

**Community Corrections Advisory Board**  
**Minutes – February 11, 2021 (In Person & Zoom)**

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**Members Present:** Via Zoom- Michael Birzer, Kevin O'Connor, James Convey, Kelli Grant, Peter Shay, Ann Swegle, Sean Gates, Sandra Glindar-Flanders

**Members Absent:** Mark Orr, Sara Finney-Tolson, Ignacio Ayala, LaShonda Garnes, Paul Duff

**Staff:** In person: Chris Collins-Thoman, Glenda Martens, Brenda Gutierrez, Sasha Teel

Via Zoom: Shawn Dowd, Tom Struble, Lori Gibbs

**Guests:** Rusty Leeds, Jessica Washington, Mitchelene Thomas

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**Introductions and announcements:** Brenda introduced new member Sandra Glindar-Flanders. Sandra took a few minutes to introduce herself to the board.

**Approval of Minutes from the meeting on January 14, 2021:** *A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting was made by Kelli Grant, seconded by Peter Shay and unanimously approved. There being no one abstaining and no objections, the motion carried to approve the Minutes from the January 14, 2021, as submitted.*

**Comprehensive Plan Update:** Lori Gibbs provided the board with an update on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Adult Residential Program Administrator:** Sasha Teel provided the board with some background information about herself and her goals for Adult Residential/Work Release as the new Program Administrator. Sasha indicated her priorities include: getting acquainted with the facility, filling vacancies, working to retain staff, providing trainings for staff to learn and utilize evidence based tools, offer virtual employment classes for clients, maintain recidivism success, get clients connected to the Phoenix gym, and upgrade communication tools.

**Focused Deterrence:** Captain Jason Stephens presented information on the focused deterrence project being developed by the Wichita Police Department. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding concerns with the program. Brenda will connect Captain Jason Stephens with Board member who would like to discuss the program further via email.

**Program Updates:**

Lori Gibbs introduced Jessica Washington, graduate of the NexStep program. Jessica presented to the board her experience in the NexStep program. She completed her welding certificate.

Lori asked Board Member Kelli Grant to discuss the development of a training on implicit bias for staff. Kelli indicated she and Board Member Sean Gates worked to develop a training proposal that is currently being reviewed by Lori.

Lori indicated she is meeting with Roosevelt DeShazer who she believes will be a great partner for the adult programs. Lori reported she met with Beni Santibanez, founder of Hope for the Hood. He has indicated an interest in partnering with adult programs to work with clients interested in connecting with faith based organizations. Staff will provide transportation to clients interested in attending bible study on Thursdays.

NexStep students are being paired with mentors from Pathway Church after a delay due to COVID-19.

Collaboration with partners in the area of mental health and substance abuse is critical. Lori indicated she has gone through the contract with COMCARE and Higher Ground. She is having discussions regarding the speed in which clients are connected once referred, streamlining the process to get assessments completed and getting clients into treatment.

The Batterer Intervention position has been approved to move under Corrections, this position was previously under COMCARE, but was never filled.

Meeting Adjourned (no formal motion was completed)

Next meeting will be March 11, 2021