



Anoka County

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Community Corrections

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Juvenile Court
Juvenile Field

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Service Center
Workhouse
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Administration
Building 13

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Juvenile Center

January 8, 2024

MEMO TO: Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Judge Sharon Hall	Morgan Whiterabbit
Judge John Dehen	Amir Malik
Judge Dyanna Street	Lt. Kevin Titus
Commissioner Julie Jeppson	Mohammed Farah
Commissioner Scott Schulte	Dr. Roger Worner
Commissioner Mandy Meisner	Cmdr. Sheila Larson
Dr. Ed Evans	Carter Diers
Robert DeRoche	Bryan Lindberg
Thomas Kinney	Cindy Cesare
Pat Carlson	

FROM: Lisa Hallberg, Chair

SUBJECT: Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting
and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners*

Thursday, January 18, 2024 – 12:00 noon
Government Center Room 710 and on Webex

A G E N D A

1. Approval of the November 16, 2023 meeting minutes - attached
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Overview of Community Corrections

copy: Dylan Warkentin, Rick Sells, Corey Kohan, Nate Parker

Contact Tracy Rohloff at 763-324-4979 or Tracy.Rohloff@AnokaCountyMN.gov to request a public WebEx link to the meeting.

** Actions taken by this Committee do not bind the County Board. In addition to the County Commissioners appointed to this committee, additional County Commissioners may attend. Non-committee Commissioners may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will **not** vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the County Board, this shall serve as notice of a County Board meeting. This shall also serve as notice of a County Board Meeting for any committee comprised of four or more members of the board.*

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Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2023

The Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting was held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 12:00 noon in the Government Center-Room 710 and on Webex.

Board Members Present: Judge Sharon Hall, Commissioner Mandy Meisner, Commissioner Julie Jeppson, Dr. Ed Evans, Robert DeRoche, Thomas Kinney, Pat Carlson, Morgan Whiterabbit, Amir Malik, Kevin Titus, Mohammed Farah, Dr. Roger Worner, Sheila Larson, Carter Diers, Bryan Lindberg, Lisa Hallberg,

Others Present: Dylan Warkentin, Rick Sells, Corey Kohan, Tracy Rohloff, Beth Bloomenrader, Carrie Hansen, Lisa Thomas

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Vice Chair Lindberg called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

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A motion was made by Robert DeRoche and seconded by Sheila Larson approving the minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business/New Business: None.

Vice Chair Lindberg introduced new members to the board – Pat Carlson representing Commissioner District 4 and Amir Malik representing Commissioner District 6. Welcome to the Advisory Board, Pat and Amir!

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Community Corrections Advisory Board Chair/Vice Chair Vote

According to the board by-laws, a vote for Chair and Vice Chair is due. The Chair position was made vacant due to the retirement of Don Kjonaas. Sheila Larson nominated Lisa Hallberg for the Chair position. There was a motion made by Robert DeRoche and seconded by Sheila Larson approving Lisa Hallberg as Chair and incumbent Bryan Lindberg as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Juvenile Court/Field Presentation

Juvenile Probation staff were introduced by Dylan Warkentin – Beth Bloomenrader, Supervisor; Carrie Hansen, Supervisor; and Lisa Thomas, Sr. Probation Officer – who presented the PowerPoint. Rick Sells manages the units which are comprised of supervisors, a juvenile court/diversion coordinator, probation officers, correctional service officers, and office support staff.

The presentation outlines the path to change in juvenile probation. Highlights of the presentation include:

1. Beth Bloomenrader started the presentation by sharing that the Juvenile Diversion/Court/Field Units had a recent meeting at the Anoka County Juvenile Center (ACJC). This provided the opportunity for Courthouse staff to stay connected with ACJC staff and to meet newer staff.
 - On December 31, 2022, there were 266 juveniles on probation. On this current date, there are 268 juveniles with open probation cases.
 - Rick Sells explained the number of out-of-home placement days that occurred in 2022. The number has reduced significantly since earlier years.

