

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 20th, 2025



Members Present: Alexis Ongley, Steve Pietrafeso, Sid Simonson, Ed Seegrist, David Koons, Lorenda Volker, Cyndi Dodds, Melissa Divido, Cedric Clark, Patti West, Kristine Miller, Ashley Morriss, Heather O' Hayre, and Gordon McLaughlin.

Staff Present: Misty Perry, Alex Danielson, Jake Hupp, Erin Caldwell and Amanda Kucera.

Guests: N/A

Absent: Emily Humphrey, Jeff Swoboda, Chris Hefty, Judge Susan Blanco, Commissioner John Kefalas, Tom Hulse, Staci Shaffer, and Greg Otte.

Notes: Amanda Kucera

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Steve Pietrafeso

- Steve Pietrafeso congratulated Alexis Ongley on being appointed as the Director of Community Corrections
- Introduce New Administrator Coordinator
 - Erin Caldwell was welcomed to the board.
- Conrad Ball Award Ceremony Date
 - Applications for the Conrad Ball Award are now being accepted. Please share this information with your colleagues
 - The event is scheduled for September 26th.
- Critical Facility Incident
 - Recent Overdose Events: Two overdose incidents occurred in recent weeks. Staff responded and managed both situations very well.
 - Support Measures: Efforts are being made to review and enhance processes to better support both staff and clients.
 - Staff Preparation: Lorenda inquired whether staff are being prepared for potential situations without positive outcomes. Alexis stated that we continue to educate our staff to handle these situations and that we focus on the efficacy of processes since the outcomes are not within our control. LCCC continues to use debriefs to improve our policies and practices.
- ICE Detainers
 - Emerging Trends: The Evals unit is seeing an increase in clients with ICE detainers, which cannot be acted upon until sentencing due to current statutes.
 - ICE Communication: ICE has indicated they won't act until post-sentencing but has provided information on visa expirations and potential deportation timelines.
 - Information Requests: No formal information requests have been made by ICE; any such requests would go through our standard records request process.
- Program Audit by the Board
 - Audit Year Overview: Although this is an "off year", the board will choose specific components for the community corrections audit. Alexis will include these components with the meeting notes.
- SOW Audit Reports

- Audit Results: Recent audits for IRT, RDDT and SO programs were positive.
- Corrective Action: One corrective action was noted for monitoring procedures. This area is already under review for improvements in 2026.
- Technology Enhancements: Enhancements to LOIS and the use of Zoom for GPS/monitoring support are underway.
- Acceptance Rate Committee Update
 - Coalition Efforts: a statewide subcommittee is developing a more intensive approach to DOC admissions, including a potential “auto-accept” program.
 - Local Concerns: There are concerns this approach may be too broad and not reflect community specific needs. Alex emphasized the importance of board member advocacy.
 - Board Comments:
 - Justin Brakke(Joint Budget Committee): Noted that low DOC acceptance rates may lead to enforced changes.
 - Discussion highlighted that Larimer already accepts a wide range of clients and supports higher-risk populations.
 - Concerns were raised about the potential legislative changes and their impact on the board’s structure and autonomy.
 - Risk of unintended consequences such as increased terminations and KPI impacts.
 - Melissa highlighted challenges smaller agencies may face under the new system.
 - Suggestions included increasing community education, expanding training to other counties, and leveraging CACCB connections.
- The board reviewed the Advisory Board Statistical Report
 - Statistics included: Financials, Residential Referrals & Evaluations, Residential Intakes, Residential Treatment Referrals & Evaluations, Residential Treatment Outcomes, Residential Outcomes, Non-Residential Outcomes, Core Security, Employment, AIIM/Wellness Court Referrals, and WC Sanction VS Stability at Work Release.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:06 pm by Steve Pietrafeso.

Next Meeting will be June 17th, 2025.