

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 29, 2020 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

**Members Present:** Sheriff M. Murphy, C. Conklin, T. Zahon, C. Griffin, K. Lawrence, B. Vaillencourt, Judge M. Hatty, Judge D. Bain, D. Awrey, K. Groenhout

**Others Present:** R. Sacharski, M. Kerekes, L. Ness

**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**

Members NOT present: Chief D. Russell, Judge M. Cavanaugh

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: K. Lawrence

Seconded by: Judge D. Bain

**MOTION CARRIED (10-0-0)**

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve amended minutes from the May 28, 2020 meeting.

Moved by: C. Griffin

Seconded by: Judge D. Bain

**MOTION CARRIED (10-0-0)**

**5. Call to the Public**

None

**6. REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON**

Sheriff M. Murphy reported that there continues to be no prison transfers due to the pandemic. He reports that the jail had only a couple of positive COVID cases and those inmates were quarantined and they were able to contain it. He commended his staff on their great job of maintaining a safe environment in the jail.

## **7. REPORT OF MANAGER**

- Discussed the difficulties with having Dan and Kathryn hired at Catholic Charities as contract employees. Dan is temporarily facilitating both the men's and women's groups at the Judicial Center until Catholic Charities can start facilitating the group at their location. They were given a timeline of September 1<sup>st</sup> and if the group cannot start by then, the contract will be cancelled.
- We now have a contract with Key Development Center (KDC) to facilitate our trauma services group, TREM. They are ready to accept referrals and I have presented to an agent staff meeting about the group, as well as given brochures and flyers to the agents provided by KDC to help generate referrals. We are hoping to have a clinician from KDC present to the agent staff meeting next month to discuss the group more in depth. Roberta brought up challenges due to the COMPAS assessment for men not addressing past abuse/trauma.
- An RFP for substance use disorder (SUD) services was sent out and we received one bid from KDC, therefore we should have a contract soon. Discussed the agents being required to send all offenders to CMH for an SUD assessment if they're ordered SUD treatment. The referral process was discussed with Diane at CMH and she will have clinicians add Community Corrections as an option on their referral response form that's sent back to the agent if an offender is found not eligible due to having private insurance.
- Gave brief synopsis of mid-year OMNI report data
- T. Zahon asked when Thinking Matters will resume in jail and M. Murphy reports that is still unknown at this time.

## **8. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- Sheriff M. Murphy suggested that we add virtual video conference attendance to the meetings section
- It was decided that we should leave the committee section as is

Motion to approve the amended bylaws.

Moved by: K. Lawrence

Seconded by: Judge D. Bain

**MOTION CARRIED (10-0-0)**

## **9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS**

- Roberta discussed that the court is still in phase II of re-opening, hearings have increased both virtually and in person, and they're continuing to monitor the public health information
- K. Lawrence reported that a new county administrator started on Monday, Nathan Burd
- C. Conklin reported that CMH is back to 50% capacity of staff working onsite. She notes that there has been a significant increase in suicidal behavior and instability, and they've also had an increase in jail diversion cases.
- D. Awrey reports that MichiganWorks! Is still open only virtually and they've been receiving a lot of phone calls from people with unemployment questions/concerns
- K. Groenhout discussed a new program starting where individuals will receive text messages with court date reminders
- T. Zahon commended Community Corrections manager on frequent communication with the agents
- Judge M. Hatty discussed that the courts are working toward getting to full capacity, noting they're doing everything short of jury trials at the moment, and a lot of hearings are still taking place via zoom. He notes that the District Court is picking up quickly and he is in need of a public defender for drug court. He complimented the staff on their hard work.
- Judge D. Bain confirmed Judge M. Hatty's statements and commended court administrators, Roberta and Marissa, on keeping the courts up to date with all of the changes.
- B. Vaillencourt noted that his department has been working fully staffed onsite since the stay at home order was lifted.
- L. Ness has been teaching GED courses one on one in the jail since June and she recently had 3 new graduates.
- Discussion about vacant board positions such as media communications and member of local clergy, and it was recommended that these vacant position be posted to the Community Corrections website

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

September 22, 2020 @ 12:00 pm

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

None.

## **12. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Moved by: Judge M. Hatty

Seconded by: Judge D. Bain

**MOTION CARRIED (10-0-0)**

Recording Secretary: M. Kerekes