

BCCC
Advisory Board Meeting
May 15, 2017

Present: Michael Nance, Sam Myers, Nancy Hendrickson, Lynette Clark, Jean Gaha, Donna Hankins, Butch Smith, Kari Ragsdale, Tom Santelli, Ashley McClure, Penny Rader, Commander Heck, Jennifer Hostetter, Allan Murphy, Becky McClure, Judge Edens, Angi Johnson, Dave Truitt, Brandon George, Nate Granitz

Minutes presented from prior meeting. D. Hankins motion, Gene Gaha 2nd. Approved

Prosecutor Diversion (Sam)

Currently 23 on Felony Diversion. One with monitoring. One has completed successfully. Things are going well with the program. There is currently some discussion who is going to do the monitoring once the contract has expired with Corisoft.

MAT (Penny)

There have been 2 graduates of the 6 month program. There are currently 5 active receiving injections and intensive case management.

There has been a back and forth issue with Recovery Works only paying for the first two injections.

Penny stated that they are going to do whatever it takes to get the client their injection, not going to let anyone fall through the cracks or lapse in their injection.

Work Release (Kari)

Work release is currently full with 15 beds. The next open spot will be July 31, 2017 (pending there are no violations of current clients). There are employers who are willing to work with work release and come do interviews at the jail. There are fast food restaurants willing to hire with sight unseen. This is great, and the clients are being held to that job for a period of time, don't want to ruin the relationships with the employers who are willing to give them employment.

Financial Report (Kari)

All of the grant money is being spent

April – May project income bringing in more due to the fees being raised. There has been 7K more collected since the change to \$12.00 per day rate.

JDAI (Jean)

Things are going well. Lots of proven reductions.

20.3% reduction of DOC admissions

16.6% reduction of felony arrests

23.5% reduction in arrest rates

JDAI is currently paying for HD hook-up fees on juveniles. There have been 30 hook-up fees paid so far.

LHS teachers will be participating in a training in July.

DOC Contract Approval (MDN)

Do not have the contract at this time. It will not be available until the next 30 days or so. Would like a motion to let Dave sign the contract without having an official AB meeting. There were some changes made to the grant- \$2500.00 HD office supplies and \$1500.00 prosecutor diversion fund (both taken out of the grant).

Motion made by D. Hankins and 2nd by Sam Myers. Approved.

Insurance / Rent (MDN)

The current financial status of CC is not good at this point. Current HD clients are just not making payments. CC pays \$60K per year in rent for a county owned building. There is approximately \$50K due in past due money of current HD clients. Approximately \$300K in old CC fees, bond stipulations, drug screens etc.

Is there anything that can be done to hold the clients feet to the fire? Current payment due at \$12.00 per day is \$84.00 per week.

Discussions with CC staff have included: voluntary wage assignment at the time of hook up
A determined amount agreed upon that a violation of CC could be filed with the court if the client reaches that particular \$\$ amount, weekends in jail.

As of now there are no real consequences for current clients not paying their fees. CC still has to pay for equipment and to run this department.

Discussions have been ongoing with Joe LePage with the Mayor's office about setting up community service days for HD clients as sanctions for non-payment.

CC would like the Courts backing if a client gets behind a certain amount that if a violation is filed the client could potentially be removed from the program. Judge Edens said there needs to be a change in our policies and procedures. Update the handbook to include that a voluntary wage assignment will be given at the time of hook up for those who have employment. Wage assignments will be offered as the first effort in administrative hearings for those current clients who are behind.

Vote was taken and passed adding voluntary wage assignments to handbook and implementing them at the time of hook up. This can be utilized for juvenile parents as well.

Insurance : Community Corrections is currently responsible to pay the county a portion of CC employees insurance benefits. Per discussions with the Auditor, Kari and MDN there is \$440,000 of past due insurance owed to the county.

MDN suggested taking his position part time as CC director due to the financial crisis of CC budget. RSM stated that there is no way that the position of director could be a part time position.

Staffing changes have happened- Alex Beattie is no longer with us as a full time field officer. We are down to one full time field officer and one part time filed officer. Nate Grantiz has been hired to work 12-4 to assist with male urine drug screens. Project income balance is currently \$271K.

It currently costs \$35.00 per day to house an inmate at the jail- the existence of CC is currently saving tax payer's money.

Talk about weekends in jail- violation filed with a summons. RSM and Judge E are unsure if you are able to do a weekend commitment on a DOC sentence. More research would have to be done on that issue.

Next Council meeting is the 2nd Tuesday in June- it was suggested that MDN attend that meeting.

Thanks to Kari for lunch.

Next meeting August 21, 2017 at Noon.