

**Community Corrections Advisory Board**  
**Minutes – February 9, 2023 (In Person & Zoom)**

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**Members Present:** In person: Michael Birzer, Tyler Roush

Via Zoom: Sandra Clinard-Flanders, Kelli Grant, Peter Shay, Santiago Hungria, Aaron Breitenbach, AlmaAnn Jones, Frederick Freeman Jr.

**Members Absent:** Sean Gates, Dena Lee, Cody Alexander

**Staff:** In person: Chase Tipton

Via Zoom: Lori Gibbs, Steve Stonehouse, Sasha Teel, Tom Struble

**Guests:** In person: none

Via Zoom: none

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**Introductions and Announcements:** Chase Tipton provided an update that the vacant General - County Commission board member position, previously held by Janet Federico, is in the process of being filled.

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from the meeting on January 12, 2023:** *A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 12, 2023 meeting was made by Peter Shay, seconded by Aaron Breitenbach and unanimously approved.*

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of the SFY22 Unexpended Funds Award.** Chase informed the board that the Kansas Department of Corrections is returning \$165,463.59 in unexpended funds from SFY22 that will be utilized to help cover personnel costs. *Chase Tipton provided agenda item language for a motion to approve the chair to sign and for technical modifications on the FY22 unexpended funding from KDOC. Kelli Grant affirmed the language provided as the motion and Tyler Roush seconded and unanimously approved.*

**ACTION ITEM: Approval to change the date of the April CAB meeting to April 6<sup>th</sup>:** *A motion for approval to change the date of the April CAB meeting to April 6<sup>th</sup> was made by Peter Shay, seconded by AlmaAnn Jones and unanimously approved.*

**Program Updates:** Lori Gibbs provided an update that a Memorandum of Understanding for the Veteran's Treatment Court is progressing through our internal system with an anticipated start date in April. In order to help with implementation, several staff members were able to recently participate in a site visit with Johnson County Department of Corrections to observe their program. Staff will also have an opportunity to attend a training, offered by Justice for Vets, later this year. Currently, Lori and her team are working on updating the program handbook and discussing strategies for quickly identifying clients who are eligible for services.

Lori reported that her team is currently working on the Annual Comprehensive Plan that will consist of goal setting and identifying barriers and challenges. The board was reminded that the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) sets a standard goal of 75% successful completion rate which Sedgwick County has never been able to meet. Once the Comprehensive Plan is completed, it will require approval from both CAB and the Board of County Commissioners before final submission to the KDOC.

Lori shared that the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections will collaborate on two upcoming projects, the first of which is with staff from the University of Cincinnati who will be teaching a coaching model (coach vs referee) when interacting with clients. The second project is with Dr. Craig-Moreland, from Wichita State University, who will be analyzing data related to racial and ethnic disparities. Lori shared that our current case management system may make it difficult to extract historical data for both projects.

Sasha Teel provided an update that there are currently 92 clients in the Adult Residential/Work Release (ARES) facility. Sasha also reported that construction will begin later this month for the expansion of the female dorm and Pathway Church is now offering weekly bible study groups.

Tom Struble provided an update that Human Resources has implemented a new evaluation process where staff will help provide input towards individual goals which will may coincide with goals being established on the Comprehensive Plan. Tom also shared that a limited number of staff have applied for access to E-File.

**Other Business:** Steve Stonehouse asked that all board members attend the March CAB meeting in-person so they may participate in a Strategic Planning Focus Group with members of Wichita State University.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023.