

CCA Board Meeting
May 14, 2019

Statutory members: Retired Judge, Joseph H Niemeyer; Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Judge Jonathan P Starn; Director Hancock County Job and Family Services, Randall Galbraith; Focus on Friends Executive Director, Ellyn Schmiesing; Findlay Municipal Court Director of Court Services, Dave Beach; Hancock County Commissioner, Timothy Bechtol; Hancock County Sheriff Lt. Joseph Hartman; 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; A Renewed Minds CEO, Matt Rizzo; Juvenile/Probate Court Judge Kristen Johnson; BVHS Dr. William Kose, Findlay Municipal Court Judge Mark Miller; Community Member, Tony Grotrian

Guests: Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; ISP/CCA Supervisor Officer, Steve Wiechart; Drug Court Coordinator, Brandy Tiell; Fiscal Manager, Julie Smith; University of Findlay OT Intern, Ben Bates; Community Member Carl Etta Capes; A Renewed Mind, Sherry McDonald; HCBDD Director, Nicole Bowen; Cherry St. Mission Representative, Dan Rogers

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

Judge Starn called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

Guest Speakers:

City Mission Update - Dan Rogers, Cherry St. Mission – Stated that he is helping at the City Mission a few days a week right now. Currently working with board and staff to bring less segregation among clients and how they are served. His priorities are increasing service structure and collaborating with community partners. Dan wants to bring as many in-house services as possible to the City Mission. There are a lot of hurdles and barriers internally at the City Mission that are being worked out. The City Mission has done well but can do great.

Focus on Friends – Ellyn Schmiesing – Focus provides peer-based recovery support services for anyone in Hancock County and serves as a non-clinical connection to help aid in recovery. Last year Focus served over 750 individuals, this year they have already served 733. Focus offers many different programming options; these include gambling support services and an All Recovery Meetings that are held every Tuesday at 5:30. The All Recovery Meetings are for anyone, any path to recovery, from anything. Focus recently launched The Loft, which is similar to Focus but is directed towards youth aged 13 – 18. Located on Carlin St., The Loft is open Monday – Friday, 3 -6 p.m. Youth can come after school to receive supports and healthy snacks. Summer hours are being evaluated. Focus also looking at technology based recovery supports and working to launch those this summer and into next year.

Judge Starn requested minutes from February 12, 2019 meeting be approved; J. Steve Welton motions to approve minutes, Nichole Coleman seconds.

Community Corrections Act Updates:

- Web Site: www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas

CCA REPORT
OLD BUSINESS

Director of Court Services, Kim Switzer provided the following updates:

- Pretrial and ISP grant applications have been submitted. TCAP and JRIG applications are still pending.
- Reviewed Electronic Monitoring handout

- An Ad Hoc committee to be established to talk about Electronic Monitoring and see what collaborations can be made and specific needs in the community.
- Drug testing – Findlay Municipal Court and Juvenile/Probate Court moved to a new drug testing cup; Adult Probation has also made that switch. Each test is about \$1.25 more per cup; Adult Probation tests approximately 800 clients month.
- With the increased cost of the drug-testing cup, Adult Probation is changing its drug testing methods to help contain costs. All drug-testing supplies are grant funded.
- New drug testing cup tests for alcohol in addition to other substances.
- Steve Wiechart stated that a Pretrial audit was conducted in February 2019. Hancock County Adult Probation received a 100% compliance report. The audit consists of a review of standards specific to that program and is directly linked to our grant funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Director of Court Services, Kim Switzer provided the following updates:

- Fiscal Quarterly reports handout reviewed
- Reviewed Common Pleas Court Grant Revenue/ Outcomes handout
- TCAP grant states that F5 offenders, in certain target population, on probation can no longer be sent to prison.
- JRIG grant defines how many probation violators, of any felony level, you can send to prison. JRIG grant also defines technical and non-tech violations. Technical violations are any violation other than a new felony.
- Steve Wiechart stated that JRIG has mandatory goals associated with the grant. The grant contract states you will not send any more than the defined number of technical violations for any felony level. JRIG also limits the number of F4 offenders who are a directly shipped to prison. If you do not meet these mandatory goals, you may no longer be an auto-renew County in regards to funding. All funding will be divided between auto-renew Counties and then what is left is disbursed to voluntary Counties.
- Judges, Commissioners, and Sheriff have agreed to TCAP funding. Currently in process of signing MOU.
- If judges do not want to apply for JRIG funding at \$180,000 per year, we may need to go to General fund for additional funding.
- TCAP funding started in FY18/19, one-half of this grant was dedicated to the County Sheriff. The Sheriff has received \$75,000 so far and they are to receive approximately another \$70,000 this year.
- FY18/19 Grant Program Activity handout reviewed
- Workload Concerns handout reviewed

