

CCA Board Meeting

August 14, 2018

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; Hancock County Probate Court Judge, Kristen K Johnson; A Renewed Minds CEO, Matt Rizzo; Hancock County Commissioner, Timothy Bechtol; Director Hancock County Job and Family Services, Diana Hoover; Chief Probation Officer, Kimberly Switzer; Findlay City Schools Superintendent Edward Kurt; Hancock County Public Defender, Paul Maekask; Focus on Friends Executive Director, Ellyn Schmiesing; Hancock County Sheriff, Michael Heldman; Dr. William Kose; Findlay Municipal Court Judge, Mark Miller; Prosecutor, Phillip Riegler

Guests: Asst. Chief Probation Officer, Patrick Brzozka; ISP/CCA Supervision, Steve Wiechart; Probation Officers, Chad McClain, Brandy Tiell; Fiscal Manager, Julie Smith; University of Findlay OT Intern, Madelynn Long; SSA Director Hancock County Board of DD, Nicole Bowen; Courts & Crime Reporter The Courier, Eileen McClury; Century Health Criminal Justice Program Director, Cindi Orley; Carl Etta Capes; Director Findlay Municipal Court, Dave Beach, Richard Hiltibran, Revive Ohio

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

Judge Routson called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm. Judge Routson introduced new board members: Edward Kurt, City of Findlay Schools; Matt Rizzo, CEO, A Renewed Minds; Angie Shaferly, CEO Anhedonia; John Bindas, CEO Family Resource Center; Ginny Williams, Clinical Director Century Health & Family Resource Center; Ellyn Schmiesing, Executive Director, Focus on Friends; Leah Cole, Executive Director, CASA/Gal of Hancock County.

Judge Routson also asked Richard Hiltibran, a Revive Ohio representative, to introduce himself. Stated that Revive Ohio was a ministry wanting to conduct a revive week to spread awareness of faith to the County.

Judge Routson requested minutes from March 2018 meeting be approved; Judge Jonathan Starn motions, Judge Mark Miller seconds.

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

Community Corrections Act Updates:

Judge Routson provided the following updates:

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

CCA REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Probation Officer Kim Switzer provided the following updates:

- 2018 allocations were initially reduced, but were restored.
- FY18 Annual report will be available on Common Pleas Court website on 9/1/18; will be emailed out as well.
- Referenced handout reports on CCA grants
- TCAP grant provide County with additional funds to help pay for Advanced Practices IOP program with University of Cincinnati; Adult Probation Department and Century Health attended training.

NEW BUSINESS

ISP/CCA Supervisor Steve Wiechart provided the following updates:

- Satisfaction Survey was conducted through Survey Monkey, results are 70 - 80% somewhat to extremely satisfied

- Two respondents reported to be dissatisfied; after further research, communication issues were the cause and this will be addressed

Chief Probation Officer Kim Switzer provided the following updates:

- Revised Community Corrections Planning Board resolution with new members names is currently with the Prosecutor's office for review
- Reviewed handouts regarding Quarterly grants
- Reviewed handout regarding what a TCAP Offender looks
- TCAP allows for 50% of total grant to be paid to Sheriff's Office
- Reviewed invoice for Sheriff's Office for 50% of what Adult Probation has received so far
- FY'18 Program activity for two (2) quarters – see attached handouts
- Environmental/Capacity/Safety Concerning Impacting CCA Programs
 - 20% more low level cases/drugs
 - Prison system, no F5's per TCAP
 - Jail overcrowding
 - EM being utilized more to help
- Judge Jonathon Starn and Sheriff Heldman have planned a visit to Lucas County to learn about their Electronic Monitoring system/bond system, Judge Starn reports that Lucas County's is an Active program which means at any time an officer is required to respond.
- Budget Concerns – Adult Probation Department is 60% grant funded at this time
- Staff updates:
 - Drug court coordinator position filled by Probation Officer Brandy Tiell
 - Probation Officer Chad McClain named Pretrial Division Supervisor
- Nominated for Cliff Skeen award, will be notified by October of decision
- City Mission Update – City Mission Board voted to stop receiving Criminal Justice clients last month who were in need of housing to be released on an OR bond. As of today, the City Mission will accept them and give them an emergency shelter cot. This will give the client a place to stay for the night but they will be required to leave the mission by 8 am the next day. Only a referral will be needed for this, City Mission will then conduct their own in house screening. If the client agree to additional programs offered by the City Mission they can stay longer and in a program bed instead of emergency shelter cot.
- Drug testing update – Currently looking at new vendors and testing options; may be going computerized system; may be used just for Drug Court clients
 - Matt Rizzo will send a vendor our way with more testing options to explore
 - Dr. Kose will do the same

County Criminal Justice Business

- Judge Routson states sheriff received \$400,000 at beginning of year for out of county housing. This will run out end of August. Commissioners did not approve the Sheriff's request for more funds. TCAP payment will provide about 2 months of additional housing funds.
- TCAP will be able to provide more funding to sheriff at the end of the grant period
- Judge Niemeyer stated that the Criminal Justice Summit of 2011 discussed this same issue, materials still available from this Summit.
- Judge Niemeyer inquired whether a misdemeanor facility still an option. Judge Miller states there have been conversations about what that would look like.

