

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: January 25, 2022 12:00 pm

Jury Assembly Room A, 204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843

**Members Present:** Sheriff M. Murphy, Judge M. Cavanaugh’s designee, D. Shaw, Chief D. Russell, C. Griffin, Judge D. Bain, C. Skiles, D. Reader, C. Conklin

**Members Absent:** D. Awrey, Judge M. Hatty, K. Groenhout, T. Zahon, C. Reader

**Others Present:** M. Kerekes, Jennifer Bigelow from Second Chance Support Network, Lt. D. Adas, Lt. T. Pringle, Jail Educator H. Vontom

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff M. Murphy, Chairperson of the Livingston County Community Corrections Advisory Board (LCCCAB), at 12:02pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated a presence of a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: D. Reader

Seconded by: Judge D. Bain

**MOTION CARRIED (8-0)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting.

Moved by: Chief D. Russell

Seconded by: Judge D. Bain

**MOTION CARRIED (8-0)**

**5. Call to the Public**

None

**6. REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Sheriff M. Murphy shared that the jail is still combatting a COVID outbreak with 35 inmates currently positive with COVID-19, and approximately 9 employees. He also introduced Jail Educator, Helen Vontom, to the group.

## **7. REPORT OF MANAGER**

- Megan shared updates on the Programs:
- Referrals are low for Quarter 1 based on our projections, but the numbers are promising compared to FY21. We've received a lot of SUD assessment referrals, but we need participants to follow up with the treatment recommendations before we can count them for enrollment/utilization numbers. Megan has been reviewing the assessments and emailing the Agents with the treatment recommendations.
- Megan and Connie had a preliminary discussion about having Key bring in SUD groups into the jail, and hope to have another conversation with Patty from Key in the coming months.
- Thinking Matters referrals are off to a good start with 12 new referrals in Quarter 1, which we had 35 total for the whole FY last year. We're hoping these referrals will translate to enrollments.
- We finalized a contract with D'n'A for Substance Abuse testing, and starting in January will only be funding testing for ADC participants.
- Pretrial Services is going well, with what Megan can do in addition to her Community Corrections duties. Megan worked with HR to finalize the job description for the Pretrial Specialist, had the position evaluated for grade placement, and presented to the County Personnel Committee for grade approval. The next step will be to present to the Courts/Public Safety/Infrastructure Dev. Meeting on 2/22/22.
- Megan briefly discussed plans for FY23 Plan and Application, and plans to apply for funding to continue current programs and not add additional programming at this time, and the CCAB agreed.
- Megan provided an overview of the Quarterly Report prior to voting for approval to submit.

## **8. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- Approve Submission of Quarterly Report – 1 to OCC with discussed edits

Moved by: Judge D. Bain

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

**MOTION CARRIED (8-0)**

## **9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

- C. Conklin reports that CMH continues to be very busy with both adult and children populations.
- D. Shaw commended Megan on her presentation at the Personnel Committee last night.
- J. Bigelow reports that they continue to receive many new clients into their programs, and they have many events coming up which she has flyers for. She is also

working on securing grants, and working with H. Vontom to hopefully shadow the IGNITE Program in Genesee County.

- Judge D. Bain thanked Megan for her work for Community Corrections. He discussed the District Court Adult Drug Court Program noting that they had five graduates recently and only one sanction in the last 6 months. He noted that many past graduates are coming back to the program to support current participants.
- Lt. D. Adas mentioned that the jail participated in Project Opioid, where an inmate went to Fowlerville High School to discuss the negative effects of drug addiction, and it was well received.
- Lt. T. Pringle reiterated Sheriff M. Murphy statements about trying to balance COVID in the jail with inmates and staff.
- H. Vontom discussed that she's been in the jail educator position since June 2021 and she's had 6 inmates complete their GEDs, one of which was a 55 year old Federal inmate. She's also started an art class and book club, and is in the process of working with LESA to start a "Talking is Teaching" parenting class.
- Chief D. Russell reports that he is happy to be on the Board and that it's eye opening to hear about the available services and success stories, and he communicates to his staff as a reminder of the needs to the individuals that they come in contact with.

#### **10. NEXT MEETING**

April 5, 2022 @ 12:00 pm

#### **11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None.

#### **12. ADJOURN**

Chairperson, Sheriff M. Murphy, adjourned the meeting at 12:28pm.

Moved by: Judge D. Bain

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

**MOTION CARRIED (8-0)**

Recording Secretary: M. Kerekes