CCA Board Meeting Minutes

# February 5, 2013

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Judge Niemeyer, Judge Routson, Judge Starn; Pleas Court Director of Court Services, Kim Switzer; Findlay Municipal Court, Director of Court Services Dave Beach; ADAMHS Executive Director, Precia Stuby; Job and Family Services Director, Butch Bycynski; WORTH Center Deputy Director, Sheila Clark for Mark Fuerstenau; Dr. William Kose, Hancock County Prosecutor, Mark Miller; Hancock County Sheriff, Michael Heldman; Clearview Services, Director Bernie Bushardt; County Commissioner, Brian Robertson; Superintendent of Findlay City Schools, Dr. Dean Wittwer and Hancock County Treasurer, Steve Welton.

**Guests:** Hancock County Adult Probation Officer/Interim Supervisor, Patrick Brzozka;Hancock County Adult Probation Office Administrator, Janice Freeman; Reporter, Ryan Dunn, from the Findlay, Ohio Courier; Chief Executive Officer of Century Health, Tina Pine; Interim Director of Outpatient Services Century Health, Michelle Clinger; Assistant Law Director, Eric Figlewicz; Open Arms Executive Director, Ashley Ritz and Forensic Team Leader, Brandi Tiell.

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 introduced new statutory board member, County Commissioner Brian Robertson; also WORTH Center Deputy Director, Sheila Clark. Following introductions he requested the Board review the minutes from the meeting of October 16, 2012. Steve Welton moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Mark Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Legislative Updates – Ohio Legislature**

Judge Routson reported the following:

* + - * HB 86 Clean Up - Prison Goal: The Ohio prison system was at a population of 52,000 and has a capacity of 38,000. After recent weeks they are showing the population is the same as it was a year and a half ago.
      * The expungement statute has now been expanded and the Common Pleas Court is seeing many filings. In addition, Judges now are required to distribute felony offenders a certificate that states individuals are employable. They have not gotten any requests at this time.
      * There is a new bill from legislature, which deals with the increase in violence; concept of bad time. There are further meetings on this and the Judge will report once he has more information.

**Community Corrections Act Updates:**

* **Community Corrections Updates**

Director Switzer reviewed the following:

* **Website** – All Common Pleas Court and Community Corrections Board Meeting minutes and additional articles can be found on the court website. [www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas](http://www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas).
* **FY12 4th Quarter/Year End Reconciliation and FY 13 1st and 2nd Quarter Fiscal Reports** for all the grants now received through the Hancock County Adult Probation Department were distributed and reviewed. Important to note we only turned in $85.45 to the State for the ISP Grant and $190.43 for the Bond Grant for FY2012.

* + **Pretrial Release/Bond:** Currently 149 defendants have been served by the project. 179 individuals were projected for the grant, so we will far exceed the contract with the State of Ohio but now need to ascertain and diagnose why such an increase. Director Switzer will continue to evaluate with Prosecutor Miller and the Common Pleas Judges.
  + **Intensive Supervision Probation**: Currently, the program has taken in 47 new felons; the contract with the State of Ohio projected 73 for the grant.
  + **Training & Technology Grant:** Director Switzer advised the training grant is completed. The training summary report requested by the State of Ohio was distributed to the Board and reflects what was accomplished. We were one of the few communities that applied for multiple certifications/achieved them/ and trained outside of the Court. Congratulations!
  + **Probation Improvement Grant**: Hancock County, Ohio received $250,000 and recently had a cursory review the state auditor’s office with some minor recommendations for changes to the standards and/or policies. The quarterly report required by the State of Ohio was distributed to those in attendance. The report reflects a higher number of probation violators being returned to prison; however upon closer review, they were cases in which the defendants committed new crimes and had been thru the continuum of sanctions. Director Switzer went over some of the demographics.

Director Switzer further advised we were told it was a one-time grant and we recently heard we can reapply, as there are more funds. Brandy Tiell informed the Board of the two graduations from group both new curricula from December and advised future groups are lined up to commence. We are also meeting with individuals and dealing with their specific risks.

* + **Occupational Therapy:**  Director Switzer further reported that an additional in-house service is occupational therapy offered by the University of Findlay. This program was involved in the cross training provided by the Training Grant listed above and the case plans are reflective of offender risk score and criminogenic targets and other pertinent information.