Drug Court – Brandy Tiell

- Reviewed Drug Court handout
- As of 5/7/19 each docket has 17 participants; Judge Starn's may be at 20 by end of May.
- Drug Court participants started using guided journals, and find them extremely helpful.
- Drug Court Officers provided handouts to clients for FOCUS All-inclusive Recovery meeting.
- As pertains to new drug testing cup, alcohol not yet found on drug court participants.
- Drug Court Officers Brianna Castro and Meredith Schmersal are doing great job monitoring cases. They present incentives and sanctions swiftly to judges.
- Kim Switzer stated that Drug Court also received some ATP funds, which have been utilized for participants.
- Matt Rizzo asked what the look back period for alcohol on new drug test.
- Dave Beach and Steve Wiechart responded that it is 48 – 72 hours depending on the person's metabolism and body structure.
- Matt Rizzo inquired if positive tests are sent out.
- Kim Switzer stated that the positive test would only be sent out if Officers do not get an admission of use.

Family Resource Center/Century Health Merger – Precia Stuby on behalf of Family Resource Center

- Merger of Century Health and Family Resource Center (FRC) will be complete by 7/1/19.
- Every employee at Century Health has been offered a position at Family Resource Center; there should be no change in staff.
- Clients will not receive an individualized letter notification of the merger. FRC will put out a public notification though. Clients will need to sign new paperwork but transition should go smoothly.
- Changes in legislation and staffing issues have led to changes in crisis services. Hospital will be conducting crisis assessments on voluntary admissions. By law, Century Health and FRC are still able to assist on involuntary admissions to the hospital. State budget has significant amount of funding for crisis stabilization services; agency is working to get more services outside of hospitalization.
- A Community planning meeting has taken place to get a plan together to help look at Evidence Based Practices to see what will help the most in our community.

ADAMHS Update – Precia Stuby

- In process of completing two large criminal justice grants:
 1. One is a follow-up of the grant that was able to bring universal screening to the jail.
 2. Second grant will bring LEAD program to our community. If a police officer comes into contact with an individual and they believe the primary issue is mental health or addiction, that officer contacts a special team at Family Resource Center (FRC) to help the individual.
- Hancock County overdose deaths decreased from 30 in 2017 to 22 in 2018.
- Kim Switzer inquired how Lead program is different from CIT.
- Precia Stuby stated that CIT is de-escalation; LEAD is outreach and engaging individuals.
- Patrick Brzozka asked if he encounters an involuntary in crisis, should he still call FRC.
- Precia Stuby said that if the crisis occurs during the day, still contact FRC as they will still have day services. If you think the person is going to be hospitalized, individual should go to the hospital.
- Patrick Brzozka asked if FRC is under one roof yet.
- Precia Stuby stated that finding a location to suit them has still been unsuccessful. FRC has received a capital grant to help with finding the correct size building needed for them.

A Renewed Mind (ARM) – Matt Rizzo

- Open access for diagnostic assessments still occurring Tuesday through Friday 8:30 – 3:00; show up and will complete a diagnostic assessment. Individuals can also call for appointments as they agency may have evening availability as well.
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Anthem insurance is paneled with ARM. A Renewed Mind sees many patients with commercial insurance.
- More clients who have mental health diagnosis rather than addiction diagnosis. ARM is providing more mental health services right now, and has the ability to provide children these services as well.
- All services under one roof; one stop shop.

County Criminal Justice Business – Judge Starn

- Jail expansion - Commissioners had expansion analysis completed by MJ Martin from Nebraska. This vendor is also working with Franklin County on their jail expansion.
- Systems Process Analysis subcommittee – Kim Switzer will be in touch with members who have expressed interest in participating.
- Pretrial Summit - Municipal Court and County have attended meetings focused on how to work together to more efficiently handle people who are being arrested, before they are charged, to move them out of the jail under some bond supervision.

Sheriff – Lt. Joseph Hartman

- No updates at this time

Juvenile/Probate Court – Judge Johnson

- Family Dependency Treatment Court currently has ten participants. Recently had first two male participants in Family Dependency Court, one still attending.
- Children Services cases up. In 2018, Juvenile Court had 122 cases; typically see an average of 50 per year.
- Kim Switzer asked if participants losing their children is enough motivation to complete the program.
- Judge Johnson responded that sadly, no. There is more success when children are in foster care, but most children are placed with a relative.
- Kim Switzer inquired what happens to the clients who do not comply. Where do the children go?
- Judge Johnson responded that Children Services can work with a family for one year. This time limit makes it difficult when dealing with drug treatment. Children Services can ask for two 6 months extensions but two years is the maximum they have to work with a family before the Court needs to proceed. A parent needs to attend parent education and caseworker meetings to be successful. The Court cannot wait to proceed if a parent does not comply with this period.
- Have had some success, but wish there was more.
- Matt Rizzo asked what the main reason is that the Court get involved.
- Judge Johnson responded that the #1 reason is parent neglect due to drug use. Most popular drug of choice is meth currently. Typically see an opioid use disorder diagnosis in parents.

