

Minutes

August 18, 2022

Commissioners present: Michael Pepple, William Bateson and Timothy Bechtol.

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson, Adam Witteman, Steve Wilson, Deputy Matt Brunswick, Kimberly Bash, Brian Treece and Lou Wilin from the Courier

Commissioner Pepple opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the August 16, 2022 meetings were read with Timothy Bechtol making a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #525-22 – Transfer of funds within the appropriation - Board of Elections. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #526-22 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to the General Fund. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve two warrant journals. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The Commissioners approved payment of an invoice that included a late fee of \$93.66 and a travel request for the Sheriff.

The Assistant Clerk presented a proclamation to proclaim August 18, 2022 as the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation – Founders Day.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #527-22 – Authorizing signature to and submission of an application to the current State of Ohio Brownfield Remediation Grant Program for environmental assessment projects. Phil Johnson stated the previous resolutions referred to remediation and some of the projects are for assessments. This adds assessments to what can be done with the grant. Phil Johnson clarified that assessment means assessing what would be necessary to be done for the project. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #528-22 – Authorizing the setting of a newly established additional charge for the disposal of box springs and sofa beds upon arrival at the Hancock County Landfill. Phil Johnson stated this relates to fees charged at the landfill. The previous resolution passed was for mattress and this will add a \$12 fee per sofa bed or box spring in addition to the regular weight charge. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #529-22 – Authorizing payment of invoice from Collier Mediation, LLC. For provision of mediation services related to property located south of 750 Bolton Street. Phil

Johnson stated this was for mediation time spent in April. The invoice amount is \$1,125.00. Timothy Bechtol made a motion to approve, William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson requested executive session in regards to threatened litigation.

Phil Johnson stated the demolition of the three properties near Clinton Court is ongoing but so far is going well.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to personal in regards to discipline and compensation.

Steve Wilson thanked the Commissioners for their support on the resolutions for the landfill. The Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge has used up all of the original amount that was allocated to them. This was expected. They are working on putting together a change order for that and hope to have it in front of the board by the end of the month. FEMA as approved the grant request for two houses on Fox Street and a house on Wilson Street.

Meetings/Reports

Timothy Bechtol attended the Budget Commission hearing yesterday.

William Bateson stated the Commissioners held the Forest Lake Ditch 1st hearing on Tuesday. This was his and Commission Pepple's first time and he felt it went as well it could have gone.

Michael Pepple also attended the Forest Lake hearing and thought it went as well as possible and he attended the Budget Commission meeting yesterday.

Steve Wilson stated that he spoke with Mannik and Smith and they will not be able to store the artifacts found on Clinton Court. He has been in contact with the Ohio Historic Preservation office to check into if the boxes can be stored in a county facility or if they will need to be stored with them.

At 9:52 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to threatened litigation and personal regarding discipline and compensation. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;

At 10:29 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to threatened litigation and personal regarding discipline and compensation with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Precia Stuby in regards to becoming a Stepping Up Innovator County. Also present was Alec Helms. Precia explained what the county has done and the purpose of being a county in the Stepping Up Initiative. She provided the attached application that was submitted for Hancock County to become a Stepping Up Innovator. Precia stated that you have to be asked to submit the application by your Stepping Up Coordinator. This would allow other counties to come and see our programs and how mental illness and addiction

is handled at the jail. There would not be cost financially to the county just giving up time when other counties come to see our program. The original resolution passed to join the program gave Precia the authority to speak on behalf of the county. The Commissioners agreed to approve becoming a Stepping Up Innovator County and will check with Cindy Land to see if a resolution is needed. Precia will create the press release and send it over to the Commissioners. Precia stated this is an award for the jail. There was a discussion on NACO and the possibility of the county joining and the OneOhio funds.

At 11:30 a.m., the Commissioners met with Don Moses in regards to the Landfill hours. Also present was Alec Helms, Christine Carrigan, Cindy Land and Chad Warnimont. Don Moses stated the landfill has been profitable while staying open the extra hour daily since March but that business will start to slow down soon due to the cold weather. They would like to change the hours back to the old hours beginning November 1, 2022 through April 1, 2023. They would like to wait until November to begin the hour change to make sure everyone has notice. They will post signs and put notices in invoices. There was a discussion on the new truck, other equipment and gas. Don and Chad confirmed that the credit card processing system is still not up and running but they are getting closer.

Cindy Land requested executive session in regards to personal in regards to discipline.

At 11:42 a.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to enter into executive session in regards to personal regarding discipline. William Bateson seconded. A roll call vote resulted as follows: Michael Pepple, yes; William Bateson, yes; Timothy Bechtol, yes;


At 12:20 p.m., Michael Pepple made a motion to come out of executive session, in regards to personal regarding discipline with no action taken. William Bateson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,




Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:



Michael W. Pepple



William L. Bateson



Timothy K. Bechtol

Stepping Up Application for Innovator County Hancock County

Hancock County Overview:

Hancock County is located in northwestern Ohio, home to about 75,000 people, with more than half (about 41,000) residing in the “micropolitan” county seat of Findlay. In Hancock County there is one police department; one Sheriff’s office responsible for managing the local 98 bed justice center which serves the city and county; and one large mental health/substance use provider, Family Resource Center, offering a continuum of youth and adult behavioral health services.

In 2015, the Hancock County Justice Center had established a Jail-based Case Manager and Jail-based Therapist position within the jail. This was through staffing at Family Resource Center. These positions were created to help identify those at highest risk and need of services at the justice center. In April 2018, the efforts of our Jail-based treatment team were highlighted in the “Stepping Up Strategy Lab” for establishing a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) program in our justice center.

Prior to COVID-19 pandemic, the Hancock County Justice Center was typically over capacity by 20%. They also do not have a separate unit to house those with mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use creating additional challenges during classification in order to meet there needs. Our county recognized that this was an issue that needs to be addressed, which led to the Stepping Up Initiative County Resolution being signed by the Board of Hancock County Commissioners in February, 2016.

In March of 2017, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Center of Excellence led our community through a two day *Sequential Intercept Mapping* (SIM) and *Taking Action for Change* workshop to analyze gaps, resources, and opportunities at each of the five distinct intercept points. The SIM is consistently analyzed and the Stepping Up County Self-Assessment tool was completed. Currently in the year 2022, we are looking at gathering stakeholders in order to update services and identify gaps that still exist.

With the impact of COVID-19 in March of 2020, the Hancock County Justice Center like many jails in Ohio has seen a population decrease. However, it is fair to say that although there has been a decrease in the inmate population, the continual importance and need of service delivery related to SMI and/or Substance Use Disorders for those incarcerated is still being identified by use of the screening tools by jail administration and jail-based treatment team.

Universal Definition of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) for use in jails in the State of Ohio:

A mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of an individual age 18 or older (excluding developmental, neurocognitive, and substance use disorders) that is currently diagnosable or has been diagnosed in the past year, of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) and resulting in serious functional impairment which interferes with one or more major life activities. Such disorders would include but not be limited to:

- Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders;
- Bipolar disorders;

