



Anoka County
HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION
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 Building 13

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 Regional
 Juvenile Center

November 7, 2022

MEMO TO: Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Judge Spencer Sokolowski	Michael McGee
Judge Sharon Hall	Morgan Whiterabbit
Judge John Dehen	Thomas Kinney
Judge Dyanna Street	Bryan Lindberg
Commissioner Mike Gamache	Michael Berger
Commissioner Mandy Meisner	Dr. Roger Worner
Commissioner Robyn West	Carter Diers
Dr. Ed Evans	Cindy Cesare
Robert DeRoche	Jerry Pederson

FROM: Don Kjonaas, Chair

SUBJECT: Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting
 and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners*
 Government Center Room 710 and Webex
 Thursday, November 17, 2022 – 12 noon

A G E N D A

1. Approval of the October 20, 2022 meeting minutes - attached
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Juvenile Center Study – Dr. Roger Worner
5. 2023 Community Corrections Fees
6. 2023 Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting Calendar

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

Contact Tracy Rohloff at 763-324-4979 or Tracy.Rohloff@co.anoka.mn.us 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 – October 20, 2022**

The Anoka County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting was held via WebEx on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 12 noon.

Board Members Present: Judge Spencer Sokolowski, Judge Dyanna Street, Judge John Dehen, Commissioner Mike Gamache, Commissioner Mandy Meisner, Cmdr Sheila Larson, Don Kjonaas, Dr. Ed Evans, Robert DeRoche, Morgan Whiterabbit, Thomas Kinney, Jerry Pederson

Others Present: Walter Campbell, Melissa Nadel, Sarah Ellsworth, Corey Kohan, Tracy Rohloff

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Chair Kjonaas called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

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The minutes of the June 16th meeting were approved as distributed.

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New/Old Business: None.

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Corrections Field Contacts Study

Corey Kohan presented a PowerPoint on the next stage of the grant-funded study conducted by Abt Associates, Inc. The study examines the value, impact, and effectiveness of field contacts in community supervision. Data was focused on each agency’s historical offender data and case data. The data included results from checklists written by field agents on all community contacts and from agent focus groups.

Corey Kohan introduced Walter Campbell and Melissa Nadel, Abt Associates researchers. Highlights of the presentation include:

- The purpose of the study is to answer questions regarding whether field contacts make a difference on recidivism, and do contacts reduce the number of violations. Do additional field contacts add a benefit, and do the study findings vary depending on the type of supervision?
- Home/field contacts allow for a better understanding of clients’ living situation, rapport building with clients and collaterals, identification of clients’ risks, needs and strengths for case planning, monitoring of potential high-risk behaviors and community safety concerns, and to mitigate clients’ transportation challenges.
- Some considerations for field contacts include focusing on higher risk clients, random unannounced visits vs. scheduled, agent safety, and the purpose of the visit.
- The current study was developed based on findings from the initial study from 2014-2018. Goals of first study were to describe home and field contacts, document their use nationwide, and evaluate their effectiveness in maintaining public safety and promoting compliance with supervision requirements.
- The impact of field contacts results in reductions in recidivism.
- The study findings for challenges and benefits of evidence-based practices (EBP) in the field were presented.
- The new study is a continuation of research from the first study. It will begin the fall of 2022 and is projected to be a five-year project, with one year of randomization, one year of programming, and three

years of follow up. Anoka County is one of two agencies contributing to this next phase of the study that will benefit the whole field and help to develop national best practice guidelines.

- Details on the study design was presented.
- Qualitative data is collected from agent focus groups, debrief calls, ride-alongs/observations, and interviews with supervisors. The data is collected in order to understand what contacts with and without EBPs look like, and to understand why and when to use EBPs.

When the study ends, the results will be presented to the Corrections Advisory Board. The presenters were thanked for their informative presentation.

PowerPoint is available with the Community Corrections Administration Office.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

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Next Meeting: The next Community Corrections Advisory Board will be held on **Thursday, November 17, 2022** at 12:00 noon in Room 710 and via Webex.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rohloff.