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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

4/26/2023

12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DA Damon Mitchell (Chair); Ms. Teresa Burton; Capt Kathleen Yarsulik; Capt Shardale Brown; Judge Michael Russell; Ms. Robbie Doerste; Ms. Christine Swenson

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS STAFF PRESENT: FSA Ryan Lockamy; Ms. Mavis Hutchings (recorder)

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM

REVIEW OF THE MEETING MINUTES: Chairman Mitchell asked the board members to adopt the meeting minutes from February 22, 2023, since they were sent out early to the board members to review. All board members (7/7) approved.

NEWS/INFORMATION/BOARD REQUESTS:

- **Update on the Budget (Behavioral Health Request) for FY 2024** – Per FSA Lockamy the Kansas Department of Corrections anticipates the state legislature will allocate \$3,000,000 to develop or enhance behavioral health services statewide in FY 2024. Community Corrections is looking to add a recovery coach under the Department with some of these funds.

- **Quarterly Grant Budget Amendment Report** – FSA Lockamy presented the Quarterly Grant budget to the board for approval. This is funding that was not used, and the State returned it back to us for usage before July 2023. For the 3rd Quarter, FY 2023, Community Corrections received \$72,143.51. The breakdown is below:

- \$12,000.00 is going to be used for Client services and Carey Guides (Expand cog base tools and assist with case management)

- \$47,143.51 is going to be used on upgrading office furniture, blinds etc.

- \$13,000.00 is going toward Audio/Visual equipment in the conference room

Chairman Mitchell asked the board to approve the Budget grant (BHC) proposal and the Quarterly Grant Budget FY 2023. Ms. Burton motioned and Judge Russell 2nd the motion. All members approved (7/7)

- **Review of the FY 2024 Comp Plan/Approval** -

- All the board members received the final draft of the FY 2024 Comprehensive Plan For review prior to the board. FSA Lockamy highlighted some of the areas of interest. He started on Page 7; with the assistance the county provides our department up on top of the additional

funding we ask for from the State.

\$796,385.00- UG-WYCOKCK Pays for:

- 1- BH Coordinator and 1 BH ISO, supplies and services.
- 1- Drug Court Coordinator and 2 DC ISO's, supplies, and services.
- 1- Cognitive Education Coordinator.
- 1- Administrator of Programs. Over Cognitive Ed, Specialty Courts, and UA program.
- 1- ISO UA lab coordinator.
- 1- ISO for DUI caseload.

In addition, UGWYCOKCK pays for our phone service including long distance, internet access, utilities, IT support, office space, and office cleaning.

- On page 8 of the Comp Plan FY 2024 – A change which impacted the program in FY 2023 was the agency has had difficulty hiring 2 vacant ISO positions. There were two applicants extended a conditional offer of employment in August of 2022, January of 2023, and February of 2023, but failed to make it to the end of the hiring process. The Adult Division Administrator and line supervisors have had to maintain the caseloads of vacated supervision officers which has impacted staff development in the use of EPICS, Carey Guides, and case auditing. An indeed account was created, and the adult ISO positions are posted. Resumes are received but it is a struggle to schedule interviews due to applicants backing out due to the Unified Government's residency requirement or the applicant fails to return calls to schedule an interview. We currently have one in the hiring process and one in the interview process. The department is hoping to fill the empty positions before the end of FY 2023.

- On Page 9 (Outcomes) – Our overall success rate was 79.90%. We have met the statutory requirement of 75% or higher. For successful closures we had a rate in FY 22 of 33.20% and unsuccessful closures we had a rate of 48.30%. The most prominent drivers of unsuccessful case closures in FY 2022 are when a case is discharged by the court and not all conditions of supervision are satisfied. For example, if an extension is requested from the courts to address remaining court fees, but is ordered closed with cost sent to collections, the case will be closed out unsuccessful. This agency will seek to reduce the number of unsuccessful closures by focusing on the identified FY24 target population and work effectively and efficiently via evidence-based practices to identify risk/need to target criminogenic risk factors of probationers.

