CCA Board Meeting Minutes

# July 10, 2012

**Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Judge Niemeyer, Judge Routson, Judge Starn, Judge Davis, Common Pleas Court Director of Court Services Kim Switzer, Findlay Municipal Court Director of Court Services Dave Beach, ADAMHS Executive Director Precia Stuby, WORTH Center Director Mark Fuerstenau, Dr. William Kose, Hancock County Prosecutor Mark Miller, MRDD Director Connie Arment, and Bernie Buschardt of Clearview Services,

**Guests:**  Hancock County Adult Probation Officer/Interim Supervisor Patrick Brzozka**,** interested citizen Tony Grotrian, Open Arms Domestic Violence Executive Director Ashley Ritz, Lt. Ryan Kidwell of the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office, Forensic Team Leader Brandi Tiell, Century Health Director of Outpatient Services Gary Bright and candidate for Hancock County Commissioner Brian Robertson.

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 introduced new statutory board member, MRDD Executive Director Connie Arment and guest and new Forensic Team Leader Brandi Tiell. Following introductions, he requested the Board review the minutes from the meeting of April 24, 2012. Dr. Kose moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Mark Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Community Corrections Act Updates:**

* **Community Corrections Updates**

Director Switzer reviewed the following:

* **Website** – Director Switzer reminded everyone that all board meeting minutes, Re-entry information and the current CCA board member list are located on the court website. [www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas](http://www.co.hancock.oh.us/commonpleas).
* **Community Corrections Funds to Hancock County:** Director Switzer reviewed a handout that highlighted the four grants that are currently being provided for Hancock County Community Corrections initiatives from the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. The grant amounts and brief program descriptions were also provided.
* **FY12 4th Quarter/Year End Reconciliation and FY 12 Year End Reports:** Switzer advised that the end of the fiscal year was June 30, 2012. These reports are currently being prepared and will be available before the next board meeting.
* **Intensive Supervision/407 Grant:** Switzer reported that the program met its goal of diverting 73 offenders into this program (diverting them from prison incarceration) by placing 75 in the program for FY12. Unsuccessful terminations were 13, or 26%. The statewide average is 48% so Hancock County is well below trend in that arena. Switzer takes a much closer review annually as to each unsuccessful termination and will have that information for the annual report and next board meeting (i.e. housing, substance abuse, peers, etc.). That information is often taken and utilized throughout the community attempting to remove barriers for this population (i.e. housing, transportation).
* **Pretrial Release/Bond/408 Grant:** Switzer reported that the program met its goal of placing 179 defendants into this program by diverting 237 into the program in FY12. Unsuccessful termination totaled 24 or 11%. These unsuccessful terminations are usually for the defendant failing to appear for scheduled court events. The statewide average is 20%; so again, Hancock County is well below trend. Again, a closer review will be done this month on those cases. Switzer will also be interviewing Prosecuting Attorney Mark Miller and the Judges to examine and diagnose why the increase in program utilization.
* **Training Grant:** Switzer provided the Board a list of training that was provided for in the Training Grant awarded to the county by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. On this handout, the name of the training; provider; who attended and how many hours were highlighted. There are two more trainings remaining to complete the goal. Although it was an aggressive schedule, the court, re-entry and treatment provider communities are now cross-trained and should be providing evidence based interventions to the forensic population.

In addition to the original training schedule, Prosecuting Attorney Mark Miller and ADAMHS Director Stuby requested an ORAS (Ohio Risk Assessment Tool) overview for those that don’t necessarily need the *certification* but certainly need information. That date is scheduled for **September 14, 2012** from 9:00 to 11:00 at The Family Center. Again, all individuals working with offenders OR just interested in these initiatives are welcome. Contact Director Switzer to register at [kmswitzer@co.hancock.oh.us](mailto:kmswitzer@co.hancock.oh.us).

* **Probation Improvement/ Forensic Team Grant:** Switzer reported that after a rocky start, the team is now working at the Adult Probation Department and providing both Forensic Case Management and Group interventions. These services were contracted with Century Health Inc. Switzer provided a handout to the board reflecting the new referral process to the team which greatly improves access and decreases the amount of time offenders have while awaiting treatment. The team is staffing with probation officers every Friday and determining a SHARED case plan emphasizing criminogenic targets. Once this program and its various intricacies is piloted, it will be offered to the Findlay Municipal Court and Adult Parole Authority for eligible offenders.
* **FY13 Grant Application/Award:** Switzer informed the board that the grant application process is far more complicated and intricate than compared to prior year requirements. Hancock County was awarded the FY13 grants for the Intensive Supervision and Pretrial Release/Bond programs to continue.
* **Model Program:**  Switzer informed was also pleased to report that Hancock County’s programs were selected as one of eight (8) Model Programs in Ohio. The Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is spending time analyzing the structure, processes and protocol the Court is using for these programs and they are closely monitoring the piloting of the new Forensic Team approach. More information will be provided to the board as it becomes available.

**Old Business:**

**City of Findlay WORC Program**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* + - * The current male population continues to vary but Findlay Municipal Court and City officials remain committed to keeping the program in operation.
      * August 2012 has been reserved for female offenders.
      * There has been a recent review of the program as to why offenders are failing to complete or even choose to participate in the program. Director Beach reports that there have been some modifications to the operations of the facility which they hope will improve this situation. The existing referral process and eligibility criteria will remain intact.

