

**MINUTES**  
ONTARIO COUNTY  
ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

June 4, 2012

<p><b>MEMBERS:</b> Samuel Casella, Canandaigua Town Supv., Chair Margaret Hilton, Hopewell Town Supv., Vice Chair Hon. Craig J. Doran, Ontario County Court Judge Hon. Frederick Reed, Ontario County Court Judge Hon. William Kocher, Ontario County Court Judge Hon. Timothy J. Buckley, Geneva City Court Judge R. Michael Tantillo, District Attorney Philip C. Povero, Ontario County Sheriff David Tillman, Ontario County Undersheriff Ginny Gumaer-Muller, Prob/ATI Supervisor Alice Haskins, Chief Corrections Officer Sharon Donovan, Probation Director Sarah Utter, Victims Assistance Coordinator William Swingley, Dr., Comm Mental Health Services John Garvey, County Administrator</p>	<p>Martin Teller, Exec. Director FLACRA Leann Lapp, Public Defender Jane Bentsen, League of Women Voters Ellen Wayne, Catholic Charities Robert Zimmerman, Defense Counsel Rep Deb Holland, Youth Court Coordinator Joan Houle, Prob Supervisor</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Joan DiDuro &amp; Sarah Dobbs-DRP; Steve Sherry-C/S; Clay Adamescu-Felony Div., Betsey Lee-DC, Sue Young-PTR, Gail Colaneri-FLACRA, &amp; Darlys McDonough-County Admin. 3 interns present: Dylan Tucker, Katie Young, &amp; Erica Goodenow.</p>
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**Present:** Samuel Casella, Margaret Hilton, Leann Lapp, Alice Haskins, Hon. Fred Reed, Hon. Timothy Buckley, Joan Houle, Ellen Wayne, Deb Holland, and Sharon Donovan.

**Necessarily Absent:** Hon. William Kocher, Hon. Craig Doran, Robert Zimmerman, R. Michael Tantillo, Ginny Gumaer-Muller, Philip Povero, David Tillman, Sarah Utter, Jane Bentsen, John Garvey, William Swingley, and Martin Teller.

**Call To Order:** Supervisor Casella called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

**Review And Approve Minutes:** Supervisor Casella called for the approval of the March 5, 2012 minutes. Motion to approve made by Judge Reed and seconded by Ms. Hilton, motion carried.  
Community Representative update: Ms. Janssen is unable to fill this vacancy at this time.

**Report of ATI Programs:**

**DRP – Sarah Dobbs/Joan Diduro:** Currently there are 21 participants in the program with 1 back in jail, 1 AWOL, 2 on PTR and 3 working that are required to phone into the program. An additional 8 referrals from Probation attend different programs offered by DRP such as GED class and Ready, Set, Work. Ms. Dobbs and Ms. Diduro told of a success story involving a homeless 17 year-old that came into the program with little or no trust for the criminal justice system. While with DRP, she received assistance through DSS for living arrangements and food stamps. With her newly acquired skills and living situation, she was able to secure full-time employment. Ms. Lapp was familiar with the case and applauded the DRP program for their positive reinforcement for this individual. Up until sentencing, this client also reported to PTR, and the final sentence to 5 years' probation will continue to guide her. Ms. Wayne commented that Catholic Charities programs could possibly help work with these individuals that are in need of services and guidance. Living in a hotel room can be a negative situation without needed support.

**PTR – Susan Young:** 55 active PTR cases with 2 attending DRP, 1 fully employed, 1 working on GED, 2 in VanDyke, 17 reporting from out of county, 1 courtesy supervision from Steuben Co. and 6 pending violations.

**Felony Diversion Program – Clay Adamescu:** Mr. Adamescu reports there are 14 participants currently in the Probation Eligible Diversion (PED) program. This two-year intensive supervision program includes up to 6 months' time in jail, followed by EHM and breathalyzer testing, Monday evening counselor/support group with treatment therapist also in attendance and an additional 3 years regular probation as the total sentence is for 5 years. Participant knows up front this program will not be easy. They are held accountable with the "PO's thumb over them". They must stay sober, remain in treatment, and maintain employment. Mr. Adamescu told of two success stories where each participant had five DWI's each and were able to stay out of prison due to this program. Ms. Donovan reports the success rate of this program is about 70%. Mr. Adamescu encourages the judges to refer if they see a "glimmer of hope" for an individual.

