

CCA Board Meeting
November 13, 2018

Statutory members: Retired Judge, Joseph H Niemeyer; Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Judge Reginald J. Routson; Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Judge Jonathan P Starn; A Renewed Minds CEO, Matt Rizzo; Director Hancock County Job and Family Services, Diana Hoover; Chief Probation Officer, Kimberly Switzer; Hancock County Public Defender, Paul Maekask; Focus on Friends Executive Director, Elyn Schmiesing; Findlay Municipal Court Judge, Mark Miller

Guests: Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; ISP/CCA Supervisor Officer, Steve Wiechart; Probation Officers, Chad McClain, Brandy Tiell; Fiscal Manager, Julie Smith; University of Findlay OT Intern, Sarah Pyers; Community Member Carl Etta Capes; Welcome to a New Life representatives, Tamera Rooney, Puck Howe, Stan Kujawa; A Renewed Mind Regional Director, Jeff Howell; City Mission representatives, Joy Barger, Ruth Tong, Andrea Starn

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

Judge Routson called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Judge Routson introduced new board members: Edward Kurt, City of Findlay Schools; Matt Rizzo, CEO, A Renewed Minds; John Bindas, CEO Family Resource Center; Ginny Williams, Clinical Director Century Health & Family Resource Center; Elyn Schmiesing, Executive Director, Focus on Friends; Leah Cole, Executive Director, CASA/Gal of Hancock County.

Judge Routson requested minutes from August 14, 2018 meeting be approved; Judge Jonathan Starn motions to approve minutes, Aaron Reid seconds.

Purpose is to establish, plan implement and operate correctional services within the county.

Community Corrections Act Updates:

Judge Routson provided the following updates:

- Web Site: www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas

CCA REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Probation Officer Kim Switzer provided the following updates:

- CCA Annual report FY18 – handout reviewed; specifically reviewed page 50 & 51 regarding program design and menu of services.
- Currently gathering materials for new board members will distribute once that is complete.
- Funded and implemented IOP (intensive outpatient) curriculum – This program is evidence based and can be used in correlation with other programs Forensic Team offers.
- Satisfaction survey – Probation Officer Steve Wiechart provided a recap on results received – 70-80% extremely satisfied to somewhat satisfied, feedback suggested agencies wanted increased presence at City Mission, Brookside, recovery houses, Treeline, etc. Our presence at these locations have been increased recently.
-He stated that feedback always welcome! Agencies do not need to wait on survey to provide helpful suggestions.
- Revised board resolution – handout reviewed
- Researching additional drug testing technologies
-Ocular scan – Judge Jonathan Starn explained that several counties are using the Ocular Scanning. Once you have a baseline clean drug test, clients eye can be scanned and will detect

abnormality/intoxication. The system also randomly directs clients to drug test. So far initial feedback from Montgomery and Putnam Counties is good.

-Kim Switzer stated she has a phone conference is scheduled with vendor for the Ocular Scanner; project would cost \$30,000 to get started.

Also, looking into Juvenile Court's drug testing vendor. Still a very costly option, but researching this vendor.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kim Switzer reviewed Fiscal Quarterly reports handout
- Targeted Community Alternative to Prison (TCAP) review- \$64,500 given to Commissioners to Sheriff to help with jail overcrowding per the Grant MOU
 - Final amount received in TCAP funding may change if additional F5's sent to prison
 - Kim Switzer is hopeful by the end of the calendar year we will be able to give more monies to sheriff
- Program activity 1st qtr. handout reviewed
- Workload concerns; reviewed handout; NCSC and APPA gave research-based guidance on suggested caseload amounts. Will continue to seek state and federal monies to help offset costs.
 - Criminal Case filings up 40 % in the last five years
- Adult Probation is currently 60% state funded and 40% General fund.
- Paul Maekask asked why are offenders not being released from jail with the new arraignment on Friday; he doesn't see a change. Judge Starn explained that the original idea was to get in-custody's seen faster and released if they were eligible. Any offender in-custody by Thursday at noon are on arraignment list for Friday morning. Paul stated he must have had a misunderstanding of what Friday arraignments were. Judge Miller brought up that Municipal Court is unable to conduct video arraignments on Friday mornings, due to Common Pleas having Friday arraignments. The Jail is unable to conduct multiple video conferences at one time. This is causing Municipal Court to delay them until Monday.
- Kim Switzer stated that the Bond officer is now overseeing 200 on her caseload
- Judge Miller inquired whether Adult Probation was able to keep up with getting offenders in the Bond phase of probation into treatment. Ms. Switzer was unable to answer at this time, but it will be difficult for one probation officer to become involved enough to refer and follow up on this many cases.
- Kim stated that the new bond officer jumping in and doing great!
- Brian Robertson added the increased caseload was also affecting Public Defender's office.
- Cliff Skeen – 2018 WINNERS! Prestigious award given by the State of Ohio, Kim Switzer recognized Probation staff.

