



# 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

November 6, 2023

**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 Mandy Meisner	Mohammed Farah
Commissioner Julie Jeppson	Dr. Roger Worner
Commissioner Scott Schulte	Cmdr. Sheila Larson
Dr. Ed Evans	Carter Diers
Robert DeRoche	Lisa Hallberg
Thomas Kinney	Cindy Cesare
Pat Carlson	Jerry Pederson

**FROM:** Bryan Lindberg, Vice Chair

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

**Thursday, November 16, 2023 – 12:00 noon**  
**Government Center Room 710 and on Webex**

### A G E N D A

1. Approval of the September 21, 2023 meeting minutes - attached
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Chair / Vice Chair Vote
5. Juvenile Court/Field Presentation

copy: Dylan Warkentin, Rick Sells, Corey Kohan, Nate Parker, Lisa Thomas, Carrie Hansen, Beth Bloomenrader

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**Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2023**

The Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 12:00 noon in the Government Center-Room 710 and on Webex.

Board Members Present: Judge Sharon Hall, Judge John Dehen, Commissioner Mandy Meisner, Don Kjonaas, Dr. Ed Evans, Robert DeRoche, Thomas Kinney, Morgan Whiterabbit, Kevin Titus, Dr. Roger Worner, Mohammed Farah, Sheila Larson, Bryan Lindberg, Lisa Hallberg, Cindy Cesare, Jerry Pederson

Others Present: Jeff Holmberg, Dylan Warkentin, Rick Sells, Nate Parker, Tracy Rohloff

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Chair Kjonaas called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

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A motion was made by Dr. Worner and seconded by Tom Kinney approving the minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business/New Business: None.

Chair Kjonaas introduced Lt. Kevin Titus as a new member on the board representing Commissioner District 7. Welcome to the Advisory Board, Kevin!

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**2023 Legislative Changes – presentation continued from August agenda**

Dylan Warkentin presented an overview of recent legislative reform changes related to community supervision and how they affect the Corrections Department. Highlights of the continued presentation include:

1. Nate Parker presented the legislative changes to Standards for Licensure and Certification of Programs for Children, Chapter 2960, and how it affects programming at the Juvenile Center.
  - There are changes to using Disciplinary Room Time (DRT). The essence of the change is that a juvenile may not be disciplined by being isolated. Facility staff may isolate the juvenile for the juvenile's safety, staff safety, or the safety of other facility residents in accordance with the new rules.
  - Facility searches of person is not practiced at the Anoka County Juvenile Center.
  - Detention risk-assessment instrument. The essence of this statute is that when a juvenile is brought to a juvenile secure detention facility by law enforcement, facility staff will administer a risk-assessment instrument to determine whether the juvenile should be released or detained. The appropriate setting for the juvenile would be identified with regard to endangerment to other or to the juvenile or at risk for not returning for a court hearing.

Nate Parker participated in a nationwide(??) work group to develop the juvenile detention risk-assessment instrument. The instrument is also developed in consultation with the Minnesota Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative coordinators, among others.

Nate continued the presentation with details about tool validation, working with law enforcement and stakeholders, and a timeline of implementation.

2. Legalization of Recreational Cannabis

- The legalization of recreational cannabis was effective August 1, 2023, with some provisions having later enactment, for use and limited possession of cannabis products for adults 21 years and older. The Office of Cannabis Management has been created for regulatory authority.
- There's significant impact on historical criminal justice responses and certain past marijuana convictions may qualify for expungement.
- The previous criminal justice responses to the arrest, charges, and convictions of past marijuana possession and sales were outlined. Going forward, the management of clients on probation may be similar to that of legal alcohol use. Behavior-change planning and support for substance use assessments and treatment will continue.
- Anoka County Corrections has provided direction to supervision staff regarding the law change and the department expectations. Communication and consulting with justice partners will continue.

*PowerPoint is available with the Community Corrections Administration Office.*

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Dylan Warkentin presented a special recognition for retiring chair and member, Don Kjonaas. Don has served the board for 18 years. Thank you for your service to the CCAB, Don!

Dylan also acknowledged Jerry Pederson and his upcoming retirement from the county in December.

Judge Spencer Sokolowski has served on the board since the 1970s, and Dylan expressed his appreciation for his service and active participation on the board.

With Don's retirement, the chair seat is open. At the November meeting, a vote will be conducted to recommend and approve the chair and vice chair seats on the board.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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**Next Meeting:** The next Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 12:00 noon at the Government Center-Room 710 and also through Webex.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rohloff.*