**Community Service – Steve Sherry:** Mr. Sherry handed out the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Community Service Report to Board members. The DCJS contract program year runs July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Included in the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Rpt.:

- # Satisfactory Completions                    86
- # Unsatisfactory Terminations            12
- Administrative Discharges                    8
- Successful Percent                                87.8

Three clients were hired by their site. The Service Plan, which applies for State Funds (\$15,892) to run the Community Service program was sent to each board member via email. Only the mandatory members are listed in the report. The Board voted to approve the Service Plan and submit to Public Safety, moved by Ms. Donovan, seconded by Ms. Hilton.

**Update of Magistrates Meeting regarding ATI:** Judge Lew advised the Magistrates hold four meetings per year and would welcome the ATI presentation to take place during one of these quarterly meetings. On 9/22/12 the meeting will be held in Yates County and he would like to suggest this date for the presentation.

**Drug Court – Betsey Lee:** Ms. Lee said the numbers continue to be down. Ms. Lee is also the drug court coordinator for Hornell. Ms. Lee said statistics show clients do better coming out of Drug Court vs. coming out of prison. Clients with five or more felonies cannot be admitted to Drug Court, but these are the type of clients that work the hardest to be successful in their treatment. Ms. Lee believes in the client's progress, but Judge Buckley feels offenders with 5 felonies and placed in Drug Court would put the community at risk.

**Youth Court Update – Deb Holland:** Ms. Holland made correction to the 3/5/12 minutes stating Youth Court uses the Town of Geneva Court and the Town of Victor Court sites; not the So. Bristol Town Court site for their group. Year to date, 25 defendants have successfully completed. 16 new volunteers are being trained at the Geneva Community Center, with some participants from the Boys and Girls Club. There are also five participants that are being home-schooled. Ms. Holland met with Ms. Collins, Supervisor of the Juvenile Unit regarding utilizing Youth Court. September is Youth Court month, therefore Ms. Holland will prepare a resolution for Ontario County and send to Mr. Casella for him to present to the Public Safety Committee. Youth Court needs a third site with Hopewell Town Court being a possibility after renovations are completed.

**Jail Population Review & Discussion – Alice Haskins:** The jail population has been mainly low, with a brief upswing of 186 inmates, 31 being female.; 65 inmates are in need of "close supervision" due to their mental status with one on suicide watch, but have had as many as six on suicide watch at the same time. There is no ATI program in place for people in this category where many may remain housed due to lengthy pre-trial motions. Some inmates become very distraught when their case does not move along. Ms. Haskins cited an example where one inmate was housed 631 days in jail. Ms. Haskins and some staff were able to attend a presentation in Auburn regarding Mental Health Court and Drug Court. Mr. Casella

suggests a subcommittee be formed to look at a possible solution for an ATI program to deal with mental illness in the jail. The suggestion was made that Mr. Swingly head the newly formed subcommittee with members including: Ms. Lee, Ms. Lapp, Ms. Donovan, Ms. Haskins, Judge Aronson, DA office representative and a FLACRA representative. Ms. Lapp offered to contact potential members and setup the first meeting. Ms. Haskins was asked to pull together statistics showing the number of inmates in need of mental health treatment. Monroe County could also serve as a template to follow. The subcommittee will be named: Mental Health Diversion Program.

**FLACRA:** Ms. Colaneri gave hand-outs to the members:

**FLACRA**  
**Ontario County Jail Treatment Program Statistics**  
**1/1/12 – 5/31/12**

**YTD**

# Females	204
ATI Clients	156
# Transition Grps.	34 (481 indiv.)
# CTC Grps.	29 (296 indiv.)
# Individ.	18
# Evals.	3

Numbers have decreased, therefore referrals are welcome.

**Board Vacancy-**Seeking Community Representative who is also an ex-offender. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact Ms. Gumaer-Muller. A Drug Court graduate would be a good possibility.

**Roundtable:**

Next meeting: Monday, September 10 @12:30 pm, Human Svcs. Bldg., 3010 County Complex Dr., conf. rm 8.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Submitted by,

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