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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
April 10, 2019  
12:00 NOON TO 1:00 P.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMEN KEVIN STEELE; VICE CHAIRMAN DA DAMON MITCHELL; MR. JESSIE JOHNS FOR CURTIS ROSS; MS. TERESA CLARDY; CAPT TRACY MCCULLOUGH; MR. MILTON SCOTT; HONORABLE MICHAEL RUSSELL. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS STAFF PRESENT: MR. PHILLIP LOCKMAN; MR. RYAN LOCKAMY; MS. MAVIS HUTCHINGS (RECORDER)**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

12:09 PM meeting called to order by Chairman Steele

**REVIEW OF THE MEETING MINUTES:**

Reviewed the minutes from November 7, 2018 board meeting. Chairman Steele asked for a motion or the approval of the minutes. CAPT McCullough motioned and Vice Chairman DA Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approval 7/7.

**NEWS/INFORMATIONAL/REQUESTS:**

- **WELCOME:** The board welcomed back for another tour Ms. Teresa Clardy, Vice Chairman DA Damon Mitchell, and Chairman Kevin Steele.

- **Approval of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan/Behavioral Health Plan and Grants for each:**

- Mr. Lockman mention that the budget keeps getting reduced every year and that we are still required to do more with less, but this is true for the entire State of Kansas. The information provide is the preliminary numbers for both community corrections and behavioral health grant. When Community Corrections receives the budget in June 2019, a new budget proposal with the correct numbers will be submitted for the board's approval.

-The **Community Corrections Grant** is based on the cost of inflation and what is required to sustain the Department for the year. Asking for funds to pay for Admin and non admin personnel salary and benefits; agency operations (travel, training, communications, equipment, supplies, contractual, drug testing supplies and service, mental health treatment, transportation assistance, housing assistance, client incentives, electronic monitoring services, surveillance services) for a total cost of \$1,35,342.05. Additionally, asking the UG to create a full-time position for COG Classes, so we can have one COG instructor for adults and one for

juveniles. Instead of both instructors now working ½ and ½. If the UG approves to take on the position in their budget this will free up more money for additional COG services.

-The **Behavioral Health Grant** consists of funding for personnel salary and benefits, mental health services, substance abuse services, and care coordinator services, for a total of \$136,000.00.

-Chairman Steele asked what the Behavioral Health Grant can be used for. Mr. Lockman stated the grant is very specific on what it can be used for. It can be used to support COG positions, mental health treatment and medication, drug and alcohol treatment.

- **Quarterly Budget 2019 Adjustments:** Asking the board to approve moving money from Salary position to support computer upgrades, a new vehicle purchase, audio visual replacement, wireless installation, and training per diem. Total dollars moved from salary to the other items is \$36,142.00.

-**The Comprehensive Plan 2020** – Mr. Lockamy provided the Advisory Board members an overview of the FY 2020 Comprehensive Plan for approval. The mission of the Unified Government/Kansas City, Kansas Department of Community Corrections is to “Promote Safety within OUR Community through Responsive Risk Reduction.” Our goal is to work effectively and efficiently via evidence-based practices identifying risk/need and targeting criminogenic risk to reduced recidivism.

- Based on the LSI-R performance report which measures offender risk score changes from the initial to discharge assessment, between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 overall risk for all discharged probationers decreased by 61%.

Domain	Successful (risk decreased)	Revoked (risk score increased)
Education/Employment	42%	25%
Leisure/Recreation	40%	12%
Alcohol/Drugs	42%	28%
Attitude/Orientation	47%	23%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>61% (decrease)</b>	<b>34% (increase)</b>

-The data indicates that those who take advantage of existing programming and services to address aforementioned areas have more successful outcomes. Current available programming includes our Offender Workforce Development which targets education/employment, TRACK (Cognitive based interventions) which directly targets attitude/orientation and indirectly all other areas and substance abuse screening and treatment. Therefore, it is a priority to continue programming to address education, employment, substance abuse, cognitive deficiencies, and mental health.

-An area of increased risk for revoked probationers is the domain for emotional/personal indicating an overall risk score increase of 31%, an increase of 6% From FY18. It continues to

be a challenge in addressing the ongoing needs of Behavioral Health population, especially those diagnosed with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI).

- In FY 18, a total of 436 offenders were sentenced and granted probation to UGCC and 426 probationers were discharged from supervision. During that same period, the agency's Average Daily Population (ADP) was 594.6 on Adult Intensive Supervision (AISP) and an ADP of 245.1 offenders on abscond status. The UG's 12-month average ADP was tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> highest with Shawnee after Johnson and Sedgwick County, which includes residential numbers.

-Of the 426 cases closed, 68.3% (291/426) were deemed successful or not revoked from probation compared to 31.6% (135/426) whose probation was revoked. This is a significant difference between the FY18 successful and revoked probationer population. Female probationers successfully completed probation at a rate of 69.4% (66/95) compared to 65.9% (217/329) of the male population. A further look at revocations indicate that there was a 4% increase with 12 more female revocations compared to FY17. Males revoked in FY18 only increased by 1.8%

-In reviewing supervision levels at the time of discharge, 12.9% were discharged on the highest risk level (ISL1) with an 8.1% successful rate, 28.1% were discharged on ISL2 with a 18.8% successful rate, 32% were discharged on Moderate Risk level (ISL3) with an 34.2% successful rate, and 27% were discharged on the lowest risk level (ISL 4) with a 38.9% successful discharge rate.

