Probation Improvement Grant.
 - ◆ Dr. Brad Bundy has agreed to chair the Hancock County Drug Court Advisory Board.
- **Legislative Updates**
Judge Routson reported the following updates:
 - ◆ By an act of State Legislature something called "The Criminal Statute Recodification Committee" has been formed to reorganize the Criminal Law Code of the State of Ohio.
 - ◆ Judge Routson also reviewed the Faber Act as recently enacted by the Ohio Legislature. This Bill grants the Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections the authority of early release to certain low level drug offenders if they receive a substance abuse diagnosis from DRC personnel along with a couple of other criteria then the Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has the right to release them from prison short of serving their term as long as they are placed into a halfway house and supervised by the Adult Parole Authority on PRC. Judge Routson indicates that it could impact as many as 1,000-2,000 individuals sent to prison.
- **Century Health Forensic Coordinator**
Cindi Orley reported the following:
 - ◆ Century Health's participation with the criminal justice programming and services being offered to the criminal justice system. The Forensic Team is assisting with more hands-on case management.
 - ◆ Increasing the intensity of services and immediate connection of services with clients who are discharged from WORTH Center.
- **OH Job & Family Services; Forensic Case Manager Services Update**
Diana Hoover reported the following:
 - ◆ Sometime within the next few months, the county commissioners will be designating either the local JFS or Workforce Development to have a comprehensive case management program for the county.

- **Hancock County Justice Center**

Lt. Ryan Kidwell reported the following:

- ◆ We continue to be involved in various programing for our clients that are incarcerated, continue with case management and peer support provided through Century Health. A large increase in inmates that have an opiate addiction and heroin addiction that also have mental health issues or multiple crises have impacted the population of the county jail and treatment options available to inmates.

- **Hancock County Juvenile Court**

- ◆ Judge Johnson advised the Court has joined an initiative to increase the number of family treatment courts with Job and Family Services and the ADAMHS Board, the first meeting will be Friday January 22, 2016. A Family Dependency Treatment Court is to address those parents that have their children removed because of their addiction.
- ◆ Truancy Court is going well and she will hopefully have an update by the end of the school year.

- **Findlay Municipal Court**

Judge Starn reported as to the case statistics for calendar year 2015.

- ◆ The WORC Release programs numbers stayed consistent for the year however June, July, and August were particularly low as to program participants.
- ◆ Renovations to the second floor of the Findlay Municipal Building will soon be underway to expand the office space available for the Findlay Municipal Court and the Probation Department.

- **Re-Entry Coalition Resources/Progress**

Precia Stuby reported the following as to the director of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board of Hancock County, Ohio:

- ◆ One component not being addressed is the public relations and awareness, the goal of trying to humanize individuals in the criminal justice system.
- ◆ Blanchard Valley Hospital is hosting a symposium in April, 2016 and dedicating the entire symposium to substance abuse. There is an educational opportunity for the local medical community and related criminal justice system personnel.
- ◆ ADAMAS Board is at a half million dollar yearly investment in the services to the criminal justice system in Hancock County.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Intervention in Lieu**

Director Kim Switzer

- ◆ Director Switzer advises that recent legislation broadens the eligibility for this legal remedy and the various problems that are developing in relation to the legal community's understanding of the program and the eligibility requirements of the program.

- **Courthouse Security**

- ◆ Sheriff Heldman informed that Active Shooter Training planning is underway.

- ◆ Sheriff Heldman addressed Dorney Plaza and Courthouse West Entrance renovation plans.
- ◆ Judge Routson reported that community discussions are underway as to changes to Dorney Plaza.
- ◆ The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) will be participating as to the Dorney Plaza discussions to offer ideas to enhance court security for all local courts.
- ◆ Preliminary plans have been discussed as to the possible renovations to the first floor of the Hancock County Justice Center.

Next Meeting Date/Time

Judge Niemeyer announced the next CCA Board meeting would be held on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 5:00 pm** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS HANDOUTS FROM MEETING

- CCA Board Meeting Minutes September, 2015
- Local Correction Planning Board
- CCA 2015 Annual Report
- 407, 408, and PIG Quarterly Reports
- Judge Niemeyer Specialized Docket
- Judge Routson Specialized Docket
- 407 Intensive Supervision Activity Report
- 408 Pretrial Release Activity Report