

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: July 14th, 2026, at 12:00pm
Jury Assembly Room B, 204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843

Members Present: Sheriff M. Murphy, Judge M. McGivney, Judge D. Bain, Unadilla Police Chief D. Russell, Media K. Rogulski, CMH C. Conklin, Prosecutor C. Henry, Business Community C. Griffin, Commissioner J. Drick, Clergy C. Skiles, and MI Works D. Awrey

Members Absent: Judge Cavanaugh, Chief Public Defender K. Groenhout, and Probation Supervisor M. Boyden

Others Present: Specialty Courts & Programs Administrator S. Applegate, Community Corrections Coordinator K. DeLamielleure, Inmate Education H. Vontom, Jail Chaplin G. Childers, and Community Member J. Bigelow (and guest)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:02pm by Sheriff Murphy

2. ROLL CALL

Introductions of all members, non-members, and public

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS (if applicable)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Judge Bain
Seconded by: K. Rogulski

MOTION CARRIED (11-0)

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approval of 4.14.2026
Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Judge Bain
Seconded by: K. Rogulski

MOTION CARRIED (11-0)

6. REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

-None

7. REPORT OF COORDINATOR

-The female Thinking Matters class at the jail was able to restart today with four participants. However, the male class remains on hold due to low enrollment. Both the community male and female classes continue to thrive. Increasing male referrals for the jail-based male class would help us resume that program as well.

8. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR

-S. Applegate reviewed the Q3 report. The C01-Thinking Matters new enrollees is slightly low at 66.67% for Q3. We have seen a low number of new enrollees in both the female and male jail groups. We have had to put them both on hold while we continue to work on getting additional referrals. However, there has been an increase in the number of new enrollments in the community groups. The 122-Substance Use Assessments are tracking high and we have exceeded the number of new enrollees we predicted in our application for the entire fiscal year with a 103% utilization at the end of Q3. The ZOO-Individual Outpatient Treatment referrals have increased significantly and are now at 100% of projected new enrollments. This is due to our team working with Key and the probation agents ensuring that assessments are being completed and defendants are linked to individual therapy in a timely manner.

The G-18 TREM continues to be programming so that we do not receive enough referrals to start a group. However, the G18-Outpatient Substance Use Therapy Group (Key II) has met 180% of the projected new enrollees.

For the C01-Thinking Matters continues to increase in referrals from Q2 to Q3 - new enrollments went from 22 to 31. However, the jail referrals have not been enough to hold jail groups in Q3. Sara Applegate, Supervisor Boyden (MDOC), Lisa Boschma (Key Development), and Katie DeLamielleure continue to meet via Teams monthly to track referrals and talk about ways to increase new enrollees. In addition, we discussed getting more enrollees for G-18-TREM, but that continues to be a challenge. We will continue to meet to assess what we can do to increase new enrollments.

Grant Discussion:

The FY27 grant application has been submitted, and we expect to hear back in mid-September. Community Corrections received a \$1 million funding increase, which is excellent news. However, SCAO indicated that no funding will be provided for Swift and Sure, and the reasoning has not yet been disclosed.

Pre-Trial Services Update:

The team last met in May 2026. We will meet again once we receive notice on whether funding for Pre-Trial Services has been approved.

9. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion to approve Q3 Report

Moved by: Judge Bain

Seconded by: C. Henry

MOTION CARRIED (11-0)

10. BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATES

C. Henry: She spoke with Jail Chaplain Gary Childers about the new mentoring initiative, Fresh Start. The Program is designed to support individuals transitioning from jail back into the community. She noted that a mentor-based approach has been greatly needed and she is looking forward to seeing the program take shape.

D. Awry: She expressed interest in being connected with the Fresh Start Program.

C. Skiles: Love Inc. will be offering a parenting class based on the Love and Logic model beginning this fall. The course will run for 12 weeks and the cost is \$15 to cover materials. They hope to continue offering it annually, though their primary focus is currently on the work-life program, so future availability will depend on capacity.

J. Bigelow: She is with Hampton Manor and shared that they have an upcoming true crime presentation that the team is excited about.

M. Murphy: Regarding the Fresh Start Program, he mentioned that individuals often do well in jail due to the structured environment and tend to maintain some stability in the community while under court or probation oversight. However, once that oversight ends, many revert to old behaviors. He hopes the mentor program will help bridge this gap and provide needed support.

G. Childers: He explained that Fresh Start is a community-based mentoring program led by Terry Simpson. It operates with little to no budget and was launched two weeks ago. They currently have 12 volunteer mentors and two mentees. Although connected with Community Bible Church, it is not strictly faith based. The goal is to pair individuals leaving incarceration with mentors who can help connect them to local resources and reduce recidivism. They are hoping to eventually also receive referrals from probation and parole.

C. Conklin: She reported that she is currently on day one of accreditation. Additionally, they are still in the early phases of soft launching the mobile crisis unit, primarily in partnership with law enforcement. The service is open to anyone in the community, including juveniles, since the grant funding is not Medicaid-based. They have three staff members and are working to hire more, though the positions are challenging to fill due to the nature of the work.

Bain: He emphasized that mental health remains a significant concern and commended CMH for launching the mobile crisis team.

H. Vontom: Classes are going well and each currently has a waitlist. They recently had two GED graduates, though it has been difficult to get individuals in for testing.

J. Drick: He inquired about whether CMH has an opioid counselor available.

11. NEXT MEETING

October 13th, 2026, at 12:00pm

12. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

13. ADJOURN

Sheriff Murphy adjourned the meeting.

Moved by: Judge Bain

Seconded by: K. Rogulski

MOTION CARRIED (11-0)