



Anoka County

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Community Corrections

Courthouse
Adult Court
Juvenile Court
Juvenile Field

Rum River Human
Service Center
Workhouse
Fahr Building 10
Administration
Building 13

Lino Lakes Juvenile
Center
Anoka County
Secure
Non-Secure
Program
East Central
Regional
Juvenile Center

January 10, 2023

MEMO TO: Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Judge Spencer Sokolowski	Morgan Whiterabbit
Judge Sharon Hall	Thomas Kinney
Judge John Dehen	Cmdr. Sheila Larson
Judge Dyanna Street	Dr. Roger Worner
Commissioner Mandy Meisner	Carter Diers
Commissioner Julie Jeppson	Bryan Lindberg
Commissioner Scott Schulte	Michael Berger
Dr. Ed Evans	Cindy Cesare
Robert DeRoche	Jerry Pederson
Michael McGee	

FROM: Don Kjonaas, Chair

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023 – 12 noon
Government Center Room 710 and on Webex

A G E N D A

1. Approval of the November 17, 2022 meeting minutes - attached
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Facility Audits/PREA Review

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 17, 2022**

The Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 12 noon in the Government Center - Room 710 and on Webex.

Board Members Present: Judge Dyanna Street, Judge John Dehen, Judge Sharon Hall, Commissioner Mike Gamache, Commissioner Mandy Meisner, Don Kjonaas, Robert DeRoche, Morgan Whiterabbit, Cmdr. Sheila Larson, Bryan Lindberg, Michael Berger, Dr. Roger Worner, Carter Diers

Others Present: Dylan Warkentin, Rick Sells, Corey Kohan, Nate Parker, Tracy Rohloff

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Chair Kjonaas called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

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A motion was made by Dr. Worner and seconded by Judge Street approving the minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business: None.

New Business:

Commissioner Meisner presented a recognition to Dylan Warkentin for the Jack Young Award that he recently received at the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties (MACCAC) conference. The Jack Young Award is awarded to individuals who have furthered the mission of community corrections having made outstanding contributions to the development of and improvement of community corrections in Minnesota. Commissioner Meisner shared Dylan’s attributes and accomplishments. Congratulations to Dylan Warkentin on being awarded the Jack Young Award for Excellence in Community Corrections!

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Juvenile Center Study – Dr. Roger Worner

Dr. Roger Worner, Advisory Board Education Representative, presented a PowerPoint on the recent study he conducted titled *Anoka County Juvenile Center – School-Related Attitudes of Incarcerated At-Risk Students*.

This is the sixth study that Dr. Worner has conducted over the years at the juvenile center. The purpose of the study is “to gather, analyze, and report data from at-risk high school-aged students to assist public and private school administrators, teachers, and support staff members in their early interventions with pre-high school students.”

The intended benefits of the study are “to curb pre-high school students’ at-risk behaviors in school, strengthen possibilities of the students’ successful school completion, reduce the incidence of students being placed in juvenile facilities, and, as applicable, reduce recidivism.” The study’s focus is on perceptions of at-risk high school students. Highlights of the study include:

- Perceptions about the importance or unimportance of school, school success, and graduation. Perceptions about the grade level when at-risk behaviors begin. Perceptions about the helpfulness or unhelpfulness of school staff members.
- Understanding these perceptions would be helpful to school administrators and teachers in their early intervention with students who exhibit at-risk behaviors.
- The study investigator interviewed 21 Anoka County juvenile residents, ranging in ages of 16-18 (grades 11-12) and having been detained in the juvenile center for a minimum of two weeks. The subjects of the

study were interviewed for approximately 30 minutes in duration and asked a common set of 15 prepared questions which were not personally intrusive.

- Dr. Worner explained the assumptions of the study, i.e. school success and importance to the student, graduation likelihood, characteristics of teaching staff, etc.
- Findings indicated that the students valued the importance of success and graduation in high school. Additional findings were presented.

Each of the six studies that have been conducted over the years are one-time studies. There are no follow up interviews with the students.

Dr. Worner thanked Dylan Warkentin and Nate Parker for the opportunity to conduct the interviews at the Juvenile Center. He also commended the Juvenile Center staff for their work.

2023 Community Corrections Fees

The proposed 2023 fees for Anoka County Community Corrections were presented. According a Minnesota statute, the director of community corrections sets the fee structure. The Corrections Department brings the fees to the Corrections Advisory Board for review and affirmation. It is then brought before County Board for approval.

A motion was made by Robert DeRoche and seconded by Judge Dehen accepting the 2023 Corrections fee schedule.

2023 Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting Calendar

The 2023 meeting calendar will be emailed to board members.

PowerPoint is available with the Community Corrections Administration Office.

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A motion was made by Judge Street and seconded by Robert DeRoche to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

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Next Meeting: The next Community Corrections Advisory Board will be held on **Thursday, January 19, 2023** at 12:00 noon at the Government Center–Room 710 and also through Webex.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rohloff.