

## Community Corrections Advisory Board Minutes – August 11, 2022 (In Person & Zoom)

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**Members Present:** In person: none

Via Zoom: Michael Birzer, Kevin O'Connor, Kelli Grant, Peter Shay, Aaron Breitenbach, AlmaAnn Jones, Sandra Clinard-Flanders, Cody Alexander, Frederick Freeman Jr.

**Members Absent:** Sean Gates, Dena Lee

**Staff:** In person: Abigail Lessman, Chase Tipton

Via Zoom: Lori Gibbs, Sasha Teel, Chris Morales, Steve Stonehouse, Angie Rice

**Guests:** In person: none

Via Zoom: Shawna Allen

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**Introductions and Announcements:** Abigail Lessman announced that the pending position on CAB has been reposted in hopes of getting a pool of applicants with interviews likely to take place within a few weeks.

Abigail also announced that she has tendered her resignation with the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections (SCDOC). Abigail thanked the board for their hard work serving the adult population in Sedgwick County. Board members thanked Abigail for her years of service and offered their congratulations on her new career opportunity.

**Approval of Minutes from the meeting on July 14, 2022:** *A motion to approve the Minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting was made by Aaron Breitenbach, seconded by AlmaAnn Jones and unanimously approved.*

**ACTION ITEM: SFY 2023 Behavioral Health Carryover Budget – Approve the budget plan, any technical modifications, and authorize the Chair to sign** - Abigail presented the Carryover Reimbursement Budget to the board and was available for questions. **Kevin O'Connor motioned, Peter Shay seconded. There being no one abstaining and no objections, the motion carried to approve the carryover budget with any technical modifications, and authorize the chair to sign.**

**Batterer's Intervention Program** – Angie Rice, ISO III, and Shawna Allen from Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas delivered a presentation on the Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP). Included in the presentation was information on how staff became certified to facilitate the groups, the number of clients served, and the collaboration with outside entities, such as the Wichita Police Department. Due to the BIP director position remaining vacant, the SCDOC has contracted with the Mental Health Association (MHA) to complete all assessments and oversee the program. Both Angie and Shawna were available to address any questions from the board.

### **Program Updates:**

The board was previously informed that while Sedgwick County explores permanent options for the relocation of Juvenile Field Services (JFS) / Evening Reporting Center (ERC), JFS is moving into the current Criminal Justice Alternatives (CJA) offices. These moves are beginning today with Tom Struble overseeing the operations. Staff currently in the CJA office space (Drug Court Program and Pretrial Services) are moving to either 622 E. Central or the 905 N. Main location, while the ERC program will utilize space at the Juvenile Residential Facility. The goal is to have all adult program moves completed by the first week of September.

Lori shared that Sedgwick County has been awarded a Justice Assistance Grant, totaling approximately \$72,000, which will be used in part to purchase a new PassPoint ocular scanner machine which is a drug screening tool that lessens the need for urine collection for drug testing.

Lori announced that Sedgwick County is also a sub recipient of a grant that will implement a Veteran's Treatment Court. Lori's team will participate in a webinar call on August 25<sup>th</sup> to learn about the reporting aspects of the grant and will meet with Human Resources next week to discuss the two new positions they would like to

designate to this project. Anticipated start date for this program will be in early 2023 as the team will work on policy development over the next few months.

Lori informed the board that the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) has asked for approximately 6 representatives from SCDOC that will attend a two day training to become 'subject matter experts.' These staff will serve as the main point of contact for trouble shooting concerns with Athena, the KDOC case management database utilized by the SCDOC.

Lori updated the board that the Drug Court team recently attended the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) conference, held in Nashville, TN July 25-28, 2022, and will share what was learned during a future CAB meeting.

Sasha Teel announced that due to the different programs relocating work spaces and the anticipated increase of foot traffic, the need was identified to expand the lobby at the 622 E. Central location. This project will begin on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and should conclude on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the interim, staff will utilize the multi-purpose room when meeting with clients.

Sasha updated the board that the population at Adult Residential/Work Release (ARES) facility is comparable to that of last month. Intakes are being kept low due to the ongoing issues with staff vacancies. The overall vacancy rate at ARES is at 45%, however three new staff have recently been hired and are currently going through the training process.

Sasha shared that a group of clients from ARES recently volunteered to help paint offices for Drug Court staff moving into their new location. In return, the client volunteers were able to have their program fees reduced.

Sasha also announced that a Wichita State University student will begin a work study program where she will shadow each program, both adult and juvenile, and will eventually serve as a part time employee at the Juvenile Detention Facility with hopes that she will aid in the recruiting effort.

**Other Business:** None.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2022.