- Page 10 (Agency Plan) – We had to describe our agency's target population that we would concentrate on FY 24. In FY24, this agency's target population will be probationers scoring moderate to high-risk in the sub-scales of companions and attitudes/orientation. Per the FY2022 LSI-R data, companions and attitudes/orientation were the highest subscale of this agency's revoked population and will be targeted based on this agency's immediate criminogenic needs. We will utilize the states assessments to identify moderate to high-risk probationers in the sub-scales of Education, Employment, Family/marital, Companions, Alcohol/Drug problems, Pro criminal Attitude/Orientation, and Antisocial Pattern and make referrals to the community -based or in house providers as follows:

- Education – Workforce, KCK Community College, Avenue to Life
- Employment – Workforce, Connections to success, In-house employment specialist
- Family/Martial – Wyandot Center
- Companions – In-house TRACK program
- Alcohol/Drug Problems – In-house drug court, Mirror inc. HRADAC, Chautauqua
- Pro-criminal Attitude/ Orientation – In house TRACK program
- Antisocial Pattern – Wyandot Center, in-house Behavioral Health Court

- **Page 11 (BHC Grant)** – We mentioned the BHC grant in the budget portion of the meeting and we are looking at hiring a recover coach for the Department.

-FY 2024 Goals/Objectives –

- Number 1 - We want to meet the goal of having a 75% success rate. Some objectives look at the evidenced based practices, engaging in the natural community trying to find the prosocial support is important to help the probationer with barriers. We want to make sure during our case review audits we are identifying and measuring and providing feedback to the staff to ensure they are identifying the prosocial support if we need to help assist the probationer. Also, we want to make sure our agency policies are 100% in compliance with KDOC standards.

-Number 2 – Developing and sustaining staff skills through coaching and application of evidence base practices. We do follow the 8 principles of evidence base practices. We try to make sure we are proficient in the principles. We have received an 18-module curriculum that we received from the Carey Guide Group, which we will teach the staff monthly EDP programming during our staff meetings to help them improve their skills.

Chairman Mitchel asked what tool we have identified is the most successfully used, which resulted in above 75% success rates. FSA Lockamy mentioned how big of an impact CBT has on our population, and the Carey Guides Group offers tools in companions, which helps identify who those negative antisocial people in their lives that have an impact on them. It is homework that assists the probationer to identify who is the anti-social person in their lives and helps them realize the impact of what they have lost and the impact on their family. It also helps them identify the prosocial people that can help them stay on track in their lives. FSA Lockamy mentioned this tool is used most often by the officers and companions as one of the high-risk sub-scales. Without this tool we would probably see more unsuccessful probationers.

Ms. Christine Swenson asked the question, “When you are looking at the unsuccessful discharges, what is the top three reasons?” FSA Lockamy mentioned there is not really any guidance from the State on how we classify unsuccessful discharges. If a Judge orders, the case unsuccessful closed then it is unsuccessful. However, if the case is closed and the probation still owes court costs then it is considered unsuccessful because they still had a requirement left for the case to be successfully closed. We could go to court and ask for a 12-month extension, but an agreement between the DA and the Defense was agreed upon in court to allow the case and send costs sent collections. To us this is still unsuccessful because not everything was completed while on probation. No real guidance from the state on what is considered unsuccessful. However, if we look at the revoked population that is different. These are probationers that were revoked and go to prison (Those are considered unsuccessful).

BOARD MAINTENANCE: Nothing at this time.

Chairman Mitchell asked if there was any more questions or comments. Charmian Mitchell thanks for the overview of the Comp Plan FY 24 for submission. He mentioned the next meeting, which the information is below.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATION: My 24, 2023, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM, via zoom.

ADJOURMENT: Chairman Mitchell asked for a motioned for the board to adjourn at 12:21 PM. Judge Russell motion to adjourn and no one opposed. Chairman Mitchell mentioned he would sign the FY 2023 Quarterly Grant Budget and the Comp Plan FY 2024 and send it to Ms. Hutchings to forward it to FSA Lockamy.