A Renewed Minds, Matt Rizzo – Mom's program

- December 2017 started working with ADAMHS board in onboarding an OB/GYN to help moms who are addicted and pregnant. To date there have been ten deliveries at Blanchard Valley Hospital and none of the infants showed addiction/withdraw at birth. Most have gone home with the mom from hospital as well. The earlier the moms get involved in the program the better but very successful program so far. Clients do not need appointments, run as a walk in clinic style. The program keeps moms in treatment after birth as well.
- Dr. Kose agrees that the program going very well.

Sheriff update - Sheriff Heldman

- Jail is currently being well utilized. Plans to make repairs to walls at end of month.

Juvenile Court update - Judge Kristen Johnson

- States children services cases up this year. So far, Family Treatment Court has had three graduations. Truancy court has been more difficult due to changes in the law; however, they are seeing a 65% success rate thus far.
- Building renovations have moved towards building a new facility. An architect that specializes in court construction is being sought. Location of the new building is still pending, as well as funding sources to pay for the expenses.

Findlay Municipal Court – Judge Mark Miller

- Started Peer to peer support program with Century Health under Dr. Flaherty's recommendation. Program mainly consists of low-level offenders.
- Safe Surrender Day – Any person with an outstanding bench warrant through Findlay Municipal Court will be able to come into the courthouse and receive help to get the bench warrant cleared. Whether that would be setting a new hearing date, complying with treatment or being re-engaged with community service. Public Defenders office and Century Health will be on site to provide services.
- Next month Municipal Court will try a Driving under Suspension day, Public Defender and representatives from the BMV will be on site for this to offer services.

Jail Overcrowding Committee

- Judge Routson proposed to create a committee to discuss Jail overcrowding solutions/construction. Prosecutor Riegle is willing to be part of this group.
- Commissioner Bechtol stated that the Commissioners would welcome a committee to give input.
- Sheriff Heldman added that the National Institute of Corrections will give input on how large of a facility Hancock County needs.

Systems Analysis Committee

- Judge Routson referenced the Systems Analysis committee from 2009 that studied the Criminal Justice process, this committee will reconvene.

Public Defenders update – Paul Maekask

- All cases up, workload up for everybody. Also discussed some staff changes.

Hancock County Common Pleas Drug Court – Brandy Tiell

- Kim Switzer stated that funding now funnels through the ADAMHS Board to Adult Probation for drug court
- Reviewed handout
- 34 successful completions since inception in February 2015
- 17 active participants currently
- JPS first Drug Court graduation went very well

- Drug court is working with FOCUS to create a better sober support system. Participants will be required to go through an orientation at FOCUS to get them educated on what they have available to them for help/support during Phase 1 of drug court. Participants will also be required to try at least three different pathways to recovery to find their right path. During phase 4 of drug court, participants will be directed back to FOCUS for further involvement, if they did not continue this from Phase 1. This is in hopes of helping keep sober support going after graduation.

Legislative issues/updates

- Issue One, Judge Routson provided an overview of Issue One. Handout
- Judge Starn stated that Issue One would make drug related possessions and paraphernalia's F4's and F5's to become misdemeanors.
 - Judge Starn discussed additional overview of Issue One.
- OCPJA has issued an opposition to Issue One, handout
- Judge Niemeyer proposes a motion for CCA planning board being opposed to Issue One, Judge Routson wants to wait so members can review fully Issue One and then send out a survey before election to see how all members feel. See the outcome of survey then issue a statement based on the majority of responses.
- It is agreed that the full text of Issue One will be sent out to board member and attendees. Response will be due by end of month. This survey will be posted on the Hancock County Common Pleas website and sent via email.

Marcy's Law – Was adopted as a constitutional amendment, offers more rights & protections to victims

Century Health – Cindi Orley reported that the merger is going along well; continuing to hire staff.

Job & Family Services – Diana Hoover reported that Job & Family Services has budget concerns as well.

FOCUS – Ellyn Schmeising – September is Recovery Month, September 15th is the Recovery Walk at St. Mark's Dock; 8 am kick off, 9 am walk starts, speakers start at 10:30 am. All are welcome!

ADAMHS Board – In Precia Stuby's absence, a written update was provided and a handout reviewed.

Senator Brown C.A.R.E. Act – Matt Rizzo – Is a funding opportunity for addiction treatment; Senator Brown is trying to get traction for it.

Next Meeting Date

November 13, 2018 5:00pm in Common Pleas Court

Meeting adjourned @ 6:34 p.m.