

LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 24th, 2024, at 12:00pm

Jury Assembly Room A, 204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843

Members Present: Probation Supervisor M. Boyden, Judge D. Bain, C. Skiles, C. Griffin, Chief D. Russell, D. Shaw, C. Conklin, D. Awrey, and Judge M. McGivney

Members Absent: Sheriff M. Murphy, K. Rogulski, K. Groenhout, Commissioner D. Domas, Prosecutor D. Reader, J. Bigelow

Others Present: Specialty Courts & Programs Administrator S. Applegate, Community Corrections/Swift & Sure Probation Coordinator K. DeLamielleure, Lead Jail Chaplain G. Childers, and Inmate Services Jail Educator H. Vontom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm by Sara Applegate, Specialty Courts & Programs Administrator in place of Judge D. Bain, Vice Chairperson of the Livingston County Community Corrections Advisory Board (LCCCAB) as he was running a few minutes behind on his court docket and gave permission to do so. Sheriff M. Murphy was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

2. ROLL CALL

Introductions of all members, non-members, and public

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (if applicable)

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Probation Supervisor M. Boyden

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (9-0)

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approval of 07/09/24 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Chief D. Russell

Seconded by: C. Griffin

MOTION CARRIED (9-0)

6. REPORT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

-Judge D. Bain reported that 50 individuals are doing well because of ADC programming and the benefits far outweigh the costs. These are 50 individuals that would still be caught in the system had intervention not taken place. He feels proud of the work that is being done.

7. REPORT OF COORDINATOR

-K. DeLamielleure gave the prospective dates for FY25, and all were in favor.
-Discussion of cancelling the 12/10/2024 meeting and all concurred.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR

-S. Applegate said that we can no longer provide a Zoom option for our Advisory Board meetings per the Grant Manager during the annual review. It was only allowed during the Covid pandemic.

-The county's grant award for FY25 was the same amount as last year.

-For the last few years, we had to use gap funding from Community Corrections to cover the drug testing costs for Adult Drug Court (Felony participants) and we will not have to do that for the upcoming fiscal year because the Adult Drug Court received a grant for FY25-FY30 from SAMHSA which will be able to cover the testing.

-The County's FY23 Prison Commitment Rates (PCRs) remained comparable or lower than the Statewide rates in most categories. The County's Overall PCR, Straddle Cell PCR, Group 1 Straddle PCR, Intermediate Cell PCR, and OUIL 3rd PCR were all less than the statewide averages. However, the County's Recidivism Rates increased significantly from FY22 and exceed the Statewide Recidivism Rates, most notably in the PVT category, nearly doubling its FY22 rate as well as the Statewide FY23 rate. Better targeting of felony probation violators should positively impact local rates.

-The Annual File Review revealed compliance with Michigan's Office of Community Corrections expectations and requirements. The Grant Manager reviewed the four programs used in FY24 which were Thinking Matters, Substance Abuse Testing, Outpatient Treatment and TREM. Thinking Matters had 86.7% new enrollments (52 out of 60 projected) plus 9 carryovers from FY23, and the budget was 63.3% spent. We are receiving a lot of referrals in the jail and community setting for Thinking Matters. Drug Court Substance Abuse Testing had 58.3% new enrollments (14 out of 24 projected) plus 30 carryovers from FY23, and the budget was 96.3% spent. The addition of the FY25 SAMHSA awarded grant funding that was received for drug court testing will help better balance utilization vs. expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. Substance Abuse Outpatient Group had 40% new enrollments (20 out of 50 projected) plus 19 carryovers from FY23, and the combined budget with TREM was 43.9% spent and this is because we have been working with CMH Access and Agents are doing referrals directly to them which has minimized the amount of people coming through us if they have Medicaid. TREM had 26.7% new enrollments (4 out of 15 projected), and the combined budget with Substance Abuse Outpatient Group was 43.9% spent. TREM was initiated late in

FY24; therefore, utilization is lower than anticipated. The substance abuse outpatient treatment was combined with TREM so moving forward for FY25, we will be dividing them out more concisely to better track the utilization. We will continue with the Thinking Matters, TREM, and Substance Abuse Outpatient treatment (which will include group programming like Key II). Additionally, we will have two new codes consisting of Z00 (Individual Outpatient Therapy), and I22 (Substance Abuse Assessments).

-Quarterly Report: Our Program has exceeded our projected number of enrollments in some programs and have ended the fiscal year below in others. The C01-Our Thinking Matter programming has seen an increase in referrals especially in the referrals for the Thinking Matters group in the jail. At the end of the FY, our Program has exceeded the projected number of enrollments with a 102% utilization. The G18-Substance Use Treatment ends the FY under target at 35%. This number is also low because our program works with the PHP to fund any of the participants that qualify for Medicaid. Our Coordinator continues to work with the MDOC agents to ensure that our programming is receiving any referrals that fit the criteria. The G17-Drug Testing is ending the FY slightly under target for number of new enrollees at 79% but on budget for the amount allocated to this service. Lastly, our G18-TREM group is a new group for this FY. We have received 3 referrals thus far this FY which ends the fiscal year under the target of 15 new enrollees. However, our Coordinator continues to work with the Agents to make them aware of our TREM group. We are slowly receiving new referrals for this group so this will be an important group to continue to build into FY25.

-We are continuing to work with Probation Supervisor M. Boyden to increase referrals as well as our service provider Key Development. There are currently no disconnects and it is running very smoothly. Key Development was previously employing the URICA Survey in the beginning and end of programming to see if there was improvement, but they are no longer utilizing it for some programs where a different instrument would be better suited and will be using new evidence-based assessment tool for FY25.

8. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion to excuse absent board members

Moved by: C. Griffin

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (9-0)

9. BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATES

- D. Shaw was appreciative for the Advisory Board in presenting this important information in such an organizational way.

-C. Conklin conveyed that Stepping Stones is having an ice cream social on Sunday at 4:30pm and they will have speakers who are in recovery sharing their story. All are welcome to attend.

-Judge M. McGivney said that this is his first meeting, and he is appreciative to be a part

of the Advisory Board.

-Jail Chaplain G. Childers said that they would like to come alongside some of these programs as they have Healing Wounded Hearts currently being implemented in the jail and are currently working on a men's group called Life Relunched. Next year, they are hoping to be able to launch a Christian pod to help aid in reducing recidivism. They will be implementing it on a small scale to first see how it goes. He also said that he has received a lot of positive feedback from inmates about the Thinking Matters classes and those that aren't in it are asking to be. Crystal Gardens will be hosting their annual fundraiser banquet on November 7th, 2024, which is how they obtain their funding to be able to provide programming in the jail.

-H. Vontom said that they currently have 101 GED graduates and WHMI wrote up an article on the 100th graduate. They also picked a successful individual to share their story on a TV news segment.

-C. Skiles said that she teaches the Healing Wounded Hearts class in the jail for women, and it has been an incredible experience given 90% of the women incarcerated have experienced some form of trauma. She was curious how it works with TREM as well as referrals in general and Probation Supervisor M. Boyden gave details on how the Agents navigate this process with their Probationers.

-The next meeting date will be January 14th, 2025, at 12pm.

10. NEXT MEETING

January 14th, 2025, at 12:00pm

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

12. ADJOURN

Vice Chairperson Judge D. Bain adjourned the meeting.

Moved by: C. Conklin

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (9-0)

Recording Secretary: K. DeLamielleure