

LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 27, 2020 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Held in Accordance of Public Act 228 of 2020

Members Present: Sheriff M. Murphy, C. Conklin, T. Zahon, C. Griffin, Judge M. Hatty, K. Groenhout, Judge M. Cavanaugh's designee, D. Shaw, Chief D. Russell

Members Absent: Judge D. Bain, D. Awrey, K. Lawrence, B. Vaillencourt

Others Present: R. Sacharski, M. Kerekes, C. Skiles

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 12:03pm

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a presence of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: K. Groenhout

Seconded by: C. Conklin

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-0)

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 22nd, 2020 meeting.

Moved by: K. Groenhout

Seconded by: T. Zahon

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-0)

5. Call to the Public

None

6. REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

Sheriff M. Murphy reports that since the last meeting they have started transferring MDOC prisoners, leaving only 4 out of the 26 waiting to transfer.

7. REPORT OF MANAGER

- The Thinking Matters program has been successful since being re-instated in July. Attendance and participation has been so great that they had six graduates in the Women's Group in September and there will be a handful of graduates in the Men's Group in the coming weeks; thus leaving the groups with low numbers. The Women's Group currently only has two MDOC participants.
- A new RFP was sent out in September for a contract for the CBT program and we received two bids. The evaluation committee reviewed the bids and recommended to contract with Key Development Center. The BOC approved the resolution to contract with them on 10/26/20, therefore the information was sent to counsel to draft a contract, and the group will soon be transitioning from the Judicial Center to KDC.
- We've had a contract with KDC for SUD services for over a month and have only received 1 referral. We may see an increase in referrals soon due to the Adult Drug Court's reduction in grant funds for their program.
- Megan and Roberta are working with District Court to develop a potential pre-trial pilot program focusing on assessment and supervision to ensure court appearance and success, and to identify potential post-conviction CC referrals.
- The State Board Award Proposal was discussed, and as anticipated we did not receive funding for pre-trial services, but we did get approval, per the State Advisory Board vote on 10/9/20, for \$81,000 to continue our current programs.
- Megan and C. Skiles reported that the BOC voted to approve Carrie's appointment to the LCCCAB and she's scheduled to get sworn in tomorrow, 10/28/20.
- Megan and Roberta discussed the FY2020 Year-End report and the difficulties the pandemic presents in being able to predict whether the board's objectives are on target to be met based on the mid-year OMNI data.

8. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Motion to submit the FY2020 Year-End Report to Michigan Office of Community Corrections

Moved by: C. Conklin

Seconded by: T. Zahon

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-0)

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Judge M. Hatty discussed the change in Judge D. Bain taking over all misdemeanor ADC cases and he will have hearings for only felony cases. He also mentioned the importance and success of the Adult Drug Court Program.
- C. Skiles expressed that she's glad to return to the Board Meeting and plans to be sworn in tomorrow, 10/28/20.
- C. Conklin reported that CMH continues to be extremely busy with a significant increase in intakes and kids being hospitalized.
- T. Zahon noted that the probation department has had three retirements in the last six months and they won't be replacing the agents, therefore existing agents are picking up the extra probationers on their caseloads.
- C. Griffin thanked court staff for their efforts.
- R. Sacharski noted that despite the court's hard work and efforts to resume jury trials, recent local health data of the virus does not support this. The courts will continue to monitor the numbers, and she notes that this is another area that is significantly impacting Community Corrections referrals and operations.
- Sheriff M. Murphy noted that his department has had a few positive COVID-19 cases, but overall his staff have done a phenomenal job with safety and limiting the spread despite the regularity of community contact the department has. He also asked Judge M. Hatty to remind the other judges of the Community Corrections programs in hopes to continue referrals. Judge M. Hatty asked Megan to provide a list of programs that he can pass out.
- K. Groenhout discussed that she will be the assigned Public Defender Attorney for the Adult Drug Court and she is happy to support the program.

10. NEXT MEETING

December 15th, 2020 @ 12:00 pm

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

12. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:33pm.

Moved by: C. Griffin

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (8-0-0)

Recording Secretary: M. Kerekes