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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

A meeting of the Community Corrections Advisory Board of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, will be conducted in a hybrid format on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 12:00 PM.

We invite you to view the meeting in person in the 5th-floor conference room, Suite 515 of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, or virtually via Zoom at the link below.

Topic: Monthly Meeting of the Community Corrections Advisory Board

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Community Corrections Advisory Board

*Promoting Safety within OUR Community Through
Responsive Risk Reduction*

February 28, 2024, 12:00pm-1:00pm

LOCATION: Via Zoom with Community Corrections



- **Call the meeting to order/Update**
 - **Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2023**
- **News/Informational/Board Requests**
 - **Welcome new member Alexander Kemp from the Housing Authority Office**
 - **Elect a new Chair and Vice Chair**
 - **Phil Lockman providing an update on the Community Corrections Department.**
- **Resumed Business**
 - **Board Maintenance- Nothing at this time.**
- **Future Meeting location**
 - **3/27/2024, 12:00- 1:00 PM - Zoom**
 - **4/24/2024, 12:00 -1:00 PM- Zoom**
- **Adjournment**
- **Board Requests for Information**



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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 9/27/2023 12:00 NOON TO 1:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN DA DAMON MITCHELL, ASSIST CHAIRMAN JACKIE RANDALE, SUZIE TOUSEY, HONORABLE MICHAEL RUSSELL, ROBBIE DOERSTE, CHRISTINE SWENSON, TERESA BURTON

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS STAFF PRESENT: MR. PHILLIP LOCKMAN, FSA RYAN LOCKAMY, MS MAVIS HUTCHINGS AND LACY RUSSELL(PBSO)

BOARD STARTED AT 12:07 PM

REVIEW OF THE MEETING MINUTES:

Reviewed the minutes from April 26, 2023. Chairman Mitchell asked if the board had any questions or changes. Meeting minutes were accepted by the board. 7/7 on board.

NEWS/INFORMATIONAL/REQUESTS:

FY 23 Year End Report:

- FSA Lockamy provided an overview of the FY 23 Year End Report. Community Corrections develops goals with objectives each fiscal year to help improve the Department. KDOC has developed a spreadsheet for the department to record their goals, objectives, progress, challenges, and modifications of the goals/objectives.

- **GOAL # 1-Achieve or maintain a success rate of 75% or higher; or improve last Fiscal year's success rate by at least 3%.**

- **First Objective for Goal # 1:** At the end of FY 23, less than 25% of all cases discharged will be due to probation revocations.

- **Action Steps Developed to help support the Objective # 1/Goal #1**

- **Number 1** -Refer all probationers moderate to high risk in the companion (FY 23 Target Population) sub-scale to in-house cognitive (TRACK) programming for review.

-PROGRESS: In FY 23, a total of 355 probationers were discharged from supervision. Of the 355 cases closed, 80% were deemed successful or not revoked from probation compared to 20% whose probation was revoked and remanded to the Kansas Department of Corrections. Following the initial LSCMI / WRNA assessment,

completed by intake ISO Robyn Ayers, probationers are flagged on an internal spreadsheet identifying probationers moderate to high risk in the companion's subscale. The spreadsheet is reviewed the Cognitive Facilitator to coordinate services with the ISO and probationer.

-MODIFICATION: Orientation for MRT is currently held monthly for new referrals. In FY 24, orientation will be changed to bi-weekly in an attempt to engage probationers faster in the MRT program.

-Number 2 - All staff will participate in refresher training on core correctional practices, Epics, Motivational Interviewing, etc.

-PROGRESS: On 09/27/2022, staff participated in a motivational interviewing refresher training facilitated by therapist Kily Nattier-Smith with the Wyandot Center.

-MODIFICATION: In FY 24, this agency will participate in a two-day motivational interviewing training. This training will be a deeper dive into motivational interviewing techniques compared to previous refresher training.

-Number 3 -All probationers moderate to high in attitudes / orientation, companions, emotional personal, substance abuse subscales at intake to notify in-house providers to review.

-PROGRESS: Following the initial LSCMI / WRNA assessment completed by intake ISO Robyn Ayers, probationers are flagged on an internal spreadsheet moderate to high risk in the sub-scales stated in the action step. The spreadsheet is reviewed by Ellen Knocke, Wyandotte County Liaison. Ellen reaches out to the probationer moderate to high risk in emotional/personal to link the probationer with services. During the 4th quarter, Ellen identified 41 probationers with prior services with the Wyandot Center out of 77 screened with having emotional risk per the LSCMI/WRNA. Out of the 77 probationers, 37 were reconnected with services.

-MODIFICATION: none

- **Second Objective to Goal #1-** Increase referrals to both Drug and Behavioral Courts by 10% in FY 23.

- Action Steps Developed to help support the Objective # 2 and Goal #1

-Number 1 – Identify probationers moderate to high risk in the substance abuse sub-scale of the LSCMI / WARNA and refer to Drug Court for review.

