CCA Board Meeting Minutes

# September 9, 2014

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Judge Niemeyer, Judge Routson, Findlay Municipal Court, Director of Court Services Dave Beach; ADAMHS Executive Director, Precia Stuby; Clearview Services, Director Bernie Bushardt; Public Defender, Paul Maekask; Job and Family Services, Butch Bycynski.

**Guests:** Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka;Hancock County Adult Probation Officer Elizabeth Larson; Chief Executive Officer of Century Health, Tina Pine; Substance Abuse Coordination-Century Health, Pat Hardy; Assistant City of Findlay Law Director, Eric Figlewicz; Open Arms Executive Director, Ashley Ritz; Asst. Public Defender, Ken Sass; Hancock County Justice Center, Ryan Kidwell; WORTH Clinical Services Director, Chuck Honigford; ADAHMS Board Member, Carl Etta Capes; Century Health Criminal Justice Coordinator, Shanna Taylor; Juvenile/Probate Magistrate, Kristin Johnson; County Treasurer, J. Steve Welton; HCJC Social Worker, Sara Wagner, and concerned citizen Tony Grotrain.

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 following introductions he requested the Board review the minutes from the meeting of April 15, 2014. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Legislative Updates – Ohio Legislature**

* Judge Routson indicted a Bill passed this summer which limited a Judges authority to control the release of an offender who has been in prison longer than two years. Until this summer Judges would always have the final say on if an individual’s term in prison could be shortened with term in halfway house or Post Release control for last 6 or so months of sentence. Judge may no longer control that decision after a two year period. Person sentenced for four years whether or not that person is granted TC is left to discretion of ODRC. If person placed on TC and escapes there is now enhanced penalties.
* Judge Routson advised there have been round table discussions among Judges and Legislators one such discussion occurred today in Cincinnati to discuss future mandatory sentences and in particular drug cases. Another round table is looking at ways to reduce Ohio’s prison population. HB 86 has been failure as prison population remains around 51,000 people. They are now exploring other methods now looking at probationers what to do with probationers who violate and restrict Judges abilities to send probation violators to prison. They have decided to take a collaborative approach with Judges. Judge Routson advised he will keep everyone updated.

**Community Corrections Act Updates:**

* **Community Corrections Updates**

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Brzozka provided the following updates:

* **Website:** All Common Pleas Court and Community Corrections Board Meeting minutes, along with the updated Board Organizational Resolution/2013, reports and additional articles can be found on the court website. [www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas](http://www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas).
* **Community Wide Training Recap:** Grant included funding for training in evidenced based practices, discharge planning, selecting appropriate interventions, and enhancing motivation rewards and punishers by Kelly Pitacco on June 5, 2014/June 6, 2014 and Jodi Sleyo on May 19, 2014 from University of Cincinnati. Over 40 people from a variety of agencies attended.
* **Grants/Program Review:** We have exceeded goals for fiscal year 2014 as required by the State of Ohio.
  + **Pretrial release/Bond/408/Intensive Supervision/407** 
    - Pretrial-Goal FY14 of 196,\* 229 persons taken into the program.
    - Intensive Supervision-Goal FY14 of 70 probationers \*94 persons ordered into the program.
    - Exceeded goals
  + **Probation Improvement Grant/PIG**
    - Added a fourth full time Forensic Team position
      * Starts September 22, 2014
    - Added a full time probation officer
      * New officer conducting ORAS assessments, supervising basic offenders

**Report on Forensic Team:**

* Shanna Taylor of Century Health reported on the following:
  + Will continue to offer family support groups, next is scheduled for October 2014. Group explains to family the items learned in group and probation process.
  + Findlay Municipal Court intends to offer more referrals for groups/individual case management
  + Will continue to have group graduations, next is scheduled for October 2014.

**PIG Grant Goals/Outcomes:**

* Exceeding our goals for this quarter in most of the areas:
* Reduce Prison Commitments
* Reduce Jail Commitments
* Reduce Probation Revocations
* Increase Successful Treatment Outcomes
* Judge Niemeyer: We are using more commitments to county jail, other community-based sanctions, when appropriate. ODRC is concerned with revocations for F-4/F-5, non-violent offenses.

**Financial Reports for all grants:**

* Still in progress, will be completed.
* FY 2014 due in October 2014
* PIG Incentive available through June of 2015. Not certain of the future at this point, but approved through June 2015.

**Old Business:**

* **Criminal Justice Summit Committees-(May, 2011)**
* Jail Expansion Assessment Status:
  + Dave Beach reported nothing new.
* Opiate Task Force:
  + Precia Stuby provided a handout of the last opiate summit.
  + ADAMHS approved direct contacts for services with A Renewed Mind and CHOICES for medically assisted treatment.
  + Trying to obtain grant money for public information materials andfor additional training.
  + Approved for two grants, to open two recovery homes, one for men and one for women. They plan to open women’s first, no later than January 2015.
  + Submitted two grants related to employment.
  + Trying to get recovery coaches and set up peer coaching system.
  + Trying to put a detox facility in place for detox, crisis intervention, etc
  + August 19, 2014 Public forum for family and public. Good turnout, it was suggested to have more opiate-specific interventions. A support group for family members of opiate addicts was established. 9/6/14 was the first meeting and 20 individuals showed up.

**New Business:**

* **Hancock County Justice Center Issues/Concerns**
  + Involved with grant money for discharge services and putting programming into the jail.
  + Reviewed University of Cincinnati input
  + Sara Wagner continues to provide social work services
  + Kelsi Winkeljohn left for new position with ODRC
  + Dwight Lewis has been promoted to case manager and Century Health is looking for a new peer support employee
  + Emily Hurt from Century Health serves as family peer support
  + Jail population is down since summer, more programming and services able to be distributed to current inmates
* **City of Findlay Municipal Court Updates**

Dave Beach reported the following:

* + Expansion coming from within second floor of municipal building will provide more room for probation, drug testing, etc.
  + WORC center continues to periodically close for cost saving measures
  + WORC Census continues to go up and down.
    - Continuing to reserve time for females throughout the year
* **Community Alternative Sentencing Center**
  + Draft is being finished and will be distributed to appropriate internal and external criminal justice stakeholders for suggestions.
  + September 19, 2014 is effective date of statue
* **Truancy Program and Juvenile Court**

Magistrate Johnson reported no updates.

* **Domestic Violence Task Force**

Open Arms, Director, Ashley Ritz reported:

* + Task force continues to meet every 2nd Tuesday at 4 PM @ Juvenile Court
  + Working to strengthen number of certified SANE nurses at BVH, will have a total of eleven (11) soon
  + Working with University of Findlay Violence Against Women prevention dollars they received close to $287,000 for services. Nurses at Cosiano Health Center at UF will be certified SANE nurses and will be able to perform exams on campus.
  + They are planning a training for law enforcement on September 24, 2014 and October 1, 2014.
  + October is DV Awareness Month. Featured speaker at their annual meeting on October 20, 2014 @ 7 pm is Matthew Sandusky, son of Jerry Sandusky.
* **Ohio Job and Family Services**

Job and Family Services, Director, Butch Bycynski reported

* + Workforce readiness program is still going on and being run by Cayla Fortman. Every other Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:**

Judge Niemeyer announced the next CCA Board meeting would be held on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 5:15 p.m.** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

**Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:45**

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS HANDOUTS FROM MEETING**

-CCA Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2014

-Open Arms Annual Meeting Flyer

-ADAMHS Opiate Summit handout