CCA Board Meeting Minutes

# April 24, 2012

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Judge Niemeyer, Judge Routson, Judge Starn, Judge Davis, Common 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 Director Mark Fuerstenau, Commissioner Ed Ingold, Dr. William Kose, Hancock County Prosecutor Mark Miller, Victim Representative Katie Worstein, and Hancock County Treasurer Steve Welton

**Guests:** Hancock County Assistant Chief Probation Officer Marcia Hutchinson**,** Hancock County Adult Probation Officer Patrick Brzozka**,** Hancock County Adult Probation Office Administrator Heather Essinger, Reporter Ryan Dunn from the Findlay, Ohio Courier, Chief Executive Officer of Century Health Tina Pine, City of Findlay Communications Director Jeremy Horne, Findlay City Council-at-Large, Anne Spence, President of Besor Ravine Ministries Jim Ridge Carl Etta Capes, interested citizen Tony Grotrian, ADAMHS Board Intern Emily Samimi and local Attorney Melissa LaRocco.

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 the new CCA Board members and guests. Following introductions, he requested the Board review the minutes from the meeting of January 24, 2012. Judge Starn moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Steve Welton seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Community Corrections Act Updates:**

* **CCA Grants Updates**

Director Switzer reviewed the following:

* **Website** – All board meeting minutes and the current CCA board member list are located on the court website. [www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas](http://www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas).
* **FY12 3rd Quarter Fiscal Reports** for all four grants now received through the Hancock County Adult Probation Department were distributed and reviewed.

* **FY12 Program Recap**: Director Switzer reminded the Board that these grants provide half of Common Pleas Court probation funding
  + **Pretrial Release/Bond:** Currently at 111% of goal with year ending June 30th, 2012. We are not certain why the numbers are so high and will review with Prosecutor Miller as to charging decisions, etc. that may be contributing.
  + **Intensive Supervision Probation**: Currently at 75% of goal with year ending June 30, 2012. We are not certain we will achieve the 73 felony offenders into this program per our contract.
  + **Training & Technology Grant:** Director Switzer highlighted that more than one half of the training listed in the Training Grant has now been completed by the Forensic Team, including Findlay Municipal Court, Century Health, Inc., several Re-entry individuals and Common Pleas Court. The hope is that with proper cross training, offenders will be followed in the same manner based on evidence-based research findings.
  + **Probation Improvement Grant**: Century Health, Inc. is still assembling the personnel that will serve on the Forensic Team, with a mid May start as to client contacts and group meetings. This grant ends June 2013 and we must show outcomes of reduced violations of probation, increased treatment compliance and reductions in returns to jail and prison.
* **FY11 Annual Report** can be found on the Hancock County Common Pleas Court website and FY 2012 will be completed after June 30, 2012.

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* **New Program Standards**: The State Mock Audit was held March 28-29, 2012. The Hancock County Adult Probation Department was referenced as a “Model Program” upon completion of the mock audit.

**Old Business:**

**City of Findlay WORC Program**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* + - * March 2012 was set aside for female offenders. The population during March 2012 was in the low to mid 20’s. The next month for female inmates will be August 2012.
      * The current male population is around 25

**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. Post HB 86, the prison population is now at 50,000, it had a small impact but not the amount the General Assembly was expecting. More cleanup bill information to come.
      * There are two (2) other bills that are slowly moving through the Ohio Legislature. One will be liberalizing expungements and the other will modify collateral sanctions.

**Truancy Program and Juvenile Court**

Judge Davis reported the following:

* + - * They are now including the middle school principals in the meetings
      * They are done meeting for this school year. The next meeting will be in August 2012.

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

**Jail Expansion Assessment Status**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* + - * The next meeting with the vendor preparing the assessment is scheduled in May, 2012.
      * The jail is full. People are being turned away 4 or 5 times before they are admitted to serve time.
      * Findlay Municipal Court cases have increased by 30%. Civil cases have increased by 37%. Criminal cases have increased by 18%. Underage Consumption cases have decreased by 30%.
      * Findlay Municipal Court is the highest user in the state for the SCRAM units, which monitor all alcohol consumption for individual defendants.

**Re-Entry Coalition**

Precia Stuby reported the following updates:

* + - * Meeting minutes from March 14, 2012 were handed out and can be found on the Common Pleas Court web site listed above.
      * A CIT audit was performed – 94% of local officers are trained in crisis intervention.
      * ADAMHS Board is working on an Opiate grant. They need to survey their target population (18 – 25 year olds). Surveys were handed out to representatives in attendance from organizations that interact with this target population.

**Guests:**

**Domestic Violence Task Force**

Ashley Ritz (Executive Director of Open Arms) and Attorney Melissa LaRocco (Legal Aid of Northwest Ohio) spoke about the history of the domestic violence task force. There is going to be an organizational/structural meeting held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Legal Aid Office Conference Room at The Family Center. All are welcome to attend. A sign-up sheet was passed around and Director Switzer will forward the CCA Board and Guest list to Open Arms.

**Kelly Pitocco of the University of Cincinnati**

Kelly is in town today training the Forensic Team in the Substance Abuse Curriculum from the University of Cincinnati. This is one of the training opportunities Director Switzer secured with the new Training and Technology Grants. She reports that the staff working on this team are incredibly skilled, doing well and should provide high quality services. She complimented the Board and the community on its successful collaboration and encouraged more of the same. In closing she highlighted that she trains nationally and has not seen such an organized, collaborative approach to the supervision of system offenders.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:**

Judge Niemeyer announced the next CCA Board meeting would be held on **Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business for the Board, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS HANDOUTS FROM MEETING**

-CCA Board Meeting Minutes January 24, 2012

-FY12 3rd Quarter Reports

-Funded Programs Sheet