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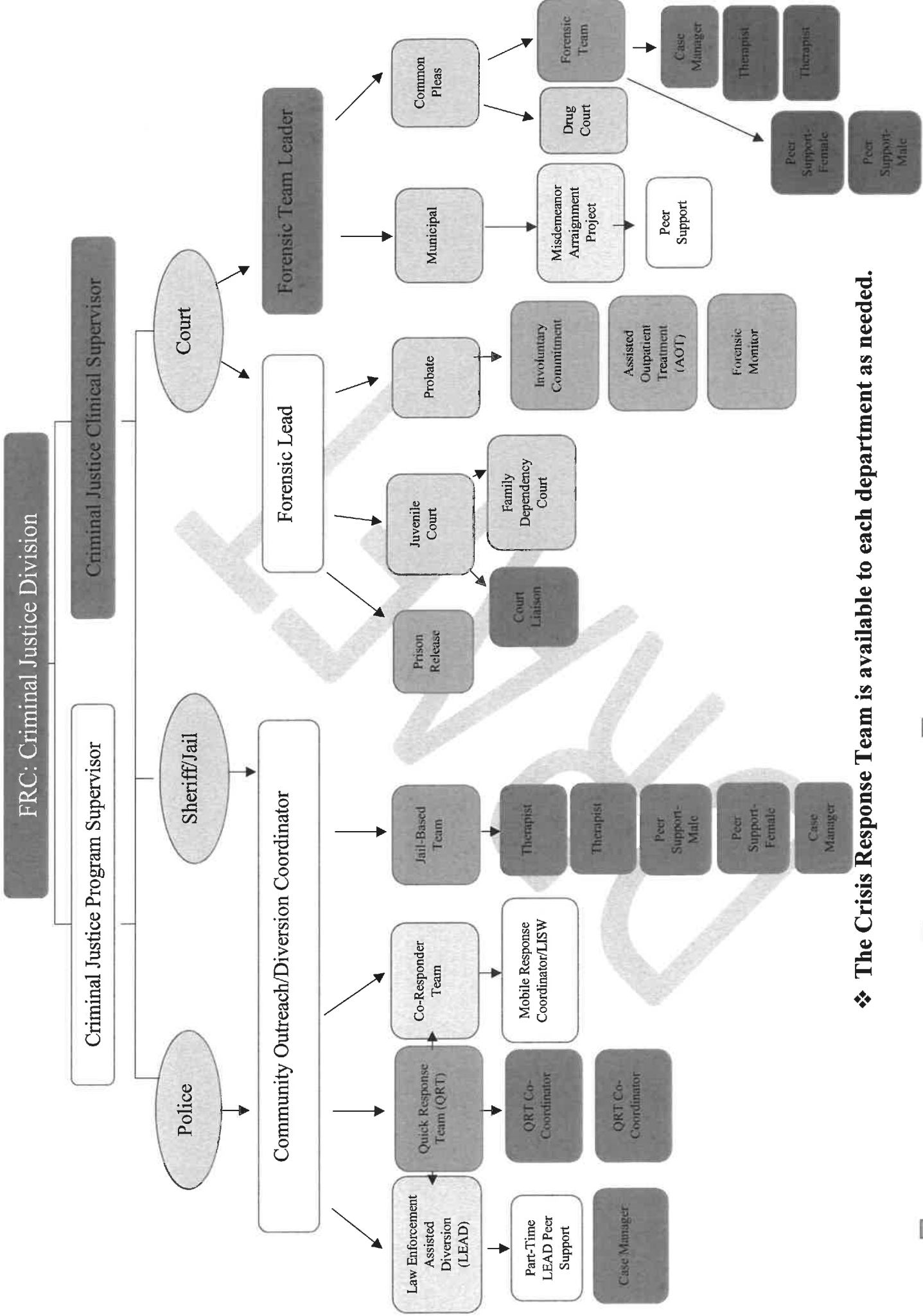
In June of 2021, an agreement for information sharing between the justice center and behavioral health agency was established. Power BI is an interactive data visualization software that was able to setup a gateway to the justice center's system, Tyler New World. This allows for those at the behavioral health agency to be able to login to Power BI and be able to see trends in data, release dates for continuous of care, arrest type to identify what we should focus diversion efforts on, the overall score of each screen, demographics of age, race, ethnicity, and gender, and review recidivism rates for Hancock County. This system opens up the door to a plethora of pertinent information that will allow our county to make educated decisions on diversion efforts for those with SMI and/or Substance Use Disorder. Data will be applied to the Stepping Up Four Key measures to give us a better idea of the impact in Hancock County.

The dashboards created are for stakeholders to access by simply logging into Power BI or requesting reports from the behavioral health agency. The dashboards are based off inmates within the Hancock County Justice Center. These dashboards identify:

1. What an individual scored on the Criminogenic Risk and Behavioral Health Framework, broken down by each unique score on the 3 screens provided at classification
 - a. This allows for us to identify if the number of individuals booked into jail that screened positive for a SMI decreased or increased
2. Type of arrest for anyone booked into the justice center, allowing for identification of where diversion efforts should be focused
3. Recidivism rates
4. Length of stay
5. Demographics: age, race, ethnicity, gender
6. If an individual was connected before, during, or after incarceration with services from Family Resource Center
 - a. This allows for identifying how many individuals were connected to community-based treatment

Since Power Bi can be accessed by stakeholders and all are not bound by HIPPA, some reports make the connection from inmate to client of Family Resource Center. Those reports can be edited to remove client identifying information to be shared with stakeholders.

Quantitative reports on all measurements are created quarterly and provided to stakeholders in the community.



❖ The Crisis Response Team is available to each department as needed.

- Existing Grant Funded Program
- Existing Positions
- Existing Programs
- Proposed Position
- Proposed Program
- Criminal Justice Agencies