

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)
January 25, 2023

Members Present: Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Julie A. O'Neill, Honorable Thomas Byerley, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Colette Scrimger, Steve Siegrist, Clint Auer, Brenda Rayle, Alicia Wesolek, and Undersheriff Jeff Cook as a designee for Sheriff Tom Reich

Members Absent: Sheriff Tom Reich, Matthew Newburg, John Boles, Chief of Charlotte Police Department Paul Brentar, and Eaton County Commissioner Tim Barnes

Others Present: CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, Honorable John D. Maurer, Honorable Kelly E. Morton, Anne Howarth, Christy Richards, Elizabeth Hoogstra, Kathy Brooks, Amy Etzel, Connie Sobie, Peter Klein, Tim Havis, Shelly Rasmussen, Tyler Willison, Amanda Pollard, and Melissa Ballard.

Call to Order:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Approval of the minutes:

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve**, Steve Siegrist **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously

Action Item: Voting on the FY23 Quarter 1 Report

Update given by CCAB Coordinator Achenbach.

All programs are doing well as far as new enrollments go.

When combined, the G-18 Substance Abuse Program is at 27%, MRT enrollment is currently at 12%. Over the past two years, we enrolled 14 participants into MRT each year. This fiscal year, we expanded the criteria to make enrollments more inclusive for our population, so we are hoping to see an increase in enrollments this year.

5-Day Housing: this program targets a very specific group of offenders who receive a Substance Abuse Assessment while incarcerated prior to sentencing. This program reimburses the Eaton County Jail for up to five days of this specific population's stay. Unfortunately, we have not been able to utilize this program yet during FY23. CCAB Coordinators were informed in March of 2022 that this program will be the next one to be cut from OCC funding. We were told there were only a couple of counties utilizing this funding now. Our next manager's meeting will be held sometime around March, 2023. More information should be provided regarding 5-Day Housing at that time.

A special thanks was given to the jail staff including Cpt. Tyrell, Lt. Kayne, Sgt. Hollenbeck, Sheriff Reich, and Undersheriff Cook for their partnership with the jail programs. Both Jail Cog and MOTO are functioning well. 28% new enrollments for Jail Cog and 30% for MOTO. Our first MOTO graduation of this FY was held in December, 2022. All 6 of the participants who were enrolled in the program successfully completed. A special

thanks was also given to all who attended the graduation, especially Undersheriff Jeff Cook. His presence was, encouraging and inspiring.

Each program has a Key Performance Measure to track. Recidivism is tracked for all programs. OCC defines recidivism as being convicted of a new felony offense within 12 months of successful program completion. Currently, 100% of our participants across all programs have not been convicted a new felony offense since their successful completion!

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a **motion to approve** the FY23 Quarter 1 report. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve**, Undersheriff Jeff Cook **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

New Business: Honorable Janice K. Cunningham would like to introduce Connie Sobie as the new controller for Eaton County. She took over the position on January 17, 2023 and the board supports her.

Defining “designee” in our Bylaws – has been tabled until next meeting. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked everyone on the board to research “designee” and send their findings to CCAB Coordinator Achenbach three weeks prior to next meeting.

Eaton County Commissioner Tim Barnes is a new CCAB member and unfortunately could not be here today.

Vacant Positions on CCAB:

Open Positions: Communications Media and Workforce Investment Board. Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked CCAB Coordinator Achenbach to notify the OCC about having an issue filling these positions. CCAB Coordinator Achenbach was informed these are the hardest two positions to fill for all CCABs in Michigan.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham also wanted to show appreciation for MDOC staff for their work and dedication to our Problem-Solving Courts. Honorable John D. Maurer agreed that they are doing a great job.

Clint Auer, MDOC supervisor mentioned Calley Green of Peckham is willing to help where she can. Peckham hires felons and Ms. Green may be a good fit to fill our workforce investment board member position. CCAB Coordinator Achenbach will contact Calley Green and notify all CCAB members if she may be willing to attend a CCAB meeting.

Specialty Courts Update:

Safe-T-Court – Amanda Pollard – Bill Kennedy retired and Matt Ottney has taken over his position. We have had 5 youth doing bi-weekly meetings, inpatient and outpatient programs. We will have 2 or 3 new referrals soon.

Truancy Court – Honorable Thomas Byerley said parents are finally taking responsibility for their kids. Amanda Pollard – We currently have 6 active participants, 2 completed successful and 1 is pending sentencing to enter the program. The school system has also been very happy with our programs.

56-A Domestic Violence Court – Honorable Kelly E. Morton reports the group reports for review hearings have shown relationships are building between participants. Elizabeth Hoogstra – there were 6 participants

admitted into the program during the first quarter of FY23. There were 2 successful completions this quarter and we anticipate 5 more participants will successfully complete the program throughout this FY. We currently have 25 active participants in the program. There are 0 participants in the screening process or currently awaiting sentencing.

56-A District Hybrid Court – Anne Howarth. There were 7 participants admitted into the program during the first quarter of FY23. We currently have 2 participants who successfully completed the program and anticipate 3 more will successfully complete the program throughout this FY. We currently have 26 participants in the program. There are 0 participants in the screening process or awaiting sentencing.

Swift & Sure – Tyler Willison. There are currently 24 active participants. So far, during FY23 there have been 6 successful completions. There were 2 participants who were screened for Swift & Sure in October and November.

Felony DWI Court - There are currently 2 participants who were admitted into the program during FY23. There are currently 23 active participants and 4 participants who successfully completed the program so far this FY. We currently have 6 participants who have been screened and are awaiting sentencing.

J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court – Honorable Janice K. Cunningham wanted to recognize Tom McBeth, the J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court mentor coordinator, who passed away and was extremely well-known and well-respected for all of the work he did with the participants in our program. Dave Babcock is now our Veteran Mentor Coordinator, as he was recommended for the position by Tom McBeth and graciously accepted. We wanted to thank all the departments for doing a great job getting Veterans into our program. Tyler Willison – There are currently 9 active participants in the program. We have had 7 phase advancements and 1 screening so far during FY23.

ACDC – Christy Richards – There have been 3 participants admitted in the program during FY23. There are currently 21 active participants. So far during FY23, 5 successfully completed the program. Currently there is 1 participant who has been admitted but is currently attending residential treatment, 6 pending admission and 1 participant is anticipated to graduate in the next 6 months. Past participants have reached out to help others in the program.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a **motion to adjourn**. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to adjourn**, Steve Siegrist **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 12:08 pm.

Next Meeting:

April 26, 2023 and this will be a voting meeting for the FY23 Quarter 2 report and the FY24 Grant Application.