

**Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Minutes – April 1, 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 Flanders

**Members Absent:** Mark Orr, Sara Finney-Tolson, Paul Duff

**Staff:** In person: Chris Collins-Thoman, Glenda Martens, Brenda Gutierrez,  
Via Zoom: Tom Struble, Lori Gibbs, Sasha Teel

**Guests:** Rusty Leeds, Brandon Johnson

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**Approval of Minutes from the meeting on February 11, 2021:** *A motion to approve the Minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting was made by Peter Shay, seconded by Michael Birzer and unanimously approved. There being no one abstaining and no objections, the motion carried to approve the Minutes from the February 11, 2021, as submitted. The March meeting was cancelled.*

**Review and Approve the SFY2022 Comprehensive Plan (inclusive of the JRI/Behavioral Health Grant) for submission to Sedgwick County BoCC for additional required approval, submission to KDOC and authorize the chair to sign with further authorization for any technical modifications.** Lori Gibbs reviewed the Comprehensive Plan with the board members and was available for questions. *A motioned to Approve the SFY2022 Comprehensive Plan (inclusive of the JRI/Behavioral Health Grant) for submission to Sedgwick County BoCC for additional required approval, submission to KDOC and authorize the chair to sign with further authorization for any technical modifications was made by Kelli Grant, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and unanimously approved.*

**Vote for Vice-Chair:** Brenda informed the board that a ballot was available in their packets and voting could take place either by a direct message in Zoom or via email.

**Program Updates:** Lori informed the board that staff are completing training on the new client database Athena. KDOC planned to rollout the Athena program on April 5. Due to some ongoing issues the Athena program rollout was pushed back, the new date has not been provided.

Sasha reported to the board that Residential/Work Release is still maintaining a population in the 50s to low 60s. Staff are working with Hunter Health Clinic to offer vaccinations to residents. She is working with Residential ISO Supervisor, Haylea Grier to modify the Residential/Work Release referral form to reduce the amount of time to enter the program from 9 months to 6-7 months. The Drug Court Structured living program is available. The courts have not yet made this a mandatory program, but the program is ready to receive clients when that happens. Corrections Officer vacancies are at 48 percent, staff hope to be able to fill positions soon. First week of May is Corrections Officer week. Celebrations for staff are being planned. Client groups are attending the Phoenix gym for various activities including: yoga, open gym, boxing, and mediation. This program has been very well received by clients. Family visitation has been approved to resume. Family members will have to complete their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Glenda congratulated Lori on all the work done to complete the Comprehensive Plan. She informed the board that House Bill 2026 has passed the house and the senate. She indicated the bill is currently in committee for discussion with regards to who gets the supervision fees. Glenda reported that the KCCA lobbyist has been arguing for Community Corrections to get these fees since Court Services declined to manage the diversion program. Glenda also informed the board about a few other issues that may affect Community Corrections include a Driver's License issues; House Bill 2096 that addresses open records, and issues related to Absconding.

**Announcing Vote Outcome for Vice-Chair:** After voting completed, Brenda announced that Michael Birzer was elected vice-chair.

Next meeting will be May 13, 2021