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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
9/23/2020
12:00 NOON TO 1:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DA Damon Mitchell (Chair), Ms. Suzie Tousey, Mr. Curtis Ross, Ms. Christine Swenson, Ms. Teresa Clardy (Dep Chair), Ms. Jackie Randle, Capt. Tracy McCullough

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Phillip Lockman, Mavis Hutchings (recorder)

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

12:05 pm meeting called to order by Chairman Damon Mitchell

REVIEW OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

Review of the minutes from August 26, 2020 meeting. Motion made to accept the minutes as presented by Capt McCullough and a second by Ms. Clardy. The board approved with no changes. Approved 7/9 members.

NEWS/INFORMATIONAL/BOARD REQUESTS

Mr. Lockman open with the update on the new Juvenile Building status. The building is complete, and our building is starting to move. Our JUV Department on the 2nd floor of building 812 will move the end of this month beginning of October 2020. Programs (TRACK, Drug Court, BHC) will be moving to the 2nd floor from the 3rd and 1st Floor. Additionally, Mr. Lockman applied for a CARE ACT grant of \$6,000, which was approved to push back the security door on the 2nd floor past the first office. Then the first office will be remodeled into a waiting room for the UA lab, so we do not have numerous personnel sitting in the hallway with COVID 19. This should allow us to start having more of our probationers submit UAs. Instead of just our high-risk personnel, while remaining COVID 19 compliant.

Mr. Calvin Johnson just finished up the Drug Court Coordinator interviews and the new coordinator should be announced this Friday. The current Behavioral Health Coordinator has left the Department and took a position as the Director of Community Corrections in Leavenworth. Mr. Lockman is working a proposal to fill this needed position. However, this position comes from the general funds and the UG currently is not giving up funding from their General Fund pot of money. Mr. Lockman said this could stop the program, however he is going to push the issue with the UG leadership.

Approval of the End of the Year Report: (July 1st – June 30)

-Mr. Lockman stated this report is a collection from all the quarters. Most of the objectives were affected due to COVID 19.

Goal # 1 – Implement the Domestic Violence Screening tool to identify probations with possible history of Domestic Violence. Objective 1 – Was to develop a procedure that would assess probationers by utilizing the Domestic Violence Screening questioner scoring tool.

The Domestic Violence Screening pilot program and data collection with the Kansas Department of Corrections commenced on 04/01/2019. Data collected up to 12/31/2019 reflected 256 probationers completed the Domestic Violence Assessment Questioner. Out of the 256, 28 (10.9%) identified as a risk by answering “yes” to three or more out of the six questions. This is significant due to only 3 out of the 28 probationers were marked having a domestic violence history per the sentencing journal entry. The last Domestic Violence Summary from KDOC was received in December of 2019. There is no third or fourth quarter data regarding Wyandotte County’s Domestic Violence Assessment Questioner outcomes for year-end of FY 20. The Kansas Department of Corrections recommends the probationer receive a Batterers Intervention assessment by a certified KDOVA assessor if scored a risk per the Domestic Violence Screening Tool. The challenge is to enforce participation without having a court order for the probationer to participate in programming. There is also a cost applied to the probationer for the assessment and participation in BIP programming due to no state assistance. We will look at trying to assist with funding probationers with vouchers to receive the assessment.

Goal # 2 – To achieve a successful outcome of 71.8% for probationers discharged during FY 2020. Objective #1: At the end of FY 2020, less than 28.2% of all cases discharged by Community Corrections will be due to probationer revocations.

For the year end of FY20 (July 1st – June 30th), a total of 401 probationers were sentenced to Wyandotte County Community Corrections and 403 discharged. Of the 403 discharges, 285 (70.7%) were successfully discharged without revocation and 118 (29.3%) were revoked from supervision for technical or new offense violations.

Target	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	Year End
28.2%	33.4%	36%	28.2%	29.3%

Some of our challenges to achieve this goal started in February of 2020, when the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. On March 12, 2020 Kansas Governor Laura Kelly declared COVID-19 a state of emergency to address this developing threat. On March 13, 2020 Mayor David Alvey of the Unified Government declared a state of emergency. On March 18, 2020, the Unified Government announced that all government buildings were closed to the public starting on March 23, 2020.

At the end of FY 20, staff continue to work from home on average 20 hours a week. To comply with social distancing guidelines, only moderate to high-risk probationers are scheduled to report to the office. Low risk probationers are maintaining contact via phone or video conferencing

platforms and if in non-compliance scheduled to report for a face-to-face office visit. Due to the high number of probationers assigned to this agency random urine analysis color system, random drug testing per the color code line is suspended indefinitely. Probationers are directed to submit urine test as directed when reporting to the office.

Objective #2: 90% of all LSI-R reassessments will be completed within 12 months of the initial assessment.

In FY 20 (July 1st – June 30th) 85.6% of LSI-R assessments were current within the 12 months of the initial assessment for active cases with the supervision level 1-3.

