# CCA Board Meeting September 10, 2019

Statutory members: Hancock County Director of Court Services, Kim Switzer; Retired Judge, Joseph H Niemeyer; Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Judge Jonathan P Starn; 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 Commissioner Robertson; Hancock County Commissioner Gazarek; Hancock County Sheriff, Michael Heldman; Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Ryan Kidwell; ADAMHS Executive Director, Precia Stuby; Findlay Police Department Sgt. Dan Harmon; Hancock County Treasurer, J. Steve Welton; CASA/GAL Director, Leah Cole; Juvenile/Probate Court Judge Kristen Johnson; Public Defender Paul Maekask; City of Findlay Mayor, Christina Muryn; Findlay City Schools, Superintendent, Ed Kurt; Open Arms, Executive Director, Ashley Ritz;

**Guests:** Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; ISP/CCA Supervisor Officer, Steve Wiechart; Drug Court Coordinator, Brandy Tiell; Hancock County Adult Probation Officer, Chad McClain; Fiscal Manager, Julie Smith; University of Findlay OT Intern, Katie Barton; Community Member Carl Etta Capes; A Renewed Mind, Sherry McDonald; A Renewed Mind, Jeff Howell; Family Resource Center, Cindi Orley; Family Resource Center, Aeryn Williams; Hancock County Auditor, Charity Rauschenberg;

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

Judge Starn called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Judge Starn requested minutes from May 14, 2019 meeting be approved; Motion to approve J. Steve Welton, second Dan Harmon.

### Commissioner Robertson – 2020 Census, presentation PowerPoint handout;

- •Started holding ad hoc meetings in June in preparation of 2020 Census. Leaving citizens out of the count could result in a loss of funding. County and City entities already involved; however, Commissioner Robertson wants recovery community partners on this committee as well. All are invited to the next monthly meeting on Thursday, September 12, at 11 am.
- Mayor Muryn added that committee should keep eye out for emails, and please give feedback.

## **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:

- Electronic Monitoring Kim Switzer will send out email regarding setting up subcommittee regarding electronic monitoring utilization. Electronic Monitoring usage has recently doubled to avoid jail incarceration. Usage of electronic monitoring takes funding for equipment, staff hours, overtime, and research for the appropriate vendor. Common Pleas Court has primarily used grant funds for electronic monitoring costs, however upcoming fiscal year grants do not have enough funding to support this. Common Pleas Court will need to defer to County General Fund to continue offering this service. Reagan Tokes Act has made all entities review their electronic monitoring usage and protocols.
- •Grant Revenue/Outcomes Handout Reviewed handout. Kim Switzer added that Adult Probation continues to be funded 60% by State grants and 40% by General Fund.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- •CCA FY19 Annual Report DRAFT A draft of the FY19 annual report is available to review. Information still needed from treatment team. Annual report is due at end of September.
- Fiscal Quarterly reports handout reviewed
- •TCAP Grant FY18/19 grant was able to give \$140,000 towards jail costs; FY20/21 will allow for \$160,000 for jail costs over the next two years.
- •FY18/19 Grant Program Activity handout reviewed
  - Judge Starn added that the Hancock County Prosecutor is predicating indictments to be down slightly from last year.
- •Out of 30 Intervention in Lieu hearings, 50% of the Diagnostic Assessments go through Family Resource Center and the other half through A Renewed Mind.
- More defendants are engaging in treatment while on Bond.

## **Drug Court – Brandy Tiell**

- •To date, Drug Court has had 322 referrals, 110 participants, 46 successful completions, and 26 unsuccessful. National average success rate is approximately 50%. Currently have 32 active participants in Drug Court.
- •October dates for the next Drug Court Advisory Meeting are being considered. Brandy Tiell will send out email to the Board.
- •Recovery March is on 9/21/19 at St. Mark's Church from 8 12. Hancock County Probation staff will be participating with Focus on Friends and other agencies.

#### Family Resource Center (FRC)/Century Health Merger - Cindi Orley

- Transition to Family Resource Center was complete on 7/1/19.
- New electronic health system up and running, will still create monthly compliance reports. Currently still looking at improvements to the system, but working well.
- •Quick response team received a \$50,000 grant for next year. So far, Quick Response Team has received 231 overdose reports. FRC is committed to staff attending new trainings. FRC also has a re-accreditation coming up.
- •ARM Jeff Howell asked if the 231 overdose reports are since inception of Quick Response Team. Yes, per Cindi Orley.

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

• Electronic health record changes are happening. Also preparing for accreditation. Currently ARM has an affiliation with Ohio Guidestone. ARM continues to offer Open Access Tuesday through Friday every week. ARM also recently started using CBI-SA in groups.

#### **ADAMHS Update – Precia Stuby**

- •Training will be held on Friday regarding sharing of information between health system and criminal justice system. Handout reviewed regarding grant funding and projects. This training is funded by ADAMHS grant and is available at no cost. Will hold morning and afternoon sessions. Grant closes end of September, very hopeful to get round two of grant funds but still waiting to hear.
- •Crisis Services Reviewed handout. Precia is aware that there is unhappiness regarding crisis services. Noted that every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7 am there is a Crisis Services meeting. This meeting is held at the ADMAHS Board Office. All can attend these meetings.
- •Health officers Precia explained that health officers prescreen individuals for state hospital referrals.

  ADAMHS designates an agency that performs this service, not an individual person. A person can only act in this role if employed by agency. Agency is designated for health officer services per ORC Code listed on handout.

- •Blanchard Valley Hospital is now completing determination of private inpatient admissions. This change has nothing to do with money cuts, but changes in the Medicaid law. Blanchard Valley Hospital has added staff and resources for this service.
- •ADAMHS also has more people on call, adding resources, to be available to reach out to agency if someone needs a health officer.
- •ADAMHS has lots the opportunity to offer dedicated crisis services 24/7. This is due to staff going to other entities for employment. ADAMHS is trying to fill this void. All issues are human resource related issues and those are being addressed.
- Received allocation from governor for crisis services.
- •Kim Switzer question regarding Findlay Police Department assistance Dan Harmon Findlay Police Department still goes to calls and evaluates individuals to see if they need to go to the hospital, this remains unchanged. Crisis services were an extra resource.
- Precia Stuby added that individuals used to go to Police Department to seek crisis services to avoid an emergency room bill; ADAMHS wants to give this service but is not able to due to lack of staff.
- •Kim Switzer noted, in a systems process committee meeting, it was discussed that many individuals in jail are waiting on assessments.
- Precia Stuby responded that this is being addressed; caused by a lack of staff.
- •Dr Flaherty will be in town the last week of September. There are still open spots if anyone would like to attend.

## **County Criminal Justice Business**

- •Systems Process Analysis subcommittee Dave Beach
  - •One meeting held, the purpose was to establish parameters of committee. Next meeting will be on 9/24/19 next meeting
- •Findlay Municipal Court Updates Dave Beach
  - •Second annual Safe Surrender Day coming up on October 3, 2019.
  - First Safe Surrender Day in 2018 cleared 104 municipal bench warrants. As of the meeting date, Municipal Court has 2,433 outstanding bench warrants.
  - •TCAP is causing Municipal Court to adapt to how they do business. Current jail population is 74% Common Pleas Court defendants. Municipal Court is looking into purchasing additional GPS tracking units. Currently using 40 SCRAM units and 4 Remote Breath devices in the field right now. Remote Breath devices are similar to portable breath test but takes picture of the individual taking the test.
  - Caseloads are consistent with last year.
  - •Looking to implement by the end of the year, a court date text reminder system.
- Jail study Capt. Ryan Kidwell
  - Commissioners contracted with MJ Martin Inc. to conduct a jail and justice needs assessment.
  - First visit focused on the jail. Some items focused on were: design of jail; average population; length of time; classification types; operational work flow; current issues/challenges with incarceration, safety and security; and recognizing key issues such as overcrowding, mental health, and substance abuse addiction. All Sheriff's Office staff completed problem identification worksheets.
  - •Second visit focused on assessing needs of the criminal justice system as it relates to the jail. Consultants looked at how the criminal justice system works in Hancock County. All criminal justice stakeholders completed surveys for the consultants, and then individual interviews were held.
  - •A third visit from the consultants will look at preliminary findings and information before making a final determination.
  - Precia Stuby stated the consultants are doing great job and asking the right questions.
  - •Kim Switzer offered thanks to Capt. Kidwell for coordinating everything with the consultants.

### Juvenile/Probate Court - Judge Johnson

No reports

#### Legislative issues/updates - Judge Starn

- •Reagan Tokes Act Defendant released from prison had significant violations while in prison, however had served his time. No law allowing ODRC to keep him incarcerated. Defendant was put on electronic monitoring by Adult Parole Authority but was homeless. While on electronic monitoring, defendant raped and murdered a female. Later the GPS points were used to locate where everything occurred, and link defendant to several other crimes in the area.
- •Legislature bill passed earlier this year, proposed the criminal justice system going back to indefinite terms for felony one and two offenders. Additionally, ODRC can impose more time for violations while incarcerated, and time credit can be given for good behavior.
- •Bill did not address problems related to electronic monitoring.
- Kim Switzer stated that Adult Parole Authority has dropped caseloads to 50 per officer, could that be related.
- •Judge Starn stated not directly related but Adult Parole Authority is getting out of probation business. State of Ohio is trying to fund new County probation offices or combine small entities to create regional probation offices.
- Patrick Brzozka added that probation officer training and standards have greatly increased. Additionally, equipment for new officer is costly.
- Judge Starn stated the Supreme Court of Ohio offers some probation officers trainings for free, but not all necessary.
- •Senate Bill 3 is in response to Issue 1's defeat. Proposes to restructure drug offense sentencing however, not getting a lot of support in its current form. Bill would turn felony 4 and 5 possession charges into misdemeanors and higher-level possession charges into trafficking charges. Goal is to try to deal with drug addiction as illness and provide treatment rather than felony charges.

Open Arms - Ashley Ritz

No reports

City of Findlay - Mayor Muryn

No reports

**Next Meeting Date** 

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 5:00 pm at Hancock County Courthouse

Meeting adjourned @ 6:17 pm by Judge Starn

#### Action Items:

Kim Switzer to send email to Board regarding Electronic Monitoring subcommittee.

Kim Switzer to send email to Board regarding the next Drug Court Advisory Meeting date.