ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
10/6/2021
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. Jackie Randle (Dep Chair), Judge Michael Russell,

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Phillip Lockman, ISFA Ryan Lockamy, Mavis Hutchings (recorder), Calvin Johnson, Rebecca Sandow

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:
12:06 pm meeting called to order by Chairman Damon Mitchell

REVIEW OF THE MEETING MINUTES:
Review of the minutes from August 11, 2021, meeting. The Chairman adopted the minutes. The board approved with no changes. Approved 6/6 members.

NEWS/INFORMATIONAL/BOARD REQUESTS

Correction to the FY 21 Quarterly Budget (4th QTR):
Director Lockman stated when we held the board in August the Budget which was presented was for the wrong quarter, so he presented the correct FY21 Q4 budget again, which moved money from drug testing, fuel, per deim, registration, mileage, KTAGS, Transportation, electronic monitoring, and office supplies to Benefits and Housing assistance. The grand total moved was $24,965.95.

Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion for approval. Ms. Jackie Randle made the motion and Ms. Suzie Tousey 2nd the motion. All approved 6/6. The board adopted the Fiscal Year 21 4th Quarter Budget submission.

FY21 Year End Out Come Report:

Mr. Ryan Lockamy provided an overview of the FY 2021 Year End Report.

- Community Corrections first outcome goal was to achieve a successful outcome of 75% for probationers discharged during FY 2021.
  - The departments’ objective # 1 toward this goal - At the end of FY21, less than 25% of all
cases discharged by this department will be due to probation revocations.

- In April of 2021, the Kansas Department of Corrections transitioned to a new web-based information system, Athena. Since April, KDOC has worked out numerous data migration issues and are continuing to make updates to fix errors. At the end of FY 21, reports were not available in Athena to determine outcomes of successfully discharges. This agency will not be able to be concluded if all cases discharged were less than 25% due to probation revocations.

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- Objective # 2 toward the goal was - All non-SB123 probationers ordered 60 days of shock time pending inpatient treatment are sent directly to inpatient treatment from jail.

- The formulation of this objective was data driven from pre-pandemic stats prior to Covid-19. As a result, this objective will be postponed for the third and fourth quarters in FY 21 and re-evaluated for the FY 22 comp plan. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the courts have reduced the number of revocation hearings and ordering shock time as a sanction. In the 4th quarter probationers detained pending treatment were able to be released into inpatient treatment within 60 days.

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- Community Corrections 2nd outcome goal was to target successful reentry of probationers who are considered moderate to high risk in FY 2021.

- Objective 1 for this goal was to identify moderate to high-risk probationers needing cognitive services. Increase the number of participants and successful discharges from the in-house cognitive program. Track, to achieve above a 75% successful discharge rate. Measure admissions and successful/unsuccessful completions from TRACK.

- For FY 22 there were 96 referrals made to one of four levels of our Cognitive Programs. Of those referrals, 22 were discharged unsuccessfully, refusing to participate in programming. However, 41 of the 60 who chose to participate, successfully completed the TRACK modality assigned and another 2 were actively enrolled at the end of the fourth quarter.

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- Discussion / Current Activities: During the 3rd quarter of FY 21, the TRACK program implemented a pilot MRT group for females. The class consisted of females from this agency’s specialty courts that have shown leadership within the program. During the fourth quarter the TRACK program rolled out the MRT curriculum to all adult ISP probationers. The TRACK
curriculum is still available for all Adult ISP probationers that do not need as intensive of an intervention as MRT provides.

- **Challenges:** Covid-19 continues to have an impact on the TRACK program. Groups are now conducted in-person, but the class size is reduced. Technology continues to be a barrier for Zoom classes. Some clients do not have access to the necessary technology, and some do not have the skills to figure out how to use it on their own. Visuals are a vital part of TRACK and therefore phone calls are not a sufficient option. At this time, KDOC’s new information database, Athena, does not allow reports to run to help identify probationers that meet the criteria for cognitive services.

- **Objective number 2 for this goal is to identify SPMI probationers and increase the number of participants assigned to the Behavioral Health Court.**

- At the end of the 4th quarter of FY 21, a total of 2 referrals were received are pending. The goal was to have 12 active participants at the end of the FY 2021 year.

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- Deborah Mason took over as the new BHC intensive supervision officer. She has extensive background and knowledge working in the criminal justice field with clients that have mental illness. However, Ms. Mason left the Department and the position of BHC Coordinator remains vacant posing some staffing challenges. Additionally, Housing options within Wyandotte County have posed a challenge for BHC clients, particularly those that do not have a history of substance abuse as many of our stable housing options are Oxford houses that require client to be in recovery to live there.

- **Objective number 3 for this goal is to reduce the number of absconders assigned to Community Corrections from Adult Court Services and SB 123 approved for inpatient treatment at the time of sentencing.**

- In FY 20, data reflected 38 probationers were sentenced under SB 123. Out of the 38, 23 were recommended to participate in inpatient treatment and 15 were recommended for outpatient services following sentencing. Out of the 23 probationers recommended for inpatient services, 10 (43.5%) absconded from probation following sentencing and failed to enter inpatient treatment. In FY 21, 10 probationers were recommended for inpatient treatment and 4 absconded following sentencing.

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In FY 21, 18 probationers were sentenced under SB 123. Of the 8 Sb 123 probationers that were recommended for out-patient services, 4 out of the 8 engaged in treatment following sentencing. Prior to sentencing, SB 123 supervisor Ashley Brown is scheduling inpatient beds as close to sentencing as possible and will provide transportation to the treatment facility.
- Outcome Goal number 3 was to improve quality assurance practices and procedures in FY 2021.

- Objective #1 for this goal was to develop and implement a consistent methodology for measuring inter-rater reliability. Each quarter, supervisors will randomly select 10% of each ISO’s caseload to audit. Increase motivation from and encourage the use of EPICS tools.

- For the fourth quarter of FY 21 only half of staff’s case audits completed due to supervisors having to absorb two vacant ISOs caseload each. This agency is down 4 ISO positions for the majority of FY 21 resulting in supervisors having to absorb two vacant ISOs caseloads.

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Chairman Mitchell asked what we are doing about getting personnel to apply for the positions. Mr. Lockamy stated the Department is posting the position on indeed, and other social media apps, since we are not having any success with the application process through the UG.

Chairman Mitchell then asked for a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021 report. Ms. Suzie Tousey made a motion and Mr. Curtis Ross and Ms. Jackie Randle 2nd the motion. All approved 6/6.

RESUMED BUSINESS

- BOARD MAINTENANCE – Nothing currently.

Future Meeting Locations
- January 26, 2022, 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 12:23 PM.