

Eaton County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting (CCAB)

April 26, 2023

Members Present: Honorable Janice K. Cunningham, Honorable Julie A. O'Neill, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Colette Scrimger, Steve Siegrist, Clint Auer, Brenda Rayle, Alicia Wesolek, Sheriff Tom Reich, Matthew Newburg, John Boles

Members Absent: Honorable Thomas Byerley, 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, Peter Klein, Tim Havis, Shelly Rasmussen, Tyler Willison, Amanda Pollard, Melissa Ballard, Heidi Kirchen, Ben Dawson, Calley Green (Peckham), and Nate Burmeister (Peckham)

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 January 25, 2023 minutes as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve**, Honorable Julie A. O'Neill **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously

Action Item: Voting on the FY23 Quarter 2 Report

Update given by CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach.

The FY23 2nd Quarter report shows exceeding enrollments in most programs and that our expenditures are on track.

There is some incorrect data on this report. The number of new enrollments at Reality Counseling should be 14, not 15 as the report states. Also, the number of unsuccessful discharges at Reality Counseling should be five, not six as the report states. As we were ensuring this report was correct, we noticed that the report obtained from our database, where this information is stored, was incorrect. The database counted one person who was discharged unsuccessfully from Reality Counseling twice, both for the participant's new enrollment as well as the participant's discharge. OCC has been working on changes and updates to their database and OCC is working on fixing this report to be accurate.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the FY23 Q2 report as prepared. Steve Siegrist **motioned to approve** the FY23 Q2 report as prepared. Colette Scrimger **seconded the motion**. Discussion was held and it was noted that there was an error in the report as prepared. Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd **motioned to approve** the report after the corrections had been made. Alicia Wesolek **seconded the motion**, and the **motion passed** unanimously.

Voting on the FY24 Grant Application

Update given by CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach.

Although our PCR increased between FY21 and FY22, so did the percentage of individuals with presumptive prison sentencing guidelines (5% increase). Eaton County sentenced more offenders during FY22 with higher sentencing guidelines and consequently, our prison commitment rate increased.

New Programs: Pretrial Risk Assessment and Pretrial Supervision Services – the intent is to hire a full-time Pretrial Services Specialist who would conduct risk assessments on individuals charged with a felony offense or certain misdemeanor offenses. This individual would also monitor persons where pretrial supervision is court-ordered as a result of the risk assessment. This person would conduct a risk assessment through an interview, records check, and additional verification of information obtained. If awarded, these programs may also pay for both GPS and SCRAM tethers for individuals on pre-trial status. The OCC State Board Priorities have changed, and Pretrial Services is included in the OCC priorities. Some individuals being supervised while on pretrial status may even qualify to attend substance abuse treatment through one of our PA-511 funded substance abuse treatment programs.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham asked for a motion to approve submitting the FY24 Grant Application as prepared. Honorable Julie A. O’Neill **motioned to approve** the FY24 Grant Application as prepared. Brenda Rayle **seconded the motion**. The **motion passed** unanimously.

New Business:

Continue discussion regarding defining “designee” in our Bylaws. Update given by Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd:

The CCAB board meets four times per year and it is very important that all members attend each meeting. This is a public (open) meeting and there are rules we must follow. If you cannot attend, CCAB Coordinator Melanie Achenbach would need to be notified so she can request the appointment of a designee from the Eaton County Board of Commissioners prior to the meeting. This would need to be completed prior to each and every meeting you are unable to attend. Please remember, we are asked to attend only four meetings per year and it is important that we are all present to conduct business. Thank you to Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd for having ‘designee’ research completed.

Honorable Janice K. Cunningham states, these meetings are great to share information regarding our CCAB as well as our treatment courts. These minutes also get reported to the Eaton County Board of Commissioners to keep them informed.

Vacant Positions on CCAB:

Open Positions: Communications Media and Workforce Investment Board. We have Calley Green and Nate Burmeister here today who have interest in this position. Calley Green reports that the Charlotte Peckham is a satellite location and they have paid job training and employment. Nate Burmeister reports he works with parolees who need extra support finding jobs, obtaining a driver’s license, etc.

CCAB Coordinator, Melanie Achenbach states we are still talking with Matt Lersch regarding the communications media position.

Eaton County Controller/Administrator Connie Sobie states Eaton County Commissioner Jim Mott will be taking over as the Eaton County Commissioner on our CCAB replacing Eaton County Commissioner Tim Barnes.

Specialty Courts Update:

ACDC – Christy Richards – We currently have 26 active participants. There have been 9 participants admitted to the program and 2 have successfully completed the program during the first half of FY23. We anticipate 4 more participants will successfully complete the program through 9/30/23. There are currently 6 participants who have been screened and are awaiting admission.

Felony DWI Court – Pete Klein – We currently have 23 active participants. There have been 7 participants admitted to the program and 8 have successfully completed the program during the first half of FY23. We anticipate 3 more participants will successfully complete the program through 9/30/23. There are currently 5 participants who have been screened and are awaiting admission. We also have one participant who is employed at Peckham and is doing great.

Swift & Sure – Tyler Willison – We currently have 17 active participants. There have been 0 participants admitted to the program so far this year. We have had 1 unsuccessful discharge, and 6 participants have successfully completed the program during the first half of FY23. We anticipate 4 more participants will successfully complete the program through 9/30/23. There have been 2 people screened for SSSPP, but neither were eligible to participate in the program. Moving forward, if the COMPAS Assessment returns a result of Low Risk, the potential participant will complete an ORAS Risk Assessment as well.

J. Sauter Veterans Treatment Court – Tyler Willison – We currently have 10 active participants. There has been 1 participant admitted to the program and 1 unsuccessful discharge during the first half of FY23. We anticipate 3 participants will successfully complete the program through 9/30/23. Currently there is 1 participant who has been screened and is awaiting admission.

56-A Domestic Violence Court – Elizabeth Hoogstra – We currently have 18 active participants. There have been 6 participants admitted to the program and 4 have successfully completed the program during the first half of FY23. There were 8 participants who failed to complete the program and were discharged unsuccessfully. Currently there are 13 individuals whose cases are suspended due to there being a bench warrant issued for their arrest. We anticipate 2 more participants will successfully complete the program through 9/30/23. There are currently 3 participants who have been screened and are awaiting admission.

Truancy Court – Amanda Pollard – We currently have 2 active participants, all others completed successfully and 1 may complete before the end of the school year.

Safe-T-Court – Amanda Pollard – We have 5 active participants. This year there has been 1 unsuccessful discharge.

Meeting adjourned: 12:21 pm.

Next Meeting:

July 26, 2023 and this will be a voting meeting for the FY23 3rd Quarter report.