

Community Corrections Advisory Board Minutes – November 10, 2022 (In Person & Zoom)

Members Present: In person: none

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

Members Absent: Sean Gates, Dena Lee, Cody Alexander

Staff: In person: Chase Tipton

Via Zoom: Lori Gibbs, Sasha Teel, Tom Struble, Steve Stonehouse, Monica Harris, Russell Leeds

Guests: In person: none

Via Zoom: none

Introductions and Announcements: Chase Tipton informed the board that members may submit their nominations for the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary positions for 2023. Once all nominations are received, Chase will contact each nominee asking their preference for appearing on the ballot. Voting will occur during the December CAB meeting. Members were asked to attend the December CAB meeting in person to ensure that the voting outcomes may be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from the meeting on October 13, 2022: *A motion to approve the Minutes from the October 13, 2022 meeting was made by Kevin O' Connor, seconded by Aaron Breitenbach and unanimously approved.*

Drug Court Presentation – Monica Harris delivered a presentation on Drug Court and was available for questions from the board. Included in the discussion, Aaron Breitenbach provided a reminder that the District Attorney's office intends to file an increase in cases on lower level felony offenders at the beginning of the year. Lori Gibbs encouraged all board members to attend a Drug Court Docket, offered on Thursday afternoons, as their schedule allows. [An electronic version of the presentation was sent to all board members after the meeting.]

Program Updates:

Lori provided an update that the Veteran's Treatment Court will likely be implemented in early 2023. Once all the contracts are finalized, Lori will work with Human Resources to post the two positions designated for this project. In the meantime, Lori is seeking out training opportunities that staff may attend and is working towards policy development. Lori has also submitted an application offered by Justice for Vets for a free training opportunity.

Lori updated the board that Pathway Church will begin offering services beginning in December at the Adult Residential/Work Release facility. Pathway Church has submitted a Ministry Strategy outlining the services they anticipate offering, amongst those are mentoring, seminars on depression/anxiety, and marriage counseling.

Lori shared that the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department has invited staff to participate in a wellness conference that will take place in December. The conference will offer a variety of events including mentoring opportunities for staff, and different training topics.

Lori asked that all board members attend the December CAB meeting in-person. Meeting to be held at the Adult Residential/Work Release facility, located at 622 E. Central. The December meeting will include a catered breakfast and a facility tour.

Sasha Teel reviewed data comparing both the current population numbers/staff vacancy rates to that of last year. Due to the filling of vacant positions, intakes are once again occurring on a weekly basis.

Sasha provided an update that clients and their families recently participated in a Halloween party. Additional activities will occur around Christmas.

Tom Struble updated the board that the basement of the 905 N. Main location received new flooring and fresh paint with a positive effect on employee morale. Clients assisted with the labor.

Steve Stonehouse updated the board that the Department will be collaborating with Justice System Partners on a National Institute of Justice (NIJ) grant that has recently been awarded. Sedgwick County will serve as one of three host sites along with Michigan and San Francisco on the implementation of a new coaching model approach to interact with clients. The focus of the grant is working with adult clients while on probation but teaching techniques will be implemented amongst staff working with juvenile clients as well.

Other Business: None.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022, at Adult Residential/Work Release Facility (622 E. Central).