Drug Court – Brandy Tiell

- Reviewed Drug Court handout FY 18
- Referrals – Drug Court has 83 participants to date. Since August, eight new participants and eight more waiting for court hearings
- Focus on Friends now holds an orientation with new Drug Court clients. Participants are reporting they are enjoying this orientation. Second orientation scheduled for 10 am on 11/14/18.
- Drug Court to start "Guided Journaling", this is an important part of drug court and this would help participants put more effort into this
- Kim Switzer added that participants waive their rights to participant and report face to face with the judge
 - Need to continue working on recovery after graduation

Family Resource Center/Century Health Merger - John Bindas

- Merger process started in December of 2017; significant financial issues needed to be overcome; in the process of liquidating multiple properties and combine in one property together.
- They have received a \$500,000 state grant to go towards capital.

- FRC administration has been housed in Lima for many years; now has relocated to Findlay currently at Century Health offices but will eventually be in same building as all.
 - Goals – To have transition completed by 1/1/19; lots to overcome yet, but making strides towards this
 - Overcome technology issues regarding health records
 - Restructuring processes and will have a site director for Hancock County.
 - Kim Switzer complimented Ginny Williams on her hard work towards this merger and working with Adult Probation. Ginny stated complicated cases have served as a catalyst together has helped make the system better all around.
- John Bindas stated that bringing the companies together allows them to focus on gaps and quality of service now that the merger is coming along.
- Aaron Reid inquired whether the potential properties were downtown. John Bindas said very close to downtown, they need approximately 15,000 sq. ft.

A Renewed Mind – Matt Rizzo

- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Award 1/1/19 and will be giving addiction treatment at CCNO as well.
- This treatment will be able to offer a Vivitrol injection prior to release from CCNO option.
- 85% of clients A Renewed Mind serves are on public assistance, recently paneled with Anthem and United Behavioral Healthcare to serve other 15%.
- Matt to send a list of insurance companies participating with A Renewed Mind to KMS
- Peer recovery is on track to be offered by end of December 2018 or beginning of January 2019. Currently going through applicants and will train them to be certified.
- MOMS program started in January 2018 and has served 45 moms so far. Of those, we have had 15 births, as some moms are still pregnant. Infants spend approximately 3 days in NICU; based on withdraw scoring they could stay up to 16 days which could cost \$66,000 to stay in the hospital that long.
- Majority of infants go home with their mom, goal is to keep mom in treatment and keep baby safe and healthy.
- Jeff Howell, A Renewed Mind Regional Director of Hancock & Wood County, stated that in July they started offering open access assessments on Tuesdays through Fridays 8:30 – 3:00.
- Kim Switzer stated that they might see referrals from the courts for assessments as we may not be able to serve clients as quickly.
- Kim Switzer asked if some Neonatal nurses come to next meeting to discuss what they see. Matt Rizzo agrees this is a good idea.

County Criminal Justice Business RJR

Subcommittees – Judge Routson

Jail expansion – A committee through Commissioners office may have been established. Brian Robertson agrees we should all work together on this. Judge asked if we could we merge the committees? Brian Robertson said the committee is getting close to 1st quarter of this committee being established, may need to go visit other jails to see what the best practices are.

-Judge Routson- Jail expansion is not just adding beds; also looking at security, cell construction, meeting/ treatment rooms.

-Brian Robertson – Maintenance accessibility also needs addressed; needs to be easier to access.

System Process Analysis – Kim Switzer stated that several people expressed interest; Kim will send out an email to those interested to let them know when a meeting will take place.

Sheriff Update – Joe Hartman

- Jail population still very high; had to send 10 offenders to other jails last week due to overcrowding; continuing to pay per diem to these counties for housing
- Non-violent males population highest
- Other Counties are limiting the amount of females they will take from Hancock County

- Kim Switzer added that our Electronic Monitoring utilization has doubled to keep people out of jail as best as we can.
- Joe Hartman said WORTH center openings can sometimes take a while.

Juvenile/Probate Court – Kim Switzer

- Judge Johnson could not attend, asked Kim Switzer to give update that a new director has been hired for FCFC, Peggy Grandbois, she can be reached at 419-424-7066 in the Juvenile/Probation Court building.

Municipal Court – Judge Miller

- Safe Surrender Day – 76 people were served; cleared approximately 107 Bench Warrants.
- Driver’s License Clinic – driving issue/case pending, 120 people showed up. They were offered help to figure out what they needed to do to get driver’s license reinstated.
- Both of these were successful and Municipal Court will continue to offer these in 2019
- Program with Century Health “Survivors Talking about Recovery” program – educational program for low-level drug offenders; 30 people eligible and referred; 12 showed up this past Sunday.

