

LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 9th, 2024, at 12:00pm

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

Members Present: Sheriff M. Murphy, Probation Supervisor M. Boyden, Judge D. Bain, Prosecutor Reader, C. Skiles, C. Griffin, Chief D. Russell, D. Awrey, Commissioner D. Domas, D. Shaw, C. Conklin (via Zoom), D. Awrey, and K. Groenhout, K. Rogulski

Members Absent: J. Bigelow

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff M. Murphy, Chairperson of the Livingston County Community Corrections Advisory Board (LCCCAB) at 12:01pm.

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: Prosecutor Reader

Seconded by: C. Griffin

MOTION CARRIED (14-0)

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approval of 04/09/24 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: C. Griffin

Seconded by: Prosecutor Reader

MOTION CARRIED (14-0)

6. REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

None

7. REPORT OF COORDINATOR

Coordinator K. DeLamielleure introduced herself since she is new to the position as of 4/8/2024.

8. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR

-Fiscal year 2025 grant was submitted, and we should hear if we received the grant by September 2024.

-Amended Bylaws were completed and approved by the Board of Commissioners with one suggested amendment. The proposed amendment was under Section 5 Record Keeping/Public Notice to add the following language: "Additionally, all reports provided by the LCCCAB to the State of Michigan shall be posted on the County website no later than 30 days after the report has been sent to the State of Michigan."

-Quarterly report: The only change to the categories of the quarterly report was per the Grant Manager, Dawn, there has been a fourth section added for the G18 TREM group. Previously the TREM numbers were included in the G18 Outpatient Services.

-Projected enrollments: Thinking Matters in the jail and community are going smooth and have a lot more referrals since last quarter. There were 12 new enrollees since the last meeting at 77% utilization, so it is tracking well.

-G18: We have been working with CMH and MDOC Supervisor M. Boyden with regards to participants' health insurance and if they have Medicaid they will be referred directly from the agents to ACCESS (CMH). There have been 3 additional participants with private insurance or no insurance that the grant is paying for their SUD treatment. Group and individual therapy is at 26% utilization which is good and funding is right on target.

-Drug Testing: We have one new participant in this quarter. We are getting close on expenses but can do a budget adjustment if needed.

-TREM: We have 1 new enrollee this quarter. TREM is a women's only group. It is tracking well given it is a new program and will take time to build up in numbers. Sara and Katie are working with Agents to get more referrals.

-Discharges are tracking well. There have been a lot of successful discharges recently.

-K. Rogulaski asked for clarification on what Thinking Matters classes consist of and S. Applegate provided more detailed information that it is a group that consists of 12 group sessions focusing on retraining the brain on the ways individuals think to help them behaviorally change the trajectory of future actions in hopes of dealing with criminal patterns differently.

9. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion to excuse absent board members

Moved by: K. Rogulski

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (14-0)

10. BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATES

- Commissioner D. Domas reported that he had a discussion with Sheriff Murphy on the opioid funding that the County has received as part of the settlement. The Board of Commissioners are being cautious before proceeding with allocations of these funds as they want to determine how best to spend the funds.
- Sheriff Murphy stated that it would be beneficial to get with Matt from the Health Department and Connie from CMH to discuss the best way to use the money to combat substance use and to see what can be done on the front end as well as the back end from a law enforcement perspective.
- D. Shaw said she is glad to be here but must leave early, unfortunately.
- Sheriff Murphy said Judge McGivney was approved to be a member on the LCCCAB at the committee level and needs to be approved on July 22nd, 2024, at the full Board of Commissioners Meeting so hopefully he will be at the next meeting in September if all goes as planned.
- H. Vontom said that they have had 17 GED graduates in the jail and are currently at 94 overall so they are getting close to the 100 mark which is great!
- Per Sheriff Murphy, the turnover rate is high in the jail- they book and release about 4700 inmates a year and the average length of stay is 8-9 days, so this is very promising to be having this many GED completions!
- H. Vontom said that she saw a Facebook post about a sober living home in Brighton on Culver Rd. made by Mary Mall and she wanted to know if anyone knew more information this.
- Judge Bain is wondering if it is under the care of Ann King, but now that he thinks about it that is different than what H. Vontom was discussing. Sheriff Murphy concurred that it is not the same one H. Vontom was inquiring about.
- K. Groenhout said she is very impressed about the GED completion rate because it is a really hard task to complete in general as the test is not an easy one.
- H. Vontom said that they have had two individuals overall (one male and one female) that earned actual high school diplomas since the program's inception.
- Commissioner D. Domas said that a relative of his is an EMT in another county and currently works in the ER. This relative asked the Commissioner specifically what they should do with the individuals that come into the ER that have no place to go. A place after their release from the ER is desperately needed.
- Sheriff Murphy responded that this is a large community issue and from a cynical perspective, a lot of the folks are repeat customers and don't want actual help, unfortunately.
- C. Conklin (via Zoom) stated that she is working with Trinity Health to have a CMH peer in the ER for substance use, as well as mental health to get supports in place for these individuals, but at this point, it is on a voluntarily basis. The peer coach will be present at off hours and on the weekends and will help people in the ER get connected to the engagement center, if they are medically clear. They can be a little bit intoxicated, but not significantly.

- Murphy Sheriff said that Stepping Stones is available for those afterhours incidences for those that want the help.
- Judge D. Bain stated that he can give the information to Commissioner Domas about RAIL for a one stop shop for his relative who works in the ER and maybe they can get together to discuss.
- K. Rogulski said this county is a nice place to live.
- Specialty Courts & Programs Administrator S. Applegate said that graduation picnics will be taking place soon for Adult Drug Court and IT Mental Health Court. The Veterans Treatment Court has 7 graduates between June-August. The next ceremony will be on the 4th Wednesday of July with cake, coffee, and cookies at 2:30 PM in Judge Murphy's court room.
- K. Rogulski asked if he could do a story on the 100th GED graduate and H. Vontom replied yes.
- The next meeting date will be September 24th, 2024, at 12pm.

11. NEXT MEETING

September 24th, 2024, at 12:00pm

12. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

13. ADJOURN

Chairperson Sheriff M. Murphy adjourned the meeting.

Moved by: Judge D. Bain

Seconded by: Chief D. Russell

MOTION CARRIED (14-0)

Recording Secretary: K. DeLamielleure