



**The McDonnell Center CBCF
Facility Governing Board & Judicial Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2025**

Present Facility Governing Board: Myriam Miranda (Vice Chair), Greg Popovich, Jeff Shivley, Brandy Carney, Colleen Brown, Scott Osiecki, Stephan Pryor, Tammy Sherman, Ashley Stebbins

Present Judicial Advisory Board: Judge Brendan J. Sheehan, Judge Deborah M. Turner, Judge Richard A. Bell, Judge Maureen Clancy, Judge John Russo, Judge Joan Synenberg

Present Oriana House: Mike Randle, Executive V.P. of Operations | Carl Ebner & Austin Macri, V.P. of Finance, CFO (via Zoom) | Jason Varney, Vice President of Programs | Jeff Brooks, Program Manager | Lisa Frasher, Assistant to the VPs (recorder)

Guests: Rhys Tucker, Judge Kevin Kelley, Joe Machol- Charles E. Harris

Welcome:

Myriam Miranda welcomed everyone and the meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm.

Charles E. Harris Fiscal Audit Report: Joe Machol from Charles E. Harris presented the results from the two-year fiscal audit of The McDonnell Center Community Based Correctional Facility (MCCBCF) for years 2023 & 2024. After reviewing payroll, receipts, invoices, and expenses for MCCBCF there were no findings. The CBCF did not meet the spending mandate for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE). Carl Ebner explained that we did not meet the spending requirements due to our large agency-wide food service contract with Aramark.

Operator Updates: Mike Randle discussed the incident that occurred at the facility on Sat. at approximately 4:30pm. Clients under the influence were taken by ambulance to the emergency room. All returned to the facility except one client who went AWOL. We have been making changes within the facility to eliminate contraband and are no longer allowing clients to work in the kitchen as this was the potential source for the contraband getting into the facility.

After the incident occurred, we conducted a full facility search to include enhanced patdowns on all clients. Staff from across the state along with the probation department and drug dogs took part in this search. We confiscated cell phones, vapes, an unknown substance, gummies, candy, tobacco, hooch and a homemade tattoo gun. Tammy Sherman from the probation department had some good suggestions that we will take into consideration. She suggested no in-person visitation and a security guard. Judge Synenberg asked about positive uses in the facility. Jeff Brooks explained we worked with probation and removed two clients last night. Judge Synenberg also asked about retesting positive UDS screen. We do allow a GC-MC screen but clients have to pay for it. If the test comes back negative, we reimburse the client. Judge Synenberg asked how many GC-MS tests come back positive and negative. Mike will get the information to the Judge.

Judge Clancy raised many concerns regarding a recent death in the facility as well as the unrelated deaths of two staff members. She asked if we drug test staff. Mike indicated we do randomly test staff in addition to the UDS during the hiring phase.



Judge Synenberg asked about the commissary program and if there are items available for indigent clients. Mike informed the boards that Oriana House does not receive a commission from the commissary program as we wanted to keep the costs as low as possible for our clients. Clients are not permitted drop offs of hygiene items but they can be purchased by the client or their family from the commissary. Indigent clients are given hygiene products at no charge. Indigent clients are also given free laundry.

The Judicial Advisory Board has asked that the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judges be notified if a client is under the influence.

Judge Sheehan asked about security services. Mike informed the group that we are currently looking into a security guard at the facility and to accompany our staff and clients to their outside appointments.

Tammy Sherman was asked to include the judges in the behavioral response notification plan.

October 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Jeff Shively motioned to approve the October 18, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Greg Popovich. Motion carried unanimously.

Quarterly Fiscal Reports: The board received the 3rd, 4th, and 5th quarter fiscal reports for the MCCBCF. Carl mentioned the 5th quarter report shows a negative cash balance because we are waiting on a payment from ODRC through the county. Brandy asked about money for the higher utilization rate. Carl discussed that ODRC returned 1.5 of the 2 million they originally reduced from our contract.

Client Per Diems: At the next meeting we will discuss how money is collected and what clients have to pay for per diems. There was some concerns by Judge Clancy about what our clients are paying in the HWH. We will provide all of that information to the JAB & FGB. Judge Russo & Judge Synenberg would also like to receive the salary information for all staff working at The McDonnell Center CBCF.

Board Appointment Updates:

County Council will reappoint Brandy, Scott, and Vincent at the next county council meeting. They will also appoint Nestor Rivera, Chief Deputy for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department to fill Al Sanchez seat on the FGB.

Probation Updates:

none

Vice Chair Appointment & Address: Myriam Miranda is the interim Vice Chair and acting Chair of the FGB until April 11th. She is calling for elections for both positions that will be voted on at the next FGB meeting in April.

Misc.: Judge Synenberg would like to be more involved with graduations and would like to spend more time at the CBCF.

Occupancy Report, Judicial Referrals, Dashboard Report, Drug Deterrence Report and Notable Contraband: These reports were not discussed at the meeting but were included in the FGB board packets.

Motion to adjourn by Greg Popovich, seconded by Jeff Shively. Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Next meeting: April 11th at The McDonnell Center CBCF at 9:30 am.