Legislative issues/updates – Judge Routson

- Board voted in August to oppose Issue One. Issue One was defeated. Promises have been made to review these issues in the upcoming legislative sessions.
 - Governor is now new; criminal justice stand is unknown at this time. Gov. DeWine has shown an interest in working on the opioid crisis.
- Senate Bill 66 passed – Sentencing now has a third prong to rehabilitate the offender to go along with protect the public and punish the offender. Expanded expungement and intervention.
- Reagan Tokes Act – came about due to a case where an offender was on Post Release Control and EM and murdered a female; this pending bill would change violent definite sentences back to indefinite sentences.
- Bond Bill pending to reform bond practices. Not much changing right now, but might be able to discuss more at next meeting.
- CARE Act – Matt Rizzo – Senator Brown wanted to provide funding for treatment; and coupling vocational training with treatment.
- Medical Marijuana
 - Judge Starn provided an update from a recent conference that stated the implementation of regulations would take up to 2 years.
- Marsy’s Law is in full effect. Did not have much effect on Common Pleas Court; Judge Starn stated that the Prosecutor’s office already giving much of this information before the law as passed.

ADAMHS Update – Precia Stuby

1. System of Care grant awarded; this is the largest Federal grant in country for children’s mental health
 - ADAMHS will receive \$1 million per year for 4 years; Family Resource Center is the major implementing organization of the award; Julie Brown, project director for Family Resource Center, will work to figure out what the community needs
2. Stepping Up Community – CIT class was organized by Dan Harmon and conducted in October; Statewide Stepping up Conference held also.
 - Trying to set up a LEAD program to work with law enforcement to identify mental health needs.
3. Federal funds for opiates; Ohio was awarded \$56 Million; Hancock County can apply for \$750,000. Let Precia know of any needs to use these funds. Obligated to have a funding partner and one of those to choose from is Criminal Justice.

- Retreat with Opiate Task force scheduled to gain suggestions.
 - Judge Niemeyer suggest using this grant to pay for additional bond and probation officers.
- ATP funds available to any participants of family dependency or drug court – anything these clients may need to be successful; \$175,000 available.
- Ginny Williams states that so far \$2,000 has been spent this quarter; Carletta Capes has been a major volunteer in helping clients. Please keep sending clients who have needs. Precia Stuby stated she could reach out to find unspent dollars from other Counties if we run out of ATP funds.
- Ginny states that alternative treatment costs can also be paid for; acupuncture, etc.
- Brandy Tiell always mentions these funds during Drug Court screenings.

New Business/Guests

City Mission – Joy Barger

- City Mission has been in the community for 85 years.
- No government funding ever used and is a faith based organization.
- Ruth Tong and Joy Barger are working to build relationships with communities and departments that clients work with.
- In 2016, the new building was constructed and is full of clients now.
- Services mainly provided are the RESTART program and Emergency Shelter.
- City Mission offers three programs:
 - Immediate Housing Program – cots are provided for overnight; currently have spots for 38 males and 12 female beds; check-out is at 8:30 am. City Mission has hopes of connecting these people with other agencies to meet their needs. Also, hoping they enroll in RESTART program.
 - RESTART program - 22 male and 16 female beds; families are automatically enrolled in programs; program is at 80% capacity at any time; RESTART program works closely with probation, offers drug testing and case management.
 - Struggles they are facing: 60% staff capacity; funding, never a steady stream; fluctuates quarter to quarter.
 - Food program – Talking with United Way regarding funding opportunities but there will be no funding available for 2019; discussing with City of Findlay about funding as well.
- Finalizing budget and Strategic Plan for 2019
- Sarah Pyers, Occupational Therapy intern, inquired if there is a criteria to be met for use of emergency beds.
 - Ruth Tong stated their history cannot contain arson or sex offenses.
- Joy Barger stated that 20 beds are always reserved for family units.
- Rumors: City Mission program has no requirements of faith to receive services; nobody from out of town is brought in purposely; however many people migrate to Hancock County though because of the opportunities. Hancock County and City of Findlay have lots to offer people who are in need of help.
 - Warming center is now open until 1 pm each day. Can return after 4 pm, this is only to allow for preparations for the upcoming night.
 - Matt Rizzo wanted to thank the City Mission for all they are doing for the community.
 - Goals: Outsourced security and working on a relationship with Blanchard Valley to have nurse in house
 - Judge Routson pointed out that the City Mission is helping keep jail overcrowding down by providing housing for offenders. This helps keep costs down to keep City and County from housing these individuals.
- Kim Switzer inquired if the RE-entry plan had any funding for housing. Precia stated there was nothing to put towards it right now.

New Life Mentoring Program - Stan Kujawa, Puck Howe & Tamera Rooney

- Tamera Rooney could not stay for the meeting, but is so glad to start working with this organization.
- New Life Mentoring Program officially kicks off on 11/14/18.

- Presented PowerPoint on board members; goals; fundraising; program goals; steps that will be utilized; voluntary program description.
- Office location: To Be Determined
- Judge Routson stated that mentees are going to falter, is there program going to be zero tolerance? Mentees will be given three strikes. In certain circumstances that could be less though.

•Judge Miller asked if another location for the meeting could be discussed as the group is outgrowing the jury room at the Courthouse. Judge Miller suggested City Counsel room; he would check on dates available.
Joy Barger offered the City Mission dining hall.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 5:00pm in City Mission dining hall

Meeting adjourned @ 6:51 p.m.