**Old Business:**

**City of Findlay WORC Program**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* WORC Program is undergoing some changes increase its availability as a sentencing option. Judge Starn advised that the WORC Program was going to be closed as a City of Findlay budget casualty; however, after changes were made it is hoped that the population of the facility will increase.
* March 2013 is set aside for female offenders at the facility.

**Truancy Program and Juvenile Court**

Dr. Dean Wittwer reported the following:

* + - * School principals are still working hard with juvenile court and with parents on truancy issues. The target group remains the kindergarten through grade five students.

**Domestic Violence Task Force**

* + - * Open Arms, Director, Ashley Ritz advised their task force meetings continue to be held monthly, every 2nd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.
      * Planning a training for law enforcement March 20th and March 27th; one in the morning and one in the evening to cover various working shifts.

**Substance Abuse/Involuntary Commitments:**

ADAMHS, Director, Precia Stuby, advised that Judge Davis is finally receiving inquiries as to involuntary commitments for substance abuse. She reports that similar to the prison system, state hospitals remain full and the State of Ohio encourages less usage.

**Century Health, Inc. Evaluation:**

Director Stuby went on to report that per the Findlay Municipal Court’s request, an evaluation as performed in relation to Century Health and Substance Abuse services. That report is now available and has been distributed to the Courts for their review and the various recommendations are being reviewed for implementation by Century Health and the ADAMHS Board.

**New Business:**

**Hancock County Justice Center Issues/Concerns**

Sheriff Heldman reported the following and provided a report from Lt. Ryan Kidwell:

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* Sheriff Heldman reported on the various mental health issues the Justice Center is facing. With the help of the ADAMHS Board and Century Health, Inc. the Sheriff’s Department has hired an in-house full time person, Sara Wagner, to triage/treat inmates in need. They are experiencing an increase with one quarter of the jail population having been diagnosed with mental health illness; the Sheriff articulated that the tax payers are incurring the associated costs. The Hancock County Commissioners allotted additional funds from the County General Fund to pay for this addition to the county jail staff.
* Occupational Therapy programming as referenced above continues to be offered at the Justice Center.
* Lt. Kidwell provided a report that will be attached to the web site/minutes for further review.
* Sheriff Heldman closed his comments by stating that he has traveled to other communities to see their jail facilities and services and Hancock County should be appreciative of the good standing we are in.

**2011 Criminal Justice Summit Follow-up:**

**Jail Expansion Assessment Status**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* He advised nothing has changed since the last meeting. He has not had a chance to distribute to other judges in the county.
* He further reported the various statistics for the Findlay Municipal Court for calendar year 2012.

**Re-Entry Coalition**

ADAMHS Director Precia Stuby reported on the 5 committees related to ReEntry:

* **Employment Issues.** The committee was comprised of virtually the same as members as the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) board. They asked that the WIA board discuss employment and criminal justice and not duplicate responsibilities with the reentry coalition, but add representatives from the re-entry coalition to the WIA Board.
* **Housing.** As with employment, the Housing Consortium also already meets with similar members. They will continue to retain criminal justice needs on their meeting agenda. They look at the housing needs, safe and affordable.
* **Residential drug detoxification expansion.** The Re-Entry Coalition identified this as one of the greatest needs for this community. The coalition looking at a campus approach in the area to include both a residential facility and a crisis stabilization facility. Due on August 1st - bank loan; also reviewing a Grant to build.
* **Prosocial Supports.** That committee will decide whether to apply for a grant in the mentoring arena. Dialog is occurring regarding the standardization on recruitment and training of community mentors.
* **Welcome Home Video.**  Will be available March 16th 2013. This video will direct individuals to community services upon their return from jail or prison incarceration. Century Health CEO, Tina Pine, has been selected to narrate the video.

**Misc. Discussion:**

Judge Niemeyer complimented everyone for being here and taking time out from their busy schedules.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:**

Judge Niemeyer announced the next CCA Board meeting would be held on **Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

**Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:00**

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS HANDOUTS FROM MEETING**

-CCA Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2012

-FY12 4th Quarter/Year End Reports

-FY 13 1st and 2nd Quarter Reports

-Probation Improvement Technology and Training Grant Summary

-Probation Improvement Technology Performance Measures

-Sheriff Heldman Hancock County Justice Center Report