**Community Corrections Advisory Board**

**Minutes – April 4, 2024 (In Person & Zoom)**

**Members Present:** In person: Alma Ann Jones, Juanita Denise Ridge

Via Zoom: Sandra Clinard-Flanders, Peter Shay, Aaron Breitenbach, Capt. Cody Alexander, Becky Springer, Dena Lee, Benita Chaplin, Tyler Roush

**Members Absent:** Samuel Steincamp, Dr. Michael Birzer

**Staff:** In person: Lesa Lank, Julee Meslin, Andrea Drinnen, Barrett Ancelet

Via Zoom: Lori Gibbs, Tom Struble, Monica Harris, Sasha Teel, Steven Stonehouse, Jessica Christian, Chris Morales

**Guests**: Dr. Brian Lovins and Rachel Goldstein with Justice System Partners

**Introductions and Announcements: Sandra Clinard-Flanders announced that Board member Peter Shay has been named CSO of the Year for the State of Kansas.**

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes from the prior meeting on February 8, 2024: *A motion to approve the Minutes from the February 8 meeting was made by AlmaAnn Jones, seconded by Peter Shay and unanimously approved.***

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of the SFY2025 Adult Comprehensive Plan grant application and funding plan for submission to the Sedgwick County BoCC for additional required approval, submission to KDOC and authorization for the Chair to sign with additional approval for any technical modifications. *Peter Shay made the motion to approve grant application and funding plan, the motion was seconded by Capt. Cody Alexander and unanimously approved.***

**GUEST SPEAKERS: Dr. Brian Lovins and Rachel Goldstein from Justice System Partners**

Dr. Lovins is the former Assistant Director for the Harris County Community Corrections System in Houston, Texas. He has a Ph.D in Criminology and a Masters Degree in Social Work. He is currently the President for Justice System Partners. Justice System Partners is working with Sedgwick County DOC on a five-year program to develop and implement evidence based practices (EBP) by utilizing a coaching approach vs referee model. This program will establish an environment where supervisors can support staff, and staff can do their best work using EBP to achieve sustained, long-term behavior change. Rachel Goldstein, lead on the project, spoke about the excitement of KDOC to work collaboratively. KDOC was able to attend and participate in a recent onsite visit in March. Rachel went on to share that the Implementation and Continuous Quality Improvement teams will be instrumental in building an infrastructure within DOC to insure the program’s successes.

**Program Updates:** Tom Struble shared that although ISO staffing has been a challenge, three ISOs have been hired since February. One ISO comes from Wyandotte County and is already KDOC certified. The other two ISOs will start on 4/8/24 and be certified to manage their own caseload within six to nine months. Tom went on to report that although stats for 2023 were at 52% successful completion rate, 3rd quarter FY2024 is at 56.2% successful completion.

Sasha Teel reported that as of March 5, 2024 ARES/WR intakes have been suspended due to a staffing shortage. There are eight vacancies, including four supervisory positions. Two supervisors are on military leave. The current ARES population is 50 and there is capacity for between 170 to 180 clients. Pathway Church provided an Easter service this past Sunday and had several baptisms, including family members of current residents. Sasha went on to report that the facility will be getting several upgrades including new flooring and new CIP shower facilities.

Monica Harris reported that Drug Court has a population of 100! COMCARE has added new groups due to increasing population and has underfilled the QMHP position with a DC case manager. As the result of a collaborative request from defense counsel, Drug Court will now have processes in place for clients who have been prescribed medications that had previously not been permitted for long-term use.  This should increase our ability to assist clients with dual diagnoses and chronic pain conditions. Veterans Court has tripled in population and is up to 3 clients. Monica went on to share the quarterly policy review has been completed.

Lori Gibbs proposed that the board consider a potential change in the frequency of CAB meetings. She advised that Julee Meslin will be sending out information for the proposed change.

**Other Business**: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024.