

CCA Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2017

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

Guests: Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Retired Judge Joseph Niemeyer; Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; Probation Officers, Chad McClain, Steve Wiechart and Brandy Tiell; Century Health Representatives; Tina Pine, Cindi Orley; Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Lt. Ryan Kidwell; Findlay Municipal Court Judge Mark Miller; ADAMHS, Carl Etta Capes; Ohio Link Lima, Diane Wilson, Tanya Washyl, and Operations Manager, Jeff Lambert; Blanchard Valley Health Systems, Brad Bundy; Veterans Service Office Executive Director, Nichole Coleman; Victim, Donna Lichtle; Open Arms, Ashley Ritz; Occupational Therapy, Miranda Tippie and Valerie Leskosky; Citizen, Tony Grotrian; Adult Probation, Julie Smith, Melanie Fox.

Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes:

Judge Routson called meeting to order and requested the CCA Board to review the minutes from November 1, 2016. Judge Routson was appointed as CCA Board Chairperson. Upon motion and second, the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Community Corrections Act Updates:

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

- ◆ DRC has provided a new website; www.drc.ohio.gov

CCA Grant Business:

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

- ◆ Jail Diversion handout provided
- ◆ Felony Supervision Programming – funded 60% through state grants and 40% from county funds
- ◆ Drug Court Grant handout provided - now in its second year, 100% funded through various state grants
- ◆ Jail Diversion handout provided - \$90,000 funding from state, however this does not cover all of the costs for the Bond Officer
- ◆ Prison Diversion Grant handout provided – State grant amount has stayed the same for about 25 years. As programs grow funding has needed to come from other sources; state and local
- ◆ PIIG – 2 year Grant will end this year; it is likely to be renewed for another two years. Ms. Switzer stated that the funding is leaning towards a Reclaim funding structure similar to Juvenile Court. Judge Johnson briefly explained how their Reclaim funding structure works. Judge Johnson stated that funding is being shifted to larger counties in her opinion.

◆ Ms. Switzer reviewed handout on Presentence Investigations, Intervention in Lieu, and Bond Intakes. All programs are seeing rising numbers. Presentence investigations and Intervention in Lieu are performed by 1 ½ officers, Bond Intakes are completed by Officer Joe Schroeder. Bond intakes are at a high right now and on track to rise along with ISP intakes.

◆ Dr. Bundy discussed Kratom, lower doses act as a mild stimulant while larger doses trigger opioid receptors. Kratom has been a trend in Drug Court since it may offer pain relief. While not illegal, Drug Court documentation prohibits the use of any mood altering substance while involved in Drug Court and language has been updated to reflect this for Probation clients as well.

Drug Court:

Cindi Orley reviewed statistical handout for FY 17 related to drug court trends and demographics.

Judge Routson has absorbed Judge Niemeyer's drug court participants at this time. When a new judge is appointed, we will have until the end of June 2017 to re-certify new judge, if he/she would be willing to manage a drug court.

Legislative Updates:

Judge Routson stated that the Chief Justice is focused on "Economic Justice", in such that there is a focus on bail reform and court cost reform. Maintaining a Pre-Trial program will be vital to Hancock County to ensure that judges are not jailing people awaiting trial that don't necessarily need to be.

Hancock County Justice Center:

Congratulations to Sheriff Heldman on receiving an award. Sheriff Heldman shared they are seeing in the jails that in 2015 Ohio spent 4 million. Sheriff Heldman feels there is a need for regional detox centers as the County Jail is not the best place to detox. Currently they are seeing about ten people per day. Sheriff Heldman advised the group of a meeting on February 28, 2017 at Cedar Creek Church from 6:30 – 8:00 pm as a follow up from the heroin meeting held last fall. This meeting will give information on the resources that Hancock County offers.

Probate/Juvenile Court:

Judge Johnson shared currently they have three participants in Family Dependency Court; all mothers involved currently have some mental health issues. Parents need to agree to be involved in Family Dependency Court and that is proving to be a barrier.

Findlay Municipal Court:

Judge Miller stated that renovations are being done on the 2nd floor. Probation is now out of public access to increase security. Judge Miller advised that they are addressing security concerns all around.

Courthouse Security:

Judge Routson advised that they were continuing to meet with the Dorney Plaza group. We are in the process of adding digital signage and kiosk for 3rd floor at the Courthouse; also looking at starting a program for Volunteers for guidance and direction within the Courthouse.

Veterans Services:

Nichole Coleman reviewed handout regarding Veterans Outreach Program. Ms. Coleman wanted it to be known, that they are here to help veterans that are in need of assistance when in jail or facing court. Currently they have five successful cases over the last three years of veterans who needed assistance with the court system. They have two new programs: Battle Buddies & Music for Veterans that, through grant funding, has provided IPOD's for Veterans. Veterans Services has also been able to provide Occupational Therapy through the University of Findlay internship.

Adult Probation:

Kim Switzer reported the Bond Program was audited and received a 100% report. The Probation Department is currently looking for another Probation Officer as the number of cases from 2015 – 2016 have increased, including drug abuse.

ADAMHS Levy:

Precia Stuby, ADAMHS Executive Director, provided a handout that listed the results of the survey that was completed. ADAMHS was awarded \$50,000 for fiscal year 2017; high priorities found in the first survey for those monies were Detox facility, Housing, Transportation, and Mentoring. Ms. Stuby will be sending out another Survey Monkey to find the best placement for the funds, as it needs to be completed by June 30, 2017. Precia stated that we do not want to ship our people out of the Community. Judge Niemeyer stated that we need to inform the community of the needs and to get everyone involved.

Next Meeting Date/Time:

Judge Routson announced the next CCA Board meeting will be held **April 18, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM