

CCA Directors Meeting October 12, 2007

President Kim Switzer called the meeting to order and invited CCA Directors to join OCPOA.

DRC Staff Changes

Gayle Dittmer introduced Chris Galli, Acting Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions filling the position of Butch Hunyadi.

408 Focus Group

Stacy Lomax and Gayle Dittmer provided an update on the work of the 408 Focus Group. Through the course of meetings to discuss issues related to Jail Diversion Programs (408), the issue of possibly combining 407 and 408 grant line items was proposed. A survey was e-mailed to CCA Directors to request input on this proposal. There was discussion about the pros and cons related to this proposal. The surveys are to be returned to DRC by October 22, 2007. The survey information will be compiled and the recommendations will be discussed with the 408 Focus Group. If this proposal is approved, DRC would allow counties the option of combining funds or keeping them separate. Any changes as a result of this proposal made would not take place until FY 2010. The Focus Group will also continue to work on the following issues:

- Should there be a risk/needs tool for 408 programs?
- What should be the mission/purpose of 408 programs? (Reduce jail beds or is it about reducing recidivism?)
- Should agreements be a grant application or contract?
- Which evidence-based practices make sense for 408 programs?
- How should cost savings for diversions be determined?
- Standards and Measures

Community Corrections Collaborative

Vince Polito reported that ODRC accepted the collaborative's recommendation of an across the board increase for CCA. However, the recommendation was to apply the proposed 1.5% increase to personnel costs of the programs. This was as a result of the CCA Director survey, which stressed a need for cost of living increases to recruit and retain qualified staff. Due to the small amount the 1.5% represented DRC applied it to all program cost.

The Collaborative will revise the Resource Needs Report completed last year. If Directors have any recommendation/suggestions, please contact Vince Polito, Gary Yates, Dan Peterca, or Gayle Dittmer

Budget Office Report/Addendums

Stacy Lomax indicated that nearly every 407/408 program submitted addendums for the 1.5% increase. Still some programs had not yet responded, even though the deadline was October 10, 2007. Final calculations need to be made as soon as possible in order to get payments out. Janet Mormon indicated DRC is considering how the 1.5% increase will be paid out. It may be distributed in the third quarter check or split between the 3rd & 4th

quarter checks. Small amounts (less than \$10,000) may be distributed in a lump sum. Once a determination on the method of payout has been made, program directors will be notified. Janet reported that the new state OAKS computer system presented problems in last quarter payouts. However, these problems are being worked out. If you have questions concerning payouts, contact Janet.Morman@odrc.state.oh.us . Stacy Lomax can also look up when a check/payment was sent if you need it. No advices/electronic funds transfer notice will be sent now. Programs should get revenue report from their auditor to fulfill the financial portion of the audit. A receipt from treasurer will also suffice.

Probationer Self-Assessment Tool & Discharge Summary

Don Smith from Putnam County discussed a self-assessment tool and discharge plan he created.

Please contact Gayle Dittmer or Kory Halter Kochera with agenda items for next meeting.

The next CCA Director's meeting will be held December 14, 2007 at 1 PM.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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