

LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 21, 2021 12:00 pm

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

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

Members Absent: C. Griffin, Judge M. Hatty, Judge D. Bain, C. Skiles, C. Reader, D. Awrey

Others Present: R. Sacharski, M. Kerekes, Jennifer Bigelow from Second Chance Support Network, Lt. T. Pringle, Lt. B. Fetner

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 12:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a presence of a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Chief D. Russell

Seconded by: K. Groenhout

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2021 meeting.

Moved by: D. Reader

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

5. Call to the Public

None

6. REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

None

7. REPORT OF MANAGER

- Megan updated the Board on the status of the programs, and discussed the new Pretrial Pilot Program that is set to start October 5th, 2021. Megan thanked everyone who has been a part of the planning process for this new program.
- Megan provided, and discussed, the proposed Grant amount given by the State, which includes funding for pretrial services for FY22, along with Cognitive Behavioral Services, Substance Use Disorder Services, and Substance Abuse Testing.
- Megan provided, and reviewed, the Board with a copy of the Annual Site Visit Report that was conducted by OCC Grant Coordinator.

8. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

- C. Conklin reports that CMH has seen a significant increase in law enforcement referrals, and they have been adding more outreach staff to support the community. CMH has also seen an increase in children's services and Senior Citizen referrals. CMH is having difficulty meeting the demand for services due to staff shortages, and they have had to close a group home due to limited staffing. R. Sacharski asked about Narcan training for Court staff, and CMH staff can provide this. T. Zahon also mentioned that there's an online webinar for that
- R. Sacharski reports that the Courts are stabilizing operations; resuming trials, etc. She attended a Stakeholders meeting last week to discuss what worked and what didn't work during the initial months of the pandemic. She mentioned that D. Awrey's daughter shadowed staff at the court.
- D. Reader reports that they have recently hired several staff to fill vacant positions at the Prosecutor's office.
- K. Groenhout mentions that they have a new hire as well at the Public Defender's office.
- J. Bigelow reports that Second Chance Support Network staff have been back in the jail for several months, as well as attending Court hearings, to help inmates connect to resources. Second Chance Support Network is planning to campaign to raise money to buy a home on 5 acres to turn into a recovery house/year-round farm. A Banquet is being held at Crystal Gardens on 10/7/21 for individuals wanting to support Second Chance and learn more about the program.
- D. Shaw discussed Raise the Age starting October 1st and they're anticipating a 10-12% increase in caseloads due to this. K. Groenhout asked if current pending cases will qualify under the new legislation, and it was noted that this is still being discussed amongst the Judges.
- Lt. T. Pringle discussed that the jail is now open, and programs and classes are picking up. Inmates are sending Kites showing interest in programs available.

- Sheriff M. Murphy discussed their new Victim Services Unit that was established pre-COVID, but due to the pandemic, it was delayed in getting started. He notes that it will start up soon.
- T. Zahon reports that the MDOC probation numbers are increasing. They recently filled a vacant Agent position and are working to fill a clerical position. The parole office is closing in January and parole staff will be working out of the Law Center. MDOC staff are still following a hybrid model where staff will work remotely, and come into the office as needed.

10. NEXT MEETING

December 7, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

12. ADJOURN

Chairperson, Sheriff M. Murphy, adjourned the meeting at 12:41pm.

Moved by: D. Reader

Seconded by: K. Groenhout

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

Recording Secretary: M. Kerekes