-Prosecutorial decisions have changed the type offenders supervised by this agency. In FY 13 there was 581 offenders sentenced to supervision, of those offenders, there were 126 (21%) departures to probation. In FY 18, there was less (436) offenders sentenced, of those offenders, there were 187 (42.8%) departures for a 48.4% change FY13-FY18. In FY 18 there were 134 probationers closed out that were presumed prison and were granted dispositional departures to probation. Of the 134 probationers only 60 (44.7%) of the 134 discharged were closed out successful.

-The UG continues ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the total number of departures with 221 cases which (87.8%) were downward dispositional and (15.5%) were downward durational. This is significant in that 134 (31.4%) of all cases closed during FY 2018 were presumed prison but granted probation.

- Mr. Milton asked for an explanation on who makes the decision about departures and why so many? Mr. Lockman stated that over the last few years we are seeing an increase in departures across the State. This may be because of the DAs' Judges, and the judicial system and services provided if departed to probation vs sending someone to prison. Community Corrections is seeing our 18-22 age bracket decreasing in crime and older adult seeing an increase in with a large background of criminal history. Vice Chairman DA Mitchell stated that their department is seeing criminals who get convicted with a possession charge, but years ago they had other significant charges, and municipal charges, which raise their criminal score. So instead of sending them to prison on a possession charge they recommend departures to probation to see if they can succeed and get the services they need. Honorable Russell stated that the judges rely on the District Attorneys officer for their recommendations. You must look at the current charge and their prior history, which is usually a lot of misdemeanors charges along with

felony charges, which raises their criminal score, however some of their old charges can be very old. In this case, you would look at possible departure to allow the person to try and succeed on probation.

-Significant to our FY 2018 outcomes was the continuous exodus of employees. During this period the turnover rate was 50% with 6 out of 12 ISO's vacating in FY18, and a 6% increase from FY17. The priority was to cover and subsequently fill positions and provide basic training to incoming personal. As a result, our department continues to react to the deficiencies rather than be proactive. As a result, fidelity of the EPICS II model, LSI-R assessments, and case file audits were not achieved. Chairman Steele mentioned that his students are asking about jobs, but their other major concern is benefits and retirement packages. Mr. Steele said they are wanting jobs that not only pay well, but also provide good benefit packages. Ms. Johns stated another reason for not being able to maintain or higher employees is due to residence requirements and lower wages than other counties and other Departments. Most employees do not want to have to move to Wyandotte County to obtain employment with the UG.

-Next, Mr. Lockamy mentioned our Goals for Community Corrections.

**-GOAL #1: To achieve a successful outcome of 71.4% for probationers discharged during FY2020. OBJ #1** -Court Case Sentencing Activity Report. Discharge information will be extracted from this report on a monthly basis by the Adult Field Services Administrator and consolidated on a quarterly basis via quarterly reports to KDOC, the Advisory Board, and via staff meetings to AISP division staff. **OBJ #2** - 90% of all LSI-R reassessments will be completed within 12 months of the initial assessment. **OBJ #3** - At the end of FY2020, 60% of all discharge probationers will have decreased risk scores overall.

**- GOAL #2: To improve program fidelity and quality assurance initiatives by the end of FY2020. OBJ # 1** - To increase the number of successful discharges from the TRACK Cognitive based program to achieve above a 75% successful discharge rate. **OBJ # 2**- At least 75% of probationers who successfully complete in-house employment programs will have decreased risk scores for education/employment; and financial domains at the time of probation discharge at the end of FY2020. **OBJ # 3** - Increase the success rate of SPMI probationers and the number assigned to the Behavioral Health Court docket.

**- Goal #3: Implement the Domestic Violence Screening Tool to identify probationers with a possible history of Domestic Violence. OBJ # 1** - Develop a procedure that assess probationers by utilizing the DV screening questioner, scoring, and reporting outcomes to KDOC. Our office has been given a DV assessment sheet for all new male intakes to fill out. It is 6 questions. The information from the questionnaires goes to the officer and will be reported quarterly to KDOC and the Advisory Board. Ms. Clardy asked when will the board see the first set of numbers. Mr. Lockamy informed the board we just started in April 2019 and we should have our first set of numbers by the end of the month and the quarterly stats by Jul 2019. Mr. Lockman stated we must make sure we get the statistics accurate. It should be an eye opener.

Chairman Steele asked for any other questions. None currently.

Chairman Steele then asked about taking a vote on the Behavioral Health Grant and Budget. Vice Chairman Mitchell motioned and Honorable Russell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved 7/7. Chairman Steele then asked about taking a vote on the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Budget. Ms. Clardy motioned and CAPT McCullough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All approved 7/7.

Chairman Steele then asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Quarterly Budget Adjustment. Mr. Scott motioned and CAPT McCullough 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All Approved 7/7.

### **APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:**

-Ms. Clardy nominated Mr. Kevin Steele to remain as Chairman on the board. No other nominations were recommended at this time, so Mr. Milton asked for the nominations to close. The board took a vote and all 6 members voted Mr. Steele back as Chairman.

-Ms. Clardy nominated DA Damon Mitchell to remain as Vice Chairman on the board for an additional term. No other nominations were recommended at this time. Mr. Milton asked for the nominations to close. The board took a vote and all 6 members voted DA Mitchell back as Vice Chairman.

**RESUMED BUSINESS:** None

### **BOARD MAINTENANCE:**

#### **Future Meeting location**

- May 22, 2019, 12:00-1:00 PM, Building 812 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kansas City, KS 66101
- June 26, 2019, 12:00-1:00 PM, Building 812 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kansas City, KS 66101

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM.