

January 10, 2022, Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM. The following parties attended the meeting: Layne Sumner, Mike Reed, Tammy Johnston, Kathy Groninger, Scott D. Whitaker, Kyle Dukes, Karin McGrath, Chris Kehler, Torrey Bauer, Kara Shively, Pam Kennedy, Daniel Hampton, Antony Garza, Erin Rowland
(Sign-In Sheet Attached)

Welcome

- Judge Reed welcomed the group to the meeting.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Tammy Johnston moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Tony Garza seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Financial Update

- Barry Andrew provided the group with a financial report for 2021. Barry informed the group that KCCC and Drug Court receive the same dollar amount each month from IDOC. Please see the attached financial report.

Participant Report

- Barry Andrew gave an update on participant/program numbers for October 1, 2021-December 31, 2021. (Please see attached program numbers report.)
- Judge Reed asked why only 48 active participants.
- Barry wasn't able to identify one reason why participant numbers are low. He reports the relationship with Work Release continues to go well. Barry informed they lost one participant to an overdose. Dan Hampton asked if that participant had any sanctions through the program prior to his death. Barry did not have that information at the meeting but he reported he would get it to Dan.
- Erin Rowland asked if application numbers are low. Barry reports no.
- Tammy Johnston explained people who have 10+ years to serve in IDOC are applying to KCCC. She reports there have been an increase in applicants who simply aren't appropriate for the program. There have also been applicants who have convictions for sex offenses and they are automatically declined.
- Maximum case load per KCCC officer is 25.
- Judge Kehler asked if offenders who have a sex offense can simply be told not to apply.
- Barry reports they can be told but KCCC can't stop anyone from applying and do not want to contradict what a client may have been told by their attorney. (See attached program numbers.)

Financial Audit Update

- \$132,771.59 of unspent KCCC IDOC grant funds will remain local but will be subtracted from the 2022 awarded funds.
- Erin Rowland asked why so much money was unspent. Barry did not have past years to compare.

Job Descriptions and Pay Scale Update

- The updated job descriptions have been completed by the Executive Committee and have been submitted to the Wage Committee. The Wage Committee process was provided to the group.
- Dan Hampton reports the wage committee will entertain a presentation by the Executive Committee.
- Kathy Groninger reports this allows them to be more fiscally responsible and allows people to present their needs in person.

JRAC

- KCCC received a letter from IDOC regarding the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC). On January 4, 2022, KCCC and Probation had a meeting regarding JRAC.
- A list of required members was provided to the board. Section 4d of 33-38-9.5-4 indicates the KCCC board can serve at the JRAC for Kosciusko County.
- Barry asked the group if they would like to fill this role.
- Dan explained to the group that many of the tasks in JRAC overlap or are similar to those of the KCCC board.
- Tammy Johnston reports there is mandatory data that will have to be collected across several different agencies and systems.
- Dan Hampton reports that as JRAC evolves the special statutorily required group can be created.
- Tony Garza moved for the KCCC Board to take on the roll as serving as JRAC. Judge Kehler seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Closing

- The 2022 meeting are scheduled for April 11, 2022, July 11, 2022, and October 10, 2022.
- Dan Hampton moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Garza seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:38 PM.