**Legislative Updates – Ohio Legislature**

Judge Routson reported the following:

* + - * There were several criminal justice initiatives in the recent budget bill as enacted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. The items that were addressed are as follows:
        + Felons are now permitted to Barber. There were many other licensures discussed, but this is the only vocation that was specifically referenced in the legislation.
        + Judges may issue letters of employment eligibility for felony offenders to potential employers. The legislation reads that they are to do this even if they have no knowledge of the offender personally.
      * Senate Bill 86 sentencing reform clean up remains pending in the Legislature.
      * Tony Grotrain inquired as to an Associated Press article he saw online that indicated the State of Ohio was to save 3 million dollars by utilizing prisoners for Ohio road work. Judge Routson was not aware of any new legislation in that arena, but believes that is already provided for legislatively in Ohio.

**Domestic Violence Task Force**

Open Arms Executive Director Ashley Ritz reminded the board that they are attempting to revitalize the Domestic Violence Task Force. The next meeting will be held on July 31, 2012 at The Family Center, suite 109. Open Arms has also been working with the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office and Findlay Police Department on providing training around their already existing training schedules on domestic violence and sexual abuse. Any questions, contact Ashley at [aritz@openarmsfindlay.org](mailto:aritz@openarmsfindlay.org).

**Truancy Program and Juvenile Court**

Judge Davis reported the following:

* + - * The Truancy Task Force now includes the middle school principals in the meetings
      * The Truancy Task Force have completed meeting for this school year. The next meeting will be in August 2012.

**Substance Abuse Involuntary Commitments**

ADAMHS Director Stuby reported that the Substance Abuse Involuntary Commitment law passed and is in effect. It provides:

* That a family may involuntarily commit an individual to residential treatment/hospitalization.
* The individual or family must be able to pay for the services and a “deposit” is required at the time of application.
* Judge Davis reported that there seems to be a glitch as there are no hospitals in Ohio that are equipped/available for such services. Director Stuby had not heard that and will investigate.

**State Hospital Commitments**

ADAMHS Director Stuby further reported that the state system has created an incentive program for those regions that refer fewer individuals and/or shorten the length of stay for patients admitted to the state hospitals. She reported that our community has been doing so well with these forensic cases that we have little room for “improvement/incentive.” The state expects the local response to be focused in the following way:

* Civil Commitments
* Forensic Cases (Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI)

Officer Brzozka reported that the Common Pleas Court and Joe Kiser of Century Health have always worked well together to utilize the “least restrictive” option for the Forensic cases.

Director Stuby further reported that their board is committed to and focusing their energies on the success of the recently created Forensic Team, under the auspices of Century Health, Inc.

**New Business**

**Substance Abuse Review:** Director Stuby reported that subsequent to some difficulties between Century Health, Inc and the local court systems, the ADAMHS Board:

* Has approved monies (not to exceed $20,000.00) for a consultant to review of the Century Health, Inc. substance abuse program. The assessment of Century Health that this board (CCB) conducted in 2010 of Century will be utilized and built upon; this time addressing how to implement the changes recommended. The ADAMHS Board’s goal is to ensure that all substance abuse programming is of expected quality with a focus on positive clinical outcomes.
* Has approved a list of certified providers that can provide substance abuse care to Hancock County residents in the Hancock County and surrounding areas. Findlay Municipal Court will be utilizing that list. Common Pleas Court has invested considerable time and money in collaboration with Century Health, Inc. so they will continue to build the Forensic Team approach as funded by the grants recently received from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Judge Starn indicated that the Findlay Municipal Court is pleased with how the ADAMHS Board responded to their concerns. Century Health Director of Outpatient Services Gary Bright offered that Century agrees there is room for improvement and are willing to make the necessary changes.

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

**Jail Expansion Assessment Status**

Judge Starn reported the following:

* + - * Findlay Municipal Court Judges continue to meet with the consulting firm updating the jail expansion study performed in 2006. Goals were to update the 2006 report and attempt to anticipate how HB-86 might impact the jail population. Preliminary findings reflect that the Findlay/Hancock County community does not have the jail beds needed at this time, nor in the future.
      * Once a report is furnished, the report will be distributed to the Community Corrections Board and those who participated in the May, 2011 Criminal Justice Summit

**Findlay Municipal Court Statistics:** Judge Starn reported the following statistical information:

* Overall the Findlay Municipal Court will be up 19,000 cases in 2012
* 28% increase in cases overall
* 40% increases in traffic
* 13% in criminal
* 20% in civil
* Underage Consumptions are down 46%
* Driving Under Suspension are up
* OVIs are down

**Re-Entry Coalition**

ADAMHS Director and Re Entry Chair Stuby reported the following updates:

* + - * Director Stuby will provided an update to the Re-Entry coalition report. The update will also be placed on the Hancock County Common Pleas web site for further review.
      * Director Stuby reported that the two new permanent supportive housing homes were opened in June, 2012 and will be available August 1, 2012.
      * Director Stuby further reported that a Letter of Intent was submitted to the Community Foundation re: a Feasibility Study on Residential Detoxification. This is a topic that continues to be identified as a priority throughout the community. The Letter of Intent was accepted and they were able to apply for the full grant. Grant decisions are scheduled for September 2012.
      * She further reported that a Community Health Assessment identified Obesity, Violence and Substance Abuse (along with Residential Detox) as major concerns to be addressed within our community.
      * There will be an overview of ORAS (the Ohio Risk Tool) offered on September 14, 2012 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at The Family Center for all the Re Entry partners that should know and understand the risk assessment they are seeing. ADAMHS will be funding that presentation.

**Next Meeting Date/Time:**

Judge Niemeyer announced the next CCA Board meeting would be held on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Hancock County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business for the Board, Judge Starn moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Lt. Kidwell. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

**MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS HANDOUTS FROM MEETING**

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Funded Programs Sheet

Training Grant Information

Forensic Team Referral Process