

**LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

February 17th, 2026 – 200 W Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521

Hearing Room



Members Present: Cