

CCA Board Meeting  
February 12, 2019

**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; Director Hancock County Job and Family Services, Randall Galbraith; Hancock County Public Defender, Paul Maekask; Focus on Friends Executive Director, Ellyn Schmiesing; Findlay Municipal Court Director of Court Services, Dave Beach; Hancock County Commissioners, Brian Robertson, Timothy Bechtol; Hancock County Sheriff Jail Administrator, Ryan Kidwell; FRC Chief Clinical Officer, Ginny Williams; ADAMHS Executive Director, Precia Stuby; Findlay Police Department Sgt. Dan Harmon; Hancock County Treasurer, J. Steve Welton; CASA/GAL Director, Leah Cole; Hancock County Veteran Services Director, Nichole Coleman; Community Member, Tony Grotrain

**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, Alexis Manazer; Community Member Carl Etta Capes; A Renewed Mind Regional Director, Jeff Howell; A Renewed Mind Nurse, Janice Sizemore; City Mission representatives, Ruth Tong, Michelle; Blanchard Valley Hospital Clinical Navigator, Nicole Podach; Blanchard Valley Hospital Legal Representative, Kim Thomas; Century Health Criminal Justice Director, Cindi Orley; City of Findlay Council Member, Holly Frische; Hancock County Auditor, Charity Rauschenberg

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:**

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

Judge Routson introduced new board member Randall Galbraith, Director of Job and Family Services following Diana Hoover's retirement.

**New Business/Guests**

**Blanchard Valley Health System - Nicole Podach, RN**

- Provided handout regarding program
- On 11/5/18 Blanchard Valley Hospital's (BVH) medical withdraw process began. Process begins when a patient enters the Emergency Room. A medical provider will determine the chief complaint of the patient. If it is determined that the patient is experiencing withdraw symptoms, an on-call nurse team is called to evaluate substance use history. Patients are then referred to Inpatient Admission or if the patient can safely withdraw on their own, BVH links them to outpatient agencies. If the patient will withdraw before they can make it to the outpatient agency, a short (24 hours) supply of medication for symptom management is given. If the patient comes in with opiate use, a Naloxone kit is provided as well.
- Inpatient Admission – Admission criteria includes primary substance abuse of opiates, alcohol, or benzodiazepines. Patient must also have comorbid medical issue and be in withdraw or have a history of severe withdraw. BVH has expectations of each patient including agreeing to all hospital rules and having their belongings searched. Patients can only keep items on the approved list; all other items are kept locked away until patient is released. All contraband is confiscated and disposed of following hospital policy.
- Judge Niemeyer asked what the hospital policy is. Nicole stated that hospital policy is to confiscate, label, and take to inpatient pharmacy for disposal. She did not believe, per ORC, they are able to advise law enforcement of contraband.
- Medication care plan for opiates includes symptom management medication to treat symptoms if patient wants to start Vivitrol at an outpatient agency. Physicians can initiate Suboxone and patients leave with a prescription until they are able to see outpatient agency. Medication care plan for Alcohol and Benzodiazepines utilizes medications to stabilize symptoms.

- Since inception on 11/5/18, BVH has screened 37 individuals and 19 admitted.
- There is also a process in place to follow up periodically with patients up to one year.
- Precia Stuby asked of the 18 not admitted what happened instead of admission. Nicole Podach stated that all patients were linked to services, level of care addressed and referred to outpatient or other agency.
- Precia also inquired if BVH was running into any issues accessing services. Nicole stated that late nights and weekends they refer patients to Open Access but other times of day do not have issues.
- Patrick Brzozka asked if all overdoses admitted to the emergency room are screened for detox. Nicole stated that the withdraw process is completely voluntary.
- Judge Niemeyer inquired how many beds were available for this program. Nicole advised that there is not a unit specifically for withdraw processes, patients are treated specifically for symptoms then linked to agencies.
- Precia Stuby stated that the State budget last year included funding for withdraw management services, and to please not let finances be a barrier for referrals to this program as the hospital has a grant through ADAMHS.
- Jeff Howell inquired if patients were staying long enough to allow insurance companies to cover Vivitrol. Nicole stated that withdraw symptoms only are being treated and medical insurance is billed. However, once a patient's symptoms are under control they are released which typically does not meet the length of stay needed to administer Vivitrol.
- Brandy Tiell asked if patients were not interested in residential treatment would BVH still admit that patient. Nicole stated that it is expected the patient will engage in services after treatment but does not have to be residential.
- Judge Routson asked what other outreach efforts BVH is making. Nicole advised that a very conservative federal regulation, 42 CFR part 2, states that BVH cannot put themselves out as a program and cannot advertise. Educating outpatient services of their program, speaking with agencies and word of mouth is the only advertising. This is due to the inability to extract the substance abuse portion from the medical records.