Target	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	Year End
90%	82.6%	80.3%	69.1%	85.6%

Due to COVID 19 and stay at home orders for staff during the 3rd quarter, overdue LSI-R reassessments increased by 11% from the second quarter. Staff did a great job conducting LSI-R reassessments in the 4th quarter and finished the fiscal year at 85%.

Objective #3: At the end of FY 2020, 60% of all discharged probationers will have decreased risk scores overall.

For the third quarter (Jan 1st to March 31st) probationer’s risk in the LSI-R sub-scales decreased overall by 63% per the Toads LSI-R Performance Report.

Target	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	Year End
60%	66%	64%	63%	57%

Sub-Scale	Successful (risk decreased)
Criminal History	17%
Education/Employment	27%
Financial	20%
Family/Marital	10%
Accommodation	37%
Leisure/Recreation	57%
Companions	27%
Alcohol/Drug Problem	60%
Emotional/Personal	30%
Attitudes/Orientation	47%
OVERALL	57% (decrease)

In the 4th quarter, there was only a 17% decrease in risk overall in the education/employment subscale compared to 49% decrease in the 3rd quarter. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the state of Kansas unemployment rate increased to 7.2% in July of 2020 compared to 3.1% in February of 2020. In the third quarter the TRACK program continued to have both vacancies for adult and juvenile positions. Therefore, the TRACK Program Coordinator facilitated all classes until the positions were filled. In. This is concerning due to research showing that employed probationers reduces recidivism. Mid-April, two new TRACK facilitators joined the Unified Government Community Corrections staff. All onboarding, program certifications (TruThought & WhyTry) and training were conducted in their initial 4-6 weeks of employment

Goal #2 – To improve program fidelity and quality assurance initiatives by the end of FY 2020. Objective #1: To increase the number of successful discharges from the TRACK cognitive based program to achieve above a 75% successful discharge rate. Measure admissions and successful/unsuccessful completions for TRACK, our in-house cognitive based program.

On March 18, 2020, the Unified Government announced that all government buildings were closed to the public starting on March 23, 2020. Due to these measures, outcomes for the TRACK program are not available for the 3rd quarter. All staff returned to the office on June 8, 2020, but due to the rise in covid-19 cases, staff were reduced to working in the office to 20 hours a week and teleworking 20 hours from home.

Target	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	Year End
75%	76.6%	82.3%	*	87.5%

The TRACK program experienced challenges of providing cognitive interventions to the adult population while working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Immediate changes were made for the Adult Drug Court population. All appointments were conducted via telephone and video. Assignments were provided via e-mail and on YouTube.

Objective #2: At least 75% of probationers who successfully complete in-house employment programs will have decreased risk scores for education/employment and financial sub-scales at the time of probation discharge at the end of FY2020. Measure admissions and successful/unsuccessful completions for OWDS, our in-house employment program.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, outcomes for the OWDS program are not available for the third or fourth quarter. Staff returned to the office part time on June 8th and returned full-time at the end of the 4th quarter on June 22, 2020.

Target	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	Year End
75%	62.5%	72.2%	*	*

Jobs and Employment opportunities are starting to open back up and now our OWDs officer is reengaged with our probationers who need employment. Our OWDs specialist also joined the CHIPS unemployment subcommittee to network with the community members and work on unemployment issues in the County. Ms. Clardy asked Mr. Lockman is the OWS specialist has been working with the Work Force Partnership program. Mr. Lockman stated that his is currently engaged with the program.

Objective #3: Increase the success rate of SPMI probationers and the number assigned to the Behavioral Health Court.

For the fourth quarter (April 1st to June 30th), a total of 8 referrals were received, of which 3 were accepted, 4 denied, 1 absconded, and 1 pending acceptance. The target population goal was to have 12 active participants at the end of the FY 2020.

Target	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	Year End
12	8	4	7	8

Greatest challenge during the fourth quarter was providing adequate treatment services to our clients during covid-19 (both mental health as well as substance abuse). Sobriety due to the lack of treatment services was difficult. The Wyandot Center continues to have a vacant case manager position and due to Covid-19 the Wyandot Center has put off hiring. Once this position is filled, the BHC team can accept more probationers into the program.

This ended the report. Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the year end report. Ms. Clardy made the motion and Ms. Tousey 2nd the motion. All approved. 7/9.

Mr. Lockman also mentioned this is the first year we zeroed out our main grant and BHC grant. We did receive a \$50,000 cut, so the remaining funds that we are using are local_funds.

RESUMED BUSINESS

- BOARD MAINTENANCE – Nothing currently.

Future Meeting Locations

- January 27, 2020 12:00 AM -1:00 PM, in the Adult Community Corrections Conference Room. Meeting is open for the public to attend (or via zoom if we still are under restrictions)

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned at 12:24 PM.