CCA Board Meeting Minutes

# July 9, 2013

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Judge Niemeyer, Judge Routson, Judge Starn; Pleas Court Director of Court Services, Kim Switzer; Findlay Municipal Court, Director of Court Services Dave Beach; ADAMHS Executive Director, Precia Stuby; WORTH Center Deputy Director, Sheila Clark for Mark Fuerstenau; Dr. William Kose, Hancock County Prosecutor, Mark Miller; County Jail Administrator, Lt. Ryan Kidwell; Clearview Services, Director Bernie Bushardt; Public Defender, Paul Maekask; County Commissioners, Mark Gazarek and Brian Robertson; and Hancock County Treasurer, Steve Welton.

**Guests:** Hancock County Adult Probation Officer/Interim Supervisor, Patrick Brzozka;Hancock County Adult Probation Office Administrator, Janice Freeman; Reporter, Ryan Dunn, from the Findlay, Ohio Courier; Chief Executive Officer of Century Health, Tina Pine; Assistant City of Findlay Law Director, Eric Figlewicz; Open Arms Executive Director, Ashley Ritz; Asst. Public Defender, Ken Sass; United Way Director, John Urbanski; Tony Grotrain; Century Health Employees, Sara Wagner, Kelsi Winkeljohn and Chuck Honigford and Forensic Team Leader, Brandi Tiell.

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 February 5, 2013. Mr. Steve Welton moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Judge Jonathan Starn seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Legislative Updates – Ohio Legislature**

Judge Routson reported the following updates:

* HB 86 Clean Up - Prison Goal: The bill has passed. There is currently an additional movement to modify HB 86. Legislation would limit the judges sentencing authority.
  + - * Another initiative is to create a new sentencing bill to recognize “bad time” for prisoner institutional conduct. The bill is currently stalled, on the issue of who determines the imposition of “bad time”.

**Community Corrections Act Updates:**

* **Community Corrections Updates**

Director Switzer reviewed the following:

* **Website** – All Common Pleas Court and Community Corrections Board Meeting minutes, along with the updated Board Organizational Resolution/2013 and additional articles can be found on the court website. [www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas](http://www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas).
* **Community Corrections Funds to Hancock County:** Financially, we have done well in maintaining our funding. All three grants have been approved for the upcoming state fiscal year. ISP is assisting felony offenders in lieu of going to prison. Bond grant is for helping to keep them out of the local jail-pending trial. Probation Improvement Grant (PIG), how to improve probation programming to reduce ongoing violations.
* **FY13 3rd and 4th Quarter/Year End Reconciliation Fiscal Reports** for all the grants now received through the Hancock County Adult Probation Department were distributed and reviewed. The PIG grant will be an automatic renewal for the next two years, based upon local department performance and success.
  + **Pretrial Release/Bond:** Switzer reported that the program met its goal of placing 179 defendants into this program by diverting 235 into the program in FY 13. We had 189 successful completions.
  + **Intensive Supervision Probation**: Switzer reported that the program met its goal of diverting 73 offenders into this program (diverting them from prison incarceration) by placing 85 in the program for FY 13. 54 were successfully terminated from supervision.

* + **Probation Improvement Grant**: Switzer reported we are now providing substance abuse and Thinking for a Change initiatives in-house. This helps to attain the goal of reducing commitments, probation revocations and to increase successful treatment outcomes. We are currently waiting on a pending contract with Century Health for Forensic Team services as a part of this grant.
* **Wrap-up:** Switzer informed the annual report will give you better demographic information once it is distributed. 60% of probation department our funding comes from state grants at this point and the local caseload is approximately 500 felons a year.

**Old Business:**

**City of Findlay WORC Program**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* Judge Starn advised that they are reducing the cost by closing it for one (1) week every two months. September is set aside for female offenders. Common Pleas Court has been using the facility, while surrounding county court use is slightly down. The Hancock County Jail is currently turning away defendants attempting to serve their ordered jail sentence, and this occurs multiple times to the same defendant.
* Precia Stuby asked about the status of opiate related case filings. Judge Starn advised the numbers are still down from last few years. Drug abuse cases are down 12% from last year. We still have hypodermic possession and dangerous drug possession. Marijuana usage appears to be decreasing; however, theft offenses are increasing substantially.
* Sara Wagner of Century Health advised she has spoken with defendants and was advised they can’t pay for WORC Program, wandering if there is any other solution. Judge Starn advised there is a payment plan and they work with the city on payments to suit individuals. They have reviewed a floating fee schedule but it was not financially feasible.

**Truancy Program and Juvenile Court**

Judge Davis and Dr. Dean Wittwer were absent so no report was presented.

**Domestic Violence Task Force**

* + - * Open Arms, Director, Ashley Ritz reported the two trainings for law enforcement in March both went well. She is also providing pocket tear offs for law enforcement officers, which is a local resource guide. Ms. Ritz informed members that she is currently working on coordination of neighborhood block watch programs and domestic violence training.
      * Their task force meetings continue to be held monthly, every 2nd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

**Substance Abuse/Involuntary Commitments:**

* ADAMHS, Director, Precia Stuby advised Century Health has initiated a criminal justice system group to facilitate efforts with the criminal justice system. Chuck Honigford is overseeing the team. Kimberly Switzer agreed to be a member of the team. Century Health has assigned two (2) staff members to work with the county jail inmate population.

**New Business:**

**Hancock County Justice Center Issues/Concerns**

* Lt. Ryan Kidwell reported that it has been great having both Sara Wagner and since February 1st, Kelsi Winkeljohn, dealing with the mental health population. With the local 98-bed facility 27% of all inmates are diagnosed with mental health issues.
* Sara advised they are keeping extremely busy. Kelsi is seeing people as they are getting ready to leave. 15-20 people have followed up and contacted her after leaving. One individual has been able to find employment afterwards due to her help. Housing continues to be an issue.
* Kelsi reported she has been able to link them with Century Health and get them back on their medications.

**2011 Criminal Justice Summit Follow-up:**

**Jail Expansion Assessment Status**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* He advised nothing has changed since the last meeting. The only update is that the jail is running full. The jail population is not coming down. HB 86 has not had the expected impact on the local jail population count. Drug abuse cases are down 12%, theft cases up 28% and civil cases are down by half. The recently updated jail study suggests that in 2040, an additional 120 – 150 beds will need to be available to serve the local criminal justice system.

**Re-Entry Coalition**

ADAMHS Director Precia Stuby reported on ReEntry:

* **Employment Issues.** Worked with workforce Investment Board. We added Kimberly Switzer to the board.
* **Health and Treatment Committee/Residential drug detoxification expansion.** Working on obtaining local residential treatment facilities.
* **Housing/ProSocial Supports.** Tina Pine is working on a federal home loan grant. With the goal of getting this completed in fiscal year 2015. One of the areas they could look at is work release. For housing the low-income inventory is diminishing every day. The housing consortium has really taken over.
* **Welcome Home Video.**  The video is completed and is also linked in at the local library. Century Health CEO, Tina Pine, narrated the video.

**Misc. Discussion:**

* Prosecutor Mark Miller offered as a point of information the National Night Out is August 6th at Riverside Park.
* Judge Niemeyer complimented everyone for being here and taking time out from their busy schedules.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:**

Judge Niemeyer announced the next CCA Board meeting would be held on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

**Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:00**

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS HANDOUTS FROM MEETING**

-CCA Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2013

-FY13 3rd & 4th Quarter/Year End Reports

-Probation Improvement Grant Stats