**BDAI Board Meeting | MINUTES**

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| **Meeting Called By** | **Tom Bousamra** | **Board Members Present**: Tom Bousamra, Toni Stanfield, Charles Rand, Darcie Pickren, Dawn Bauer. Diana Bauer, Jill Zofia, Mary Beth Novak, Kathy Sanders, Nancy Bryant, Ruth Anderson, Jill Zofia **Board Members Absent**: Ruth Cilke, David Clinton **Guests**: Cindy Anderson, Captain Chris Barsheff |
| **Type of Meeting** | **Monthly Meeting** |
| **Facilitator** | **Tom Bousamra** |
| **Secretary** | **Ruth Cilke** |

**December 17, 2019| 5:00pm CRS Office, 2240 South Airport Rd.,** Traverse City, Michigan

**Invited Guest Discussion**

Welcome to our guest speaker: Captain Chris Barsheff. Last June he was promoted to captain after 25 plus years in law enforcement. Captain Barsheff spoke about several changes that he would like to implement at the Grand Traverse County Jail to improve the overall jail climate. His goal is to employ community policing and to reduce the number of inmates returning to jail. He is also willing to work with Councilperson Cofia on diversion programs in lieu of jail.

While jail staff needs to work with administrative rules from the state there is a need to update jail policies. Some changes are already being implemented and staff attitudes are improving based on the new changes The sheriff is also becoming more supportive of the necessary changes. The jail is moving to a 12-hour day to help with recruitment. This will also allow inmates to be released at 8 am rather than in the middle of the night. The jail has also started an innovative crisis intervention program for a few officers, in cooperation with CMH.

The jail administration is exploring ways to address inmate mental health needs. One option is to have Wayne State University come in in to do an evaluative survey (Stepping Up Program)-<https://socialwork.wayne.edu/news/wsu-school-of-social-work-opens-center-for-behavioral-health-and-justice-nov-1-welcome-open-house-34934>) A psychiatrist provides services via telecom 2 hours per week. The jail is currently stretched on dealing with medical needs. Currently they have a 4-year contract with Wellpath to provide medical care at the jail at the cost of $640,00 a year. A physician comes in 1 hour a week to see inmates, but is also on call if needed. Toni asked for a copy of the Wellpath contract and Captain Barsheff will email it to her. Captain Barsheff would like to see separate questionnaires for medical and mental health. The intake questionnaire process is critical for inmates to get the health care that they need and the goal is to work on refinements.

Programming for inmates was also discussed. There needs to be coordination between Nexus (Craig Hexin) teaching life skills classes and the BDAI life skills classes. A new Population Coordinator will be starting on Jan. 6th-\_ Deputy Vyerrburg. He will work to coordinate the providers and match with inmate needs. They will be investigating ways to better utilize the gym with safe equipment that is not easily broken. Captain Barsheff also was open to holding more training classes for volunteers to have jail clearance. He was looking at revamping the training program and re-evaluating staffing. BDAI board members were very appreciative of Captain Barsheff’s time and would like to continue to work together to improve conditions at the G.T. County Jail.

November 19, 2019 Minutes approved. Motion by Kathy Sanders Seconded by Ruth Anderson.

* Treasurer’s report: Current balance is $3,758.00. Motion by Nancy Bryant Seconded by Darcie Pickens
* Consent agenda Ruth Anderson made a motion Seconded by Nancy Bryant

**President’s Report:**

* Report submitted-no action items
* **Advocacy and Communication:** Report submitted Action items tables to January meeting

**Mental Health and Addiction:**

* Report submitted- no action items

**Fund Development:**

* New report will be sent out. Ruth Anderson, Mary Beth Novak, and Nancy Bryant met recently to brainstorm fund raising ideas. Next meeting to be scheduled and email notices will be sent out to members. There is a need for more members. Off board, new members are welcome. Cindy Anderson will be joining the committee. Clarified member list for fund development.

**Supportive Release and Coaching Program:**

* Next monthly meeting for coaches and trainers will be Thursday, at noon (brown bag) at First Baptist Church. In January the meeting will be moving to Central United Methodist Church.

**Family Support:**

* Family Support Dinner will be moving to Central United Methodist Church

**Old Business:**

* Plans are underway for finishing retreat work (refine goals and develop action steps) **January 21 at the CRS office from 6-8 pm.**

**New Business:**

Approval of approved

* Recommendation of Ruth Cilke as Family Support Coordinator and David Clinton as Life Skills class trouble shooter: moved by Ruth Anderson, seconded by Mary Beth Novak- Motion approved
* Ad Hoc Board Member Nominating Committee: Nancy Bryant moved, seconded by Darcie Pickren that an ad hoc nominating committee be formed to develop a policy and process to recommend the addition of new board members. Motion defeated.
* Women’s and Men’s Support groups, discussion tabled to a future meeting
* Motion to adjourn: Ruth Ann moved, Seconded by Kathy Sanders

**MISC:** Tom will be unable to attend January 21 board meeting; Toni will chair the meeting.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE January 21 at the CRS office from 6-8 pm.**

Submitted 11/20/19 kls