2. Carrie Hansen provided information on Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) in juvenile probation. EBP are those practices that have been proven by research to reduce offender risk, which in turn reduces new crime and improves public safety.
 - The four core competencies/skills sets that facilitate offender behavior change starts with building a professional alliance between the probation officer and the client. They work together to create an effective case plan and work towards managing that plan. Rewards for compliance offer appropriate incentives, and noncompliant behavior is addressed. The probation officer models and engages in skill practice with the client in a supportive environment.
 - The probation officer works with the client on Carey Guide's 10 Steps to Risk Reduction curriculum during one-on-one purposeful appointments. These steps include establishing positive expectations, sharing initial assessment results and incentivize, identifying goals, writing a case plan, teaching and practicing skills to reduce risk, rewarding positive behavior, addressing noncompliant behavior, anchoring community support, and preparing for successful discharge.
 - During a one-on-one appointment, the client will check in with their probation officer regarding any situations that have happened since the last check in. They will review what was discussed at the previous meeting. They will discuss what skills the client is working on in conjunction with the case plan. A take-home assignment is also given to the client.
 - Juvenile probation officers collect information to determine the client's risk level and what are their criminogenic needs using a risk assessment. Of those criminogenic needs, which one is the driving force behind the behavior. A case plan is developed to target the risk areas identified in the risk assessment. Attention is placed on how to reduce the risk level and focus on the motivating factor and skill deficits that drive the behavior. Then new skills are taught to help the client overcome the deficits by using Carey Guides, Decision Points, and Voices curriculum. Agents also partner with community agencies to assist the juvenile out in the community. Community-based agencies are used for psychological, psychiatric, and therapeutic services.
 - Decision Points is a cognitive-based open group teaching the trouble cycle and four steps to problem solving. Participants have homework and roleplay at each group. Voices is a curriculum for females which advocates a strength-based approach and uses a variety of therapeutic approaches. Aggression Replacement Therapy (ART) is a cognitive-based program which will be implemented at the Juvenile Center next year. It teaches youth to replace aggressive behaviors with prosocial alternatives.
3. The focus on client interactions has drastically changed from 2011 to today. There are positive advancements to how probation officers work with clients. They establish professional alliance, use positive reinforcement, determine risks and needs, build motivation and focus on stages of change, and have an increased community presence. The client contact meetings are focused, intentional, and goal driven.
 - Probation officer community presence has increased.
 - 64% of client contacts occurred in the home or community (non-school/office)
 - 47% of total contacts were strictly in the client's home
 - Average of 26.5 non-traditional hours worked per week as a team
 - 3.6 hours per probation officer
 - Probation officers participate in required training and skill development yearly. EBP initial training requires 100 hours per agent, and after that 23 hours are required every year. Agents participate in peer-to-peer and supervisor field observations, case consults, and Communities of Practice (COP) peer training groups. Agents share in facilitating the monthly COP group.

- The Juvenile units have Subject Matter Experts and Trainers for the various programming and skills development.
 - Juvenile Probation Officers meet with the supervisor 2-4 times per month. There's also 1:1 coaching sessions and field observations.
 - Juvenile Probation Officers collaborate with the Juvenile Center to provide seamless, continuum of risk/needs driven services for clients. Sharing of the YLS assessment and case plan helps to drive the treatment plan. Juvenile Center probation officers receive similar training as field staff.
4. Rick Sells presented information on the reduction in risk and recidivism and on the deferred adjudication sex offender program.
 5. Client and parent surveys are conducted. Eighty-three percent of clients preferred in-person visits with their probation officer rather than virtual visits.
 6. Carrie and Lisa shared client success stories.

Rick Sells, Beth Bloomenrader, Carrie Hansen, and Lisa Thomas were thanked for an excellent presentation!

PowerPoint is available with the Community Corrections Administration Office.

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The 2024 Community Corrections fee schedule was distributed.

The 2024 meeting schedule was distributed.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.

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Next Meeting: There is no meeting in December. The next Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 12:00 noon at the Government Center-Room 710 and also through Webex.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rohloff.