

GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD/LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

10/10/2023

Board Chair: Circuit Court Judge Mark Spitzer: **Present**

Vice Chair: Superior Court 1 Judge Jeff Todd: Absent

Members:

Bardsley, Mark- Commissioner: Absent

Barker, Steven- Judge-Gas City: Absent

Clayton, Johnny- Ex Offender: Absent

Dominisse, Lisa- Mental Health: **Present**

Eckerle, Tim- Lay Person: **Present**

Elliott, Bruce- Public Defender: **Present**

Foust, Bridget-Superior Court 2 Judge- **Present**

Garcia, Del- Sheriff - **Present**

Garinger, Natasha- Victim's Advocate: **Present**

Glickfield, David- Lay Person: **Present**

Haley, Angela Chief- Mayor Designee: **Present** Captain Mark Stefanatos was Chief's designee.

Hotz, Michael- Judge- Marion City: Absent

Hunt, Scott- Prosecutor: **Present**

Huskey, Alex- Education: **Present**

McLane, Brian- Magistrate: **Present**

McVicker, Jason- Superior Court 3 Judge: **Present**

Poling, Chuck- County Council: Absent

Stephenson, Melissa- Probation: **Present**

Whitticker, Joselyn- Lay Person: **Present**

Wilson, Andrea- DCS Interim Director: **Present**

Others in attendance: Chris Cunningham, Brant Yeakle, Mike Small, Captain Jason Camery, Sarah Wilson and Sargent Josh Zigler

The meeting was called to order by Judge Spitzer.

There was a quorum present for this meeting.

Judge Spitzer presented the minutes of the last meeting. Tim Eckerle made a motion to approve the minutes.

Joselyn Whittaker seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The financial report was presented to the board. Tim Eckerle made a motion to accept the report as presented.

Judge Foust seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at noon. Same location.

Chris presented to board with the 2024 meeting dates. 1/23/24, 3/12/24, 5/14/24, 8/6/24, 10/8/24 and 12/3/24.

Chris informed the Board that the County Council passed 5% pay raises for all non-PO salaried employees for 2024. Chris requested those employees within Community Corrections receive the same 5% salary increase since we follow the county salary schedule. Tim Eckerle made a motion to accept the motion as presented.

Joselyn Whittaker seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Chris provided the year-end budget transfers for the following accounts. Transfer PI to CC not to exceed \$125,000. Transfer PI to CRRP/Reentry Court not to exceed \$105,000. Transfer from CTP to PI not to exceed

\$90,000. Lisa Dominisse made a motion to accept the motion as presented. Judge McVicker seconded the motion. It passes unanimously.

Chris presented an updated data report for FY 22-23. We began keeping this data in 2015 for a baseline that focused on the impact to the courts and includes court filings and DOC commitments. Chris stated there has been a 45% increase in Level 6 filings since 2015. We have saved DOC over \$4,694,016 by deferring clients in this time period. (See attached report)

Local Advisory Council:

SEA 9 EM quarterly report:

Chris presented the board with the SEA 9 EM Quarterly Report. It is a new requirement from the state. It details clients served and fees made each quarter. 3rd quarter shows HD served 61 clients and brought in 35,663.00 in fees. (See attached report)

Juvenile Detention Center/Jail Overcrowding Workgroup:

Sheriff Garcia reported that the recommendations the group gave were presented to the commissioners and council in a joint meeting. The Council would like to see the D-Home used to house adults and help alleviate the overcrowding issues. Sheriff Garcia noted that they would have to increase food and medical costs as well as hire 24 new staff members in order to do this. Currently the talks are still ongoing with nothing being decided yet.

Opioid Settlement Workgroup:

Judge Spitzer stated that the workgroup went to the council with their spending proposal and the council approved their recommendations. They also recommended hiring a Court Services Liaison as well. They are currently interviewing for this position. They would like to also hire a drug court probation officer with additional settlement funds. Melissa will send out a meeting request to those on the workgroup to meet soon and discuss additional funds coming and how to utilize them.

Mental Health Workgroup:

Lisa reported they had recently received a grant to hire a mental health court coordinator as well as a case manager. She stated the contracts were slowed down by the near government shut down, but they hope to get them soon. She said they target date for having the mental health court up and running is first quarter 2024.

MEMBER REPORTS:

Public Defender: Bruce stated that they will be down 3 PD's starting in January 2024. The council did provide salary increases for 2024 so he hopes that will help in the search for replacements.

Prosecutor: Scott Hunt reported that he is not fully staffed and is having trouble even attracting applicants at all. He is hoping to look outside of Indiana for recruits.

Radiant Health (formally GBMH)

Judge Spitzer said the local EDO process has been updated to remain compliant with state statute. They see progress in using this to streamline the process. Lisa reported the Crisis Stabilization Unit is being utilized daily and is helping to keep people out of the hospital and jail. They currently have their floorplan under code review. Once passed they will accept bids and begin construction. She stated this unit needs to be fully constructed and functional by January 2025. They have had \$2,000,000 added to their funding. This 24/7 mobile crisis unit consist of a peer support, crisis intervention specialist, licensed therapist and prescriber. Once it's fully functional this will be a great asset to Grant County.

MPD: N/A

Grant County Sheriff: Captain Jason Camery talked briefly about the new jail management system that they hope to be up and running this month.

Court Services: Melissa reported court services will have a Pretrial Services recertification in February 2024. Recertification is every 3 years and involves feedback from the state after they spend a couple days looking at our process. She then stated that probation is fully staffed. We still have 1 vacancy for a probation officer in Community Corrections. She stated the stress remains high for the juvenile staff with no D-home locally available. Mike Small reported that \$347,000 has been spent so far this year on juvenile beds for Grant County kids taken to other counties. Captain Stefanatos mentioned the increased cost to the city and Judge Foust noted other costs that are not covered in budgets for the County and city of Marion. Some examples are separate transports for adults and juveniles as well as OT fore staff being called in to cover a transport.

Grant County Commissioners: N/A

Grant County Council: N/A

Grant County Judges: N/A

Marion Health: N/A

State JRAC: Judge Spitzer reported that State JRAC has had a shift in focus and are working on ways to support local JRAC boards with trainings and information in hopes local JRAC's can be liaisons to the state.

Judge Spitzer adjourned the meeting at 12:57pm.