-PROGRESS: Follow sentencing, all probationers participate in a risk/needs assessment (LSCMI or WRNA). Probationers are referred to the Drug Court program if they meet the entry criteria. Drug Court received 21 referrals during the 4th quarter of FY 23. In FY 23 there was an increase of 38% in referrals from FY 22.

-MODIFICATIONS: In FY 24, the offender work force position will be converted into a drug court ISO to allow the drug court program to expand. Employment services will move in in-house to utilizing community partners.

-Number 2- Identify probationers moderate to high risk in the emotional personal subscale of the LSCMI / WARNA and refer to Behavioral Health Court for review.

-PROGRESS: Ellen Knocke with the Wyandot Center reviews an internal spreadsheet that identifies probationers moderate to high risk in the emotional personal subscale of the LSCMI/WRNA assessments. Ellen will notify the probation officer of the probationers SPMI status for consideration to make a referral to behavioral health court. In FY 23, Ellen identified 131 probationers having an emotional risk per the Risk Needs Assessment. Of the 131, 37 met the criteria for Behavioral Health Court. In the 4th quarter of FY 23, BHC received 16 referrals.

-MODIFICATIONS: none

- **GOAL #2- Target successful reentry of probationers who are considered moderate to high risk in FY 2023.**

- **First Objective for Goal #2** - Less than 88% of probationers revoked in FY 23 will be moderate to high risk in the companion's subscale.

- Action Steps Developed to help support the Objective # 1/Goal #2

-Number 1- Identify all probationers moderate to high risk in the companion's sub scale of the LSCMI / WARNA and refer to in house cognitive programming.

-PROGRESS: Following the initial LSCMI / WRNA assessment completed by intake ISO Robyn Ayers, probationers are flagged on an internal spreadsheet identifying probationers moderate to high risk in the companion's subscale. The spreadsheet is reviewed by Cognitive Facilitator James Williamson to coordinate services with the ISO and the probationer. James Williamson created a referral form and updated staff with a referral process for in-house cognitive services. In the 4th quarter of FY 23, 21 referrals were completed for cognitive programming. In FY 23, 43 probationers of out 70 probationers revoked participated in a risk needs assessment. Of the 43 probationers, 26 (60%) were moderate to high in the companion's subscale compared to 88% in FY 22.

-MODIFICATION: none

-Number 2 - All staff will participate in refresher training on all in-house cognitive services offered to probationers.

-PROGRESS: Staff participated in a refresher of all cognitive services offered in House by Kimberly Daugherty in the 1st Quarter of FY 23.

-MODIFICATION: The Adult Division Administrator, Ryan Lockamy participated in a training facilitated by the Carey Group to teach staff an 18-module curriculum to advance staff skills in evidence-based practices. The goal was to start the training in FY24 as part of the FY 24 compressive plan.

- Teresa Burton asked FSA Lockamy, "What do you think is the reason why companions

are less in FY 2023 then in FY 2022?” FSA Lockamy stated as Officers we have started to identify the probations up front with their assessment. We have implemented Carrie Guides and in-house services for the probationers to address their behaviors and needs. Director Lockman also mentioned that we purchased an additional Carrie Guides to assist our officers in addressing behaviors that need to change with our probations. The Carrie Guides assist the probationers in identifying behaviors which cause them to make the decision they made. Then the probationer and the Officer looks at ways to change the unfavorable behavior.

- Chairman Mitchell asked if FSA Lockamy could provide an overview of the in house COG services (MRT, etc) – FSA Lockamy stated it is a 6-month program, which varies in detail on moral recognition therapy. We also have an Anger Management program for probationers who are required to complete Anger Management as part of their probation. The Anger Management program is also very detailed in moral recognition.

- Director Lockman stated the probationer received a workbook which they have to complete, the probationer is also put in role model playing, and they have to participate in the class. His or her peers must vote on their progress to move them to the next phase. Most probationers say that the program is very eye opening. The goal is to complete the program, but you benefit from exposure to the program.

- Judge Russell stated that Behavioral Health Court (BHC) probationers are also placed in the COG program around Phase II. Upon asking the BHC probationers if they benefit from the program, they all stated they do.

- Director Lockman mentioned the program does not work the same with Juveniles. Juveniles do better as individuals (one on one with the instructor). Most Juveniles do not like to provide input in front of their peers.

- Chairman Mitchell asked for a motion to adopt the FY 23 Year End Report. Teresa Burton motioned to approve and Judge Russell 2nd the motion. All were in favor 7/7. FY 23 Year End Report was approved.

- Director Lockman mentioned we will be looking at hosting the next board on October 25, 2023 to approve the budget if it gets finalized.

RESUMED BUSINESS:

BOARD MAINTENANCE: Nothing at this time.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS:

- October 25, 2023 from 12:00 AM -1:00 PM, via zoom (link will be sent out in the first week of October)
- November 22, 2023 from 12:00 AM -1:00 PM, via zoom (link will be sent out in the first week of November – this board TBD)
- No Board in Dec 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Mitchell Adjourned the Advisory Board at 12:31 PM.