

December 10, 2002

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Cleveland County Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 10th day of December, 2002, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Chairman Dave Stockwell. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Dave Stockwell, Chairman
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary
Waldo Blanton, Member
William C. Hetherington, Member
Libba Smith, Member

Members DeWayne Beggs and Tim Kuykendall were absent. Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston and Member Leroy Krohmer were absent at roll call.

Others present were: Corry Flowers, Bill Yeager, Ed Kearns, Debbie Cox, Steve Nelson, Paul Garcia, Sonny Scott, Cindy Allen, Tim Guinn, Tom Belusko, Jennifer Creecy, and Steve Stice.

Chairman Stockwell as if the Council was in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Dorinda Harvey answered in the affirmative.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 12, 2002, and there being no additions or corrections Waldo Blanton moved that the minutes be approved. William C. Hetherington seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

After questions about the Sheriff's invoices being so low and an explanation as to why Dorinda Harvey moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve the reviewing of the October, 2002 monthly bills.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Libba Smith, yes.
Motion carried.

(Leroy Krohmer entered the meeting at this time)

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on reports of unsuccessful offenders in Cleveland County and Statewide.

(Melissa Houston entered the meeting at this time.)

Bill Yeager presented the Council with several reports and charts. Mr. Yeager explained each of the reports: the Revoked Offenders, the Successful Offenders, and the Data Analysis of System Failures. Questions were asked and answered about the reports including the number of female offenders that were revoked.

Judge William C. Hetherington and Mr. Yeager had more discussion as far the time frame between the assessment of risk for re-offending and offender's sentencing, some taking as long as thirteen (13) months. Judge Hetherington stated one of the problems is that the attorney's do not tell his secretary when they are setting sentencing pleas that it is community sentencing and it is not known until the offender is before the Judge. More discussion took place as to each report.

Melissa Houston moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to table discussion, consideration, and/or action on reports of unsuccessful offenders in Cleveland County and Statewide, as more information is wanted.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for Item #4 under New Business, discussion, consideration, and/or action on LSI's reporting time by Steve Stice.

Mr. Stice told the Council that the twenty-four (24) hour reporting is difficult to comply with and he can't do it. He is asking the Council to return to the seventy-two (72) hour reporting time rule. Mr. Stice stated that his clients are indigent, they don't have telephones and he has to contact them by mail.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by Libba Smith, to return to the seventy-two hour time rule. Member of the Council and Cindy Allen from the District Attorney's Office went over the time frame from the time someone is arrested then going through the process. More discussion took place as to how long it is taking to get through the process.

Melissa Houston and Chairman Stockwell stated that they thought the offenders should be getting information as far as community sentencing, indigent counsel, drug court, and representation before the offender ever leaves the jail.

(William C. Hetherington exited the meeting at this time.)

More discussion took place as far as who should be informing the offenders in order for the time process to get started.

Mrs. Houston thought that the reason the time was changed was to get offenders into treatment as soon as possible after the arrest so they can start demonstrating their amenability to treatment as soon as possible and it was her understanding the reason it was moved was that the seventy-two (72) hours was setting everything back a week so it was becoming almost a month to two months before anyone could get into treatment.

Mr. Stice stated that there was a lag time of a month before anyone knows if the offenders are eligible for the program. More discussion took place.

Chairman Stockwell asked how many LSI's were done in the month of November and Debbie Cox stated fourteen.

Ed Kearns stated that there is an average of eight (8) to fourteen (14) done depending upon the month.

Mr. Stice stated that 75% of those are for indigent clients. More discussion took place.

Chairman Stockwell called for the vote:

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Ed Kearns stated that the time frame really needs to be looked at because once the LSI goes beyond six (6) months it is every likely that information is going to change.

Chairman Stockwell called for Item #1 under New Business discussion, consideration, and/or action to approve the Notice of Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2003. Chairman Stockwell stated that all of the meetings would be the seconded Tuesday of each month except for the month of November, when it would be moved to the third Tuesday because of Veteran Day.

Leroy Krohmer moved, seconded by Melissa Houston, to approve the notice of regular meetings for Calendar Year 2003.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to review previous months (November) bills.

Bill Yeager stated that the providers needed to be complimented, for getting their invoices in.

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approve the reviewing of November's bills.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for discussion, consideration, and/or action on Jail Cost, whether Council to pay or offender to pay.

Cindy Allen explained to the Council that the offenders are going to jail for sanctions, and they need to help pay their jail cost.

Melissa Houston was surprised that offenders were not paying now.

Ed Kearns stated that of the thirty (\$30.00) dollars, twenty-four (\$24.00) was being paid by the Council and six (\$6.00) out of Admin. Several of the Council Members thought that the Judge was already ordering the offenders to pay if it was determined by the Judge that they could.

Libba Smith moved, seconded by Waldo Blanton, to approved the offender to pay jail cost if the Judge determines offender can pay.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Stockwell called for the Presentation on Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers.

Corry Flowers stated that there was an excellent incentive docket on November 27, 2002, five offenders from his case-load were recommended for early termination because they had completed everything and two others had just terminated regularly at the two (2) year mark.

Jennifer Creecy stated that twelve (12) people from her office were on the incentive docket. Jennifer also talked a little about the Clean Start Program.

Cindy Allen stated that Judge Hetherington wanted to invite all of the Planning Council to attend the incentive docket. That are going to be held quarterly and the next one is going to be March 31, 2003 at 8:30 A. M. Ms. Allen stated that the Council only hears about the bad things and this is really up lifting and motivating to see that people do successfully complete and it is paying off.

(Leroy Krohmer exited the meeting at this time.)

Bill Yeager stated that he also attached in the reports that he had already discussed a publication on “Supervision: Exploring the Dimensions of Effectiveness” which is every good.

Ed Kearns stated that between October and November eight (8) people with successfully completions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Melissa Houston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dorinda Harvey seconded the motion.

The vote was: Dave Stockwell, yes; Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.