

Wabash County Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting

August 16, 2023

Noon

Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Judge McCallen, Judge Vanderpool, Jeff Hobson, Mike Castro, Brian Swihart, Kyle Bowman, Valerie Eiler, Joel Makin, Makenzie Hill, Jordan Tandy, Joe Eddingfield, Matt Bruss, Jessica DeBrotta, Shawn Light, Mike Keaffaber,

Joel called the meeting to order.

Joel made a motion to approve the minutes from May. Matt Bruss seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

Jeff went over staff updates at WCCC. At this time Becca will be leaving at the end of August. Allison Mosher will move into the intake officers position the first of September. This will open up a probation officer position at WCCC. They will begin interviews later this week with candidates for this position. At this time, they will not be filling the Work Release coordinators position.

Jeff then gave an update on the Community Correction numbers. There are currently 47 on EHD, 3 in Problem Solving Court Electronic Monitoring, 4 on Pre-Trial, 2 on CTP, 5 in Adult Day Reporting, 4 juveniles on EHD/EM, and 10 in Work Release.

Jeff spoke about the ratification of grant votes done via email. Brian asked that the board finalize the vote in person. Judge McCallen made a motion to accept the ratification of votes. Matt Bruss seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes. Jeff also spoke about the Law amendments for the JRAC board.

Next, Kyle spoke about the work release building. At this time the building will not be built out by the jail. The building was approved by the council but the funds to build it were not. Jeff spoke on the future of the Work Release Program and the Community Corrections offices. Once the jail closes, WCCC will move into the building located at 808 Manchester Ave. The Work Release Program will shut down temporarily. Individuals in the program that have approved housing will be moved to EHD. Those without approved housing will serve the rest of their sentence in jail.

New Business, Jeff discussed raising the rates for EHD from \$10 per day to \$12 per day. The rates have not increased since WCCC opened. Due to the costs increasing, Jeffs would like to see this increase take place by next year. This increase approval will be discussed in the November meeting.

Jeff and Brian discussed the JRAC quarterly report that was sent out. Jeff and Judge McCallen have worked together on creating the bylaws for the JRAC board and have decided this can be part of the Advisory Board By-laws under section IC 33-38-9.5-4. Judge McCallen motioned to approve this. Shawn Light second the motion. This was approved with all ayes.

Brian talked about the next meeting date being scheduled for November 8, 2022.

Meeting adjourned.