

CCA Board Meeting
November 12, 2019

Statutory members: Retired Judge, Joseph H Niemeyer; Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Judge Jonathan P. Starn; Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Reginald J. Routson; Director Hancock County Job and Family Services, Randall Galbraith; Findlay Municipal Court Director of Court Services, Dave Beach; Hancock County Commissioner, Timothy Bechtol; Hancock County Sheriff, Michael Heldman; Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Ryan Kidwell; Findlay Police Department Sgt. Dan Harmon; Juvenile/Probate Court Judge Kristen Johnson; Community Member, Tony Grotrian

Guests: Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; Drug Court Coordinator, Brandy Tiell; Hancock County Adult Probation Officer, Chad McClain; Fiscal Manager, Julie Smith; University of Findlay OT Intern, Molly Wilson; Community Member Carl Etta Capes; A Renewed Mind, Jeff Howell; Family Resource Center, Cayla Fortman; Family Resource Center, Derek Puchta

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

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

Judge Routson requested minutes from September 10, 2019 meeting be approved; Sheriff Heldman motioned to approve.

Judge Routson provided an update on Kim Switzer's organ transplant surgery.

Community Corrections Act Updates:

•**Web Site:** www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas

CCA REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka provided the following updates:

- Electronic Monitoring – Will assemble a local committee to review electronic monitoring options. To run the program correctly and thoroughly is very costly. Not only for the equipment but to have staff members on call to respond to issues 24/7. If anyone is interested in being on the electronic monitoring committee, please contact Patrick Brzozka.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka provided the following updates:

- CCA FY19 Annual Report Final – Handout; Report will be posted on Common Pleas Court website as well.
- Fiscal Quarterly reports - Handout; State is having issues with the uploading process; once those are remedied reports will be uploaded.
- TCAP Grant – Sheriff FY18/19 received \$139,686.87; FY20 - \$40,286.00 (to date)
- Grant Program Activity – Handout

Adult Probation Staffing updates/ APA Funds – Patrick Brzozka

- Hired two probation officers recently, one started on 11/12/19 and the other starts on 11/25/19. We are currently in negotiations with a third officer as well.
- Due to the Adult Parole Authority no longer providing counties with probation services, the State expanded funding to counties without a probation office to start their own programs. Many counties are pulling fully trained officers from other counties.

- Judge Routson added that after speaking with County Commissioners, they are willing to help develop strategies to retain probation officers needed for program.

Drug Court – Brandy Tiell

- Currently have 29 active participants in Drug Court. We continue to screen referrals. Drug Court Advisory Meeting was held in October. The biggest priority will be to redevelop an alumni group. We are currently looking for past graduates to lead the alumni group.
- Two of the Probation Officers that left were Drug Court officers. However, we continue to give high level of services to all participants. Treatment Team is working very hard to keep all services. One current officer has shown interest in Drug Court Officer Position. She is currently in training now for that position and a decision will be made shortly. Two staff members will attend the Specialized Docket training later in November.
- Judge Routson inquired on the future funding for Drug Court; Brandy Tiell thought funding was solid.

A Renewed Mind (ARM) – Jeff Howell; Regional Director of Clinical Services

- ARM continues to provide outpatient services, and some involvement with Drug Court.
- Continued updates with ARM affiliate Ohio Guidestone, electronic health records, and financial software.
- Locally, ARM is continuing to work with faith-based organizations.
- Judge Niemeyer inquired on the Mom's program. Jeff Howell advised that the program has more moms delivering and staying involved in treatment services. Currently have seven pregnant moms involved and 12-13 moms continuing with other services.
- Tony Grotrian commented the numbers show an improvement. Jeff Howell agreed.
- Judge Routson asked Brandy Tiell how many drug court participants in involved in the Mom's program. Officer Tiell advised that 2-3 were currently involved.

Family Resource Center (FRC) – Cayla Fortman/Derek Puchta

- Cayla Fortman introduced herself as the Criminal Justice Program Supervisor at FRC; Derek Puchta as Criminal Justice Clinical Supervisor; and Scott Beach as Community Outreach & Diversion Coordinator; will be hiring new QRT coordinator as well.
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program is funded through the ADAMHS Board grant. The LEAD program will take about a year to implement as they are still in the planning stages. The LEAD program will be for any misdemeanor, nonviolent defendants who are working with City of Findlay Police Department and Probation Office. Additional admission criteria are being considered. Continuing to hire additional staff to implement case management.
- Judge Routson inquired about Nicole Frankart's new position and if Derek Puchta would continue to be involved in Drug Court. Cayla advised that Nicole is now the Forensic Team Leader. Derek advised he would continue to be engaged with Drug Court participants.
- Judge Routson inquired if he might see new faces at Drug Court staffing. Derek Puchta advised yes, FRC would be looking to fill Nicole's old position.
- Patrick Brzozka inquired on legislation to expand the Pink Slip Law to include substance abuse to the criteria per the recommendation of NAMI of Ohio President. Cayla Fortman responded that she cannot speak to that. Derek Puchta added that Ginny Williams and Aeryn Williams are working on the On-Call program and services.
- Judge Niemeyer asked if the Hancock County Sheriff's Department is involved in Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion. Cayla responded that right now just City of Findlay Police Department, but to expand.
- Judge Starn asked if the City of Findlay law director was on board with the program. Cayla stated that he is on board but there needs to be more discussions.