- Truancy Court – HB 410 changed the truancy process, it is now more difficult to get a child into Truancy Court.
- Courts needed to have diversion program, which Juvenile Court had but was not good enough.
- First, a child needs to meet the truancy standard and then the Court will put an absence intervention plan in place. Next step is to hold a meeting with the parents and then child needs to be truant again to get into court status. Saw a lot of success when children could get into Truancy Court quickly.
- Nine children are currently in Truancy Court, with seven completions this year. Thirty-four pending truancy cases starting at the first day of school 2018, as the cases are just now getting to the Court status.
- Schools have Absence Intervention Plan in place but it has not been successful. Schools then hold an attendance conference with the family. After that, the family attends a Pre-Court, which in the past has been successful that those children would not return to Court. That success percentage is down from 75 - 80% to 65% right now. Juvenile Court saw 90 Pre-Courts in 2018, so far this year they have had 140 Pre-Courts.
- Kim Switzer inquired if there is any legislation in the works to clean up this process.
- Judge Johnson stated that she does not see that happening right now. State wants to eliminate the school to prison pipeline, which Judge had never seen in Hancock County. One-half of Ohio Judges do not have truancy cases anymore, while the other half is extremely swamped.

Municipal Court – Judge Miller

- TCAP finally caught up with Municipal Court as well. Municipal Court jail population is currently 80% felony offenders.
- Court is utilizing alternative interventions such as electronic monitoring and house arrest in lieu of jail days.
- Offering second Driving Under Suspension Day to be held on May 16, 2019. As of 4 pm May 14, 2019, 40 people were pre-registered. Municipal Court assisted 112 individuals last fall at first Driving Under Suspension Day.
- Increase in overall caseloads is being seen. Some felony cases are transferred to Common Pleas Court to handle. Kim Switzer earlier referenced Common Pleas and Municipal Court are working together to find the best solution for the case handoff.

- STAR program still going well. Mother's Day registrations were low as expected, but next month is up already in registrations.
- Judge Miller had first offender put on probation with a medical marijuana card. Probation staff working to figure out how to address that scenario.

Legislative issues/updates – Judge Starn

- Reagan Tokes Act is now in effect. A computer program has been created to help calculate sentence maximums for F1 and F2's. Already planning to pass legislative fixes to correct errors.
- Placeholder bill has been proposed that is very similar to State Issue One. Serves as a starting point of a discussion as State is serious about doing something.
- Issue One proposed to constitutionally eliminate F4 and F5 drug offenders from being incarcerated in prison and local jails. New placeholder bill contains some of that language, but also identifies offenders with a higher quantity in their possession being treated as dealers, which could carry a higher felony level.

New Business – Judge Starn

- City Parking Lot proposal – City Council meeting to be held May 14, 2019 to discuss a proposal from City of Findlay to sell the parking lot behind 514 S. Main Street. Proposing to sell the parking lot to the Port Authority to be developed into retail space and luxury apartments. Staff members of Adult Probation, Commissioner and Prosecutor Offices currently use many of those parking spots. Additionally, probation clients use public parking lot for groups, meetings and appointments at Adult Probation. City of Findlay has second reading of proposal tonight at their City Council meeting. Currently the proposal states the County can have one spot.

Veteran Services – Nichole Coleman

- See Courier May 14, 2019 for an eight-page tab that was published regarding Veteran Services.
- On October 19th Veteran Services will hold a PTSD Education Awareness and Resource Fair. Mental health professionals will be on site, a panel discussion, dinner, and resource fair will occur. Location is to be determined but please watch for more information.
- Nichole Coleman also stated that she has known Dan Rogers (Cherry Street Mission) for a long time and you can trust him for anything.

Next Meeting Date Tuesday, September 10, 2019 5:00 pm at Hancock County Courthouse

Kim Switzer asked if tours of the City Mission could be arranged. Dan Rogers stated yes, contact him and he will set up tours with anyone interested.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:09 p.m. by Judge Starn

Action Items:

- Kim Switzer to establish Ad Hoc meetings regarding collaborations
- Kim Switzer to send out Systems Process Analysis Subcommittee information to those who expressed interest