

LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 9, 2021 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, C. Skiles, Judge D. Bain, C. Reader

Members Absent: D. Awrey, D. Reader

Others Present: R. Sacharski, M. Kerekes, Lt. Pringle, Lt. Fetner, Undersheriff Warder, J. Bigelow from Second Chance Ministries

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: Judge D. Bain

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (11-0)

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2021 meeting.

Moved by: Judge D. Bain

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (10-0)

*Sheriff M. Murphy abstained from voting

5. Call to the Public

None

6. REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

Sheriff M. Murphy introduced Lt. Pringle from Jail Administration to the CCAB, as well as other Lieutenants and the Undersheriff that were invited to the meeting. He discussed that since the Courts have reduced their operations and arrests have been limited, the jail population has been at an all-time low. This has been beneficial in keeping COVID-19 out of the jail, but they're now working on a jail "re-open" plan. He also updated the board that they're close to filling the jail educator position, they're working with LESA to provide education assistance for offenders who have a Developmental Disability diagnosis, and they continue to work with CMH to offer services in the jail, as well as follow up once inmates are released. The Sheriff also introduced Jennifer Bigelow to the Board from Second Chance Support Ministries. Jennifer explained that they provide a wraparound program to help offenders with mentoring, community services opportunities, and workforce development and other life skills.

7. REPORT OF MANAGER

- The Thinking Matters group is going well. We have a great, large group for the Men's Group. The Women's group is small and could use more referrals.
- The TREM has a small group of individuals, but the group is doing well.
- We are continuing work to assist the felony offenders in ADC to provide SUD programming and drug testing through the Community Corrections grant. This is going to be a great help to ADC as well as to our utilization goals.
- Megan plans to attend the Agent staff meeting on 3/19 to give an update, and she recently reached out to CMH Access to discuss CC programs. In the event that they get a referral for treatment for someone with Medicare or Private insurance, or someone who's uninsured, but due to income doesn't qualify for Medicaid, they'll refer the individual back to the Agent with CC as a recommendation
- Pretrial Pilot Program update: We've had several preliminary/planning meetings with District Court probation, Magistrate, Prosecutor and Public Defender's office. Megan has also reached out to several other CC Managers in other counties to inquire about their programs. Megan and Roberta are scheduled to meet with our Grant Coordinator, Molly, to discuss next steps and ways that Megan can gain more training and support.
- FY2022 Plan and Application: MDOC released the new Plan and Application for the new FY last week. Megan has reviewed it and had a meeting with Molly on Friday about some of the changes. The goal is to have it completed by the end of the month in order to distribute for review and approval by the CCAB in early April.

8. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Roberta discussed that the reduction in ADC funds has allowed us to form partnerships between ADC, Community Corrections, and CMH. With these

partnerships, we're ensuring that we're able to serve as many people as we can. She thanked the board for their support and she's proud to be a part of it.

- Chief D. Russell commends the jail staff for their great work at managing the changes and challenges during this time.
- Sheriff M. Murphy thanked the jail staff and all staff in general for their hard work.
- C. Conklin reports that CMH continues to be extremely busy and notes they've seen a 400% increase in adults and 350% increase in children inpatient screenings since the COVID-19 pandemic started.
- Judge D. Bain reiterated everyone's praise for the court and jail staff on their hard work. He thanked Jennifer Bigelow, CMH, and MichiganWorks! He stated he hopes to one day start a program where representatives/businesses from the community who have job opportunities can come into court to offer their support to offenders in need of employment, as he recognizes the importance of having a job and how it can have a positive impact and prevent recidivism.
- C. Reader reports that she's glad to be on the Board and is happy to see everyone involved.
- T. Zahon shared preliminary Prison Commitment Rate numbers for Livingston County noting that we're at 15.7% for 2020 which is below the statewide average.
- Lt. Pringle and Lt. Fetner thanked the board for having them.
- Judge M. Hatty thanked CMH, as well as Judge C. Reader for being on the board as a representative from the Board of Commissioners, and an advocate for Specialty Courts. He also addressed T. Zahon to thank the agents for writing thoughtful reports and providing alternatives to jail.
- D. Shaw thanked T. Zahon for the data he provided as she's gathering information about the number of minors who have had a parent incarcerated.

10. NEXT MEETING

April 13th, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

12. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 12:44pm Chairperson, Sheriff M. Murphy.

Moved by: Judge D. Bain

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (11-0)

Recording Secretary: M. Kerekes