

Members present: Gary Banet, Tom Pickett, Kelly Dueser, Julie Schwerer, Lauren Brown, Tony Rutherford, Patrick Biggs, Judge Granger

Gary Banet, President called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

The minutes from the October 2015 meeting were reviewed. Pat Biggs made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Tony Rutherford, all approved

Gary Banet asked Karen Bell to review the component and fiscal reports. Karen Bell stated that the numbers for Community Transition are increasing. Ms. Bell reported a procedural modification of conducting a home visit prior to presenting notifying the court of the eligibility. FCCC will now give the IDOC progress report along with a home visit report for the court's review. It was reported that Judge Cody had recently requested a review of a potential Forensic Diversion participant. Home Detention has consistently maintained a caseload of 40-55. Ms. Bell also informed the Board of a pilot program to bring cognitive behavior programs to inmates of the Floyd County jail. With the corporation of Sheriff Lopp, FCCC staff will conduct the Moving On and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) in the jail. There was discussion regarding the fiscal report. Ms. Bell reported she thought there has been an increase in project income. Mr. Banet requested for the last quarter's report be sent to him. Tony Rutherford made a motion to approve the component and fiscal report, seconded by Julie Schwerer, all approved.

Ms. Bell presented the IDOC FY 2017 grant application. Some noted changes from last application are the joining of other entities; probation has a portion of the application with the additional of 2 probation officers, and in the Jail Treatment section Ms. Bell is requesting funds to support facilitating cognitive behavior programs in the jail and contracting with Professional Services to provide substance abuse assessments to the inmates while incarcerated and upon release. There was discussion regarding increasing the salary/standards of 3 employees involved in the Veteran's Court. The Court plans to evolve and become a district court. The expansion will require more duties and responsibilities of the current staff. The court also has to have staff members with a four (4) year degree. Ms. Bell mentioned the IJC grant submitted which contained a request to cover the expense of increasing the salaries. She also stated that the request would also have to be included in the IDOC grant to make sure it was funded. Discussion was had regarding the increase in salary. The Board agreed to review all job descriptions for the 3 involved. It was agreed upon to follow the probation officer salary ordinance. Gary Banet made a motion to determine years of service. His motion is to start counting years of service from the time a person receives the necessary degree should they not possess it at time of hire. The motion was seconded by Julie Schwerer, all approved.

Tony Rutherford made a motion to accept the grant pending budget approval by the Executive Committee. The budget will include the changes from the previous motion, seconded by Tom Pickett, all approved.

Tony Rutherford accepted the nomination of Vice President assuming the role immediately. Mr. Rutherford will become Board President July 2016.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2016, at 4:15pm.