

Community Corrections Advisory Board
Minutes – July 8, 2021 (In Person & Zoom)

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

Members Absent: Sandra Flanders, Paul Duff

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

Guests: Rusty Leeds

Introductions and Announcements: Brenda informed the board that Brent Allred appointed by City of Wichita Chief of Police would be joining the board.

Approval of Minutes from the meeting on May 13, 2021: *A motion to approve the Minutes from the May 13, 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 May 13, 2021, as submitted. June meeting was cancelled.*

Comprehensive Plan Funding Update: Lori and Glenda provided an update on the status of the application. Glenda reported to the board that Behavioral Health grant was underfunded by \$86,000 which resulted in a need for an addendum to the budget. She reported having a meeting with Marie McNeal (KDOC) to discuss the underfunding. Glenda was informed there was no ability to provide additional funding, but DOC could adjust the awarded funding as needed.

Review and Approve the SFY2022 Behavioral Health Grant Application Addendum with final award amount and authorize the chair to sign with further authorization for any technical modifications. Brenda reviewed the grant budget addendum and was available for questions. A motion to approve *SFY2022 Behavioral Health Grant Application Addendum with final award amount and authorize the chair to sign with further authorization for any technical modifications was made by Michael Birzer, seconded by Kelli Grant and unanimously approved.*

Program Updates: Lori informed the board that the Batterer Intervention Liaison position is needed in order to get the certification for the Batterers Intervention Program. After speaking to the Attorney General's office it was understood that DOC could contract for this service while looking to fill the internal position. DOC is finalizing a contract with MHA to begin these services. Lori also informed the board that COMCARE has declined to continue providing mental health services under the Behavioral Health Grant. DOC is in the process of finalizing a contract with MHA to provide mental health services.

Lori informed the board that programs returned to full operations this week on Tuesday. Schedule to start the two new risk assessment tools introduced by KDOC has been delayed, with no solid start date.

Programs continue to struggle with hiring staff. Salaries continue to be a point of struggle for hiring and retaining staff. Court Services recently increased pay, which will impact ISO and other positions at DOC. Glenda added that County HR has been working on salary compensation increases, the proposal will be presented to BoCC soon. The County will pick up the cost of salary increases on all grant funded positions. Glenda also mentioned that bonus pay through the ARPA funding is getting reviewed.

Sasha reported that Residential/Work Release continues to address issues related to COVID. Arrangement have been made to have clients tested prior to coming in for an intake. Residential/Work Release continues to work with Hunter Health to get clients who would like to get vaccinated in for an appointments. Clients can now go into the community to complete community service, pass time is now available for clients, and more family visitation has been opened on the weekends. This month a mini ISO retreat was completed. The program continues to work on hiring and retaining staff.

Tom reported that Judge Woods will be the new Judge for drug court. Cole Storer took over as the new Assistant District Attorney and Patrick Earnest is the new BIDS attorney. The County is sending staff, Judge Woods, Cole Storer, and Patrick Earnest to Drug Court training in August. Judge Hatfield will be taking over Pre-trial.

Next meeting will be August 12, 2021