Judge Routson requested minutes from November 13, 2018 meeting be approved; J. Steve Welton motions to approve minutes, Precia Stuby seconds. Minutes approved.

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

#### **Legislative issues/updates – Judge Routson**

- Reagan Toke's Act passed recently; affects F1 & F2 offenders, as they will be returning to indefinite sentences. March 22, 2019 this bill takes effect.
- Bail Summit – Chief Justice asking Counties to participate in this summit regarding jail and pretrial reform.

#### **Community Corrections Act Updates:**

- Web Site: [www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas](http://www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas)

#### **CCA REPORT**

##### **OLD BUSINESS**

CCA Community Corrections Supervisor, Steve Wiechart provided the following updates:

- Department of Rehab/Corrections/Bureau of Community Sanctions Bond/Pretrial Release will conduct a Program Review on February 14, 2019
- Pretrial intake number review – handout reviewed
- ISP numbers – handout reviewed
- CCA Annual report FY18 – Can be found on Common Pleas Court website
- Funded and implemented IOP (intensive outpatient) curriculum – This program is evidence based and can be used in correlation with other programs Forensic Team offers.

- Electronic Monitoring – All grant dollars for electronic monitoring have been exhausted this fiscal year. Currently at an average of \$1,800/month in monitoring costs. Adult Probation has an Electronic Monitoring fund that has approximately 8 months left of funding this calendar year. Adult Probation is exploring other vendors for Electronic Monitoring services.
- Adult Probation is also exploring other drug testing vendors; currently the office utilizes sweat patch tests, saliva tests, as well as others. Currently spending approximately \$23,000 per year on drug testing with current vendor.
- Ocular Scan – Equipment cost is approximately \$40,000 to purchase. Van Wert County is currently utilizing this system.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

CCA Community Corrections Supervisor, Steve Wiechart provided the following updates:

- Fiscal Quarterly reports handout reviewed
- Targeted Community Alternative to Prison (TCAP) review- \$74,500 in 2018 given to Commissioners to Sheriff to help with jail overcrowding per the Grant MOU.
- FY18/19 Grant Program activity handout reviewed
- Thank you to the Commissioner’s Office for approving an additional probation officer this year as the caseloads continue to rise.
  - A group will be convened by Director Switzer to discuss electronic monitoring.

### **Juvenile/Probate Court – Judge Johnson not in attendance**

#### **Municipal Court – Dave Beach**

- STAR Program –initiated a program with Century Health for drug violations. Presenters at the meetings spoke about losing employment due to addiction, how they are changing and helping others. HANCO also spoke about what they see with overdoses. Mothers spoke about losing an adult son and overdosing in front of children.
- Dave Beach stated that TCAP is affecting Findlay Municipal Court, as the jail housing is split 65% Common Pleas Court 35% Findlay Municipal Court.

#### **Drug Court – Brandy Tiell**

- Reviewed Drug Court handout FY 18
- Specialized Docket funds were funneled through ADAMHS board for FY19.
- Is Century Health still looking for peer support specifically for Drug Court? Cindi Orley stated no, they are not.
- Guided journals are being used and participants seem to be enjoying them.
- Continuing orientation at Focus on Friends; this has been very helpful! Offer several orientation times per month to accommodate work schedules.
- Saw an increased use of Fentanyl in Drug Court participants; Adult Probation purchased additional testing to specifically test for this.
- Judge Routson stated that participant numbers seem to be increasing; Brandy Tiell stated that 8 – 10 participant were brought in last month; with more coming soon.

#### **Family Resource Center/Century Health Merger – Ginny Williams**

- Transition still on target for 4/1/19 working on finalizing legal issues; 2/4/19 new intensive outpatient programming model; 15 trainer of the trainers; peer emphasis; family education with clients; Treeline changes-shifted visitation: no items to be brought in;
  - PPB- One roof yet? Ginny-still in process; trying to secure a location to make that a reality.
- Ginny- 11/5/18 Treeline smoke free! Process has been interesting

1/1/19 – no longer holding tobacco products for clients until they are discharged; 24 hour passes can smoke off site but in process of CO2 equipment to test clients when they return, but very expensive.

#### **A Renewed Mind – Jeff Howell**

- Mom's program – reviewed handout
- Of the 35 deliveries, only three were born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Brian Robertson inquired if this was a favorable outcome for babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. Precia stated yes; this is a very favorable outcome as 2018 saw the highest number of pregnant women testing positive for some type of substance.
- Two people in agency have trained as Trainer of the Trainer-CBI-SAI through University of Cincinnati
- Still providing services at CCNO
- Program adjustments at A Renewed Mind include adding an evening Intensive Outpatient Program in August. In addition, the agency was finally able to separate into gender specific groups, which is a very exciting addition for the agency.
- Open Access still offered Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 – 3 pm.
- Peer recovery support positions approved and currently seeking people to work in this capacity in Hancock County.

#### **County Criminal Justice Business – Judge Routson**

- Subcommittees: Jail expansion and System Process Analysis
- Will send out names and meeting times via email later this week. Kim Switzer to provide the names to Judge.

#### **Sheriff Update – Ryan Kidwell**

- Stated that overcrowding is still an issue, TCAP funds have been very helpful. Last year 8,261 out of county bed days were billed totaling approximately \$497,000. With transportation costs included the cost was over \$500,000.
- Continuing to work on programming and maximizing the time they have with offenders.
- Sheriff's Office attended several trainings this year. One being a training with Kayla Fortman from ADAMHS. Also attended an ORAS short screener training from University of Cincinnati. In The Sheriff's Office also uses a Texas Christian University drug screener, mental health screener, ORAS screener and a Supplemental screener that drills down opioid specifics.
- All this information is given to the case manager at the jail to determine the proper services internally and externally.

#### **ADAMHS Update – Precia Stuby**

- About 1 1/2 years ago, Hancock County was selected to go to Washington, DC to participate in a Best Practices Academy in criminal justice where universal screening was the biggest recommendation.
- Quality improvement committee started; contact Kayla at ADAMHS Board if you have any issues that need addressed.
- Recovery housing for pregnant women and children is moving forward; getting close to bidding job.
- Increase in methamphetamines and cocaine use in community, Precia is working with Dr. Flaherty to find what we need to bring into community to address this issue as far as trainings and practices.

#### **Legislative issues/updates – Judge Starn**

- State Issue One was defeated; Senate President has a goal to have a bill in place before the State budget on 4/1/19; wants to have legislative actions to address low level substance use and abuse
- Medical Marijuana - Ohio now able to dispense medical marijuana, no dispensaries locally; not fully state wide yet.

•Cindi Orley advised that it is under consideration that medical marijuana could be offered as opiate withdraw medication. Added that the closest dispensary is out of a Bowling Green chiropractor's office.

**New Business/Guests**

**City Mission – Ruth Tong**

- Seeing an increase in clientele due to cold, 70-80 clients' average nightly.
- Warming center is still open, not only to individuals but for families that may be without heat.
- Mission is back to providing meals 7 days a week.
- 2019 has brought some good changes. Very busy right now, January brought in 150 clients. Emergency program helping to reach more people in the community.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 5:00pm goal to have meeting at City Mission

Meeting adjourned @ 6:14 p.m. by Judge Starn