

**Community Corrections Advisory Board
Minutes – May 13, 2021 (In Person & Zoom)**

Members Present: In Person- Richard Vargas, AlmaAnn Jones Via Zoom- Michael Birzer, Kevin O'Connor, Kelli Grant, Peter Shay, Ann Swegle, Sean Gates, Sandra Flanders, Paul Duff

Members Absent: James Convey, Mark Orr,

Staff: In person: Chris Collins-Thoman, Glenda Martens, Shawn Dowd, Sasha Teel, Brenda Gutierrez, Via Zoom: Tom Struble, Lori Gibbs, Chris Morales, Tyler Cowley, Monica Harris

Guests: Rusty Leeds, Sara Lopez, Tracey Striplin

Introductions and Announcements: Brenda introduced two new members to the board, Richard Vargas and AlmaAnn Jones (non-voting member pending swearing in). Each member took a few minutes to address the board.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting on April 1, 2021: *A motion to approve the Minutes from the April 1, 2021 meeting was made by Michael Birzer, seconded by Judge Kevin O'Conner and unanimously approved. There being no one abstaining and no objections, the motion carried to approve the Minutes from the April 1, 2021, as submitted.*

Drug Court Services- Tyler Cowley introduced guest Tracey Striplin. Tracy presented to the board regarding her experience with drug court services.

Program Updates: Lori informed the board that the Adult Residential/Work Release program has a 41 percent vacancy rate. A meeting with budget was held last week to discuss how ARPA money could be made available to be utilized for "premium pay" for essential worker positions. There has not yet been any direction on when or how these funds will be accessed. The DOC recruiter position has been filled and will soon begin assisting in recruitment activities at colleges and job fairs.

Lori let the board know that the Athena conversion is well under way. DOC staff are working to make sure there is back up documentation on file for current clients while the transition to Athena is taking place. KDOC is replacing LSIR with the LSCMI and WRNA. Training is expected to begin next week on the LSCMI and a refresher of the WRNA.

Lori provided an update on the latest NexStep graduates. She informed the group that all nine members completed successfully. This group will walk at the WSU Area Technical College commencement ceremony next week.

Glenda informed the board about discussions with Hope Cooper and Secretary Zmuda regarding a possible 4% cut next year. DOC has been meeting with HR department to discuss compensation packages that could benefit staff. DOC is getting ready to work on a five year strategic plan this fall.

Residential/Work Release: Sasha informed the board that staff celebrated national corrections officer week with special events. Hunter Clinic came in to vaccinate clients who requested a vaccination. The Health Department will be in next week to give the second vaccine to those clients who received their first vaccine while at the Sedgwick County jail. Staff will also provide transportation to Hunter Clinic to clients who would like to be vaccinated. All shifts currently have open positions, which has made coverage difficult. Assistance from other programs, including juvenile programs, has been helpful.

CJA: Pre-trial population was over seven hundred last year, currently the population is just down 600. An ISO position was added to the program, this position will also serve as the PREA investigator. Pre-trial is preparing to have the risk assessment tool reviewed by Dr. Craig. Data is being compiled for analysis. This review by Dr. Craig will help assess if the instrument is still current and valid for this population and provide judges statistics regarding releases and clients being successful.

Next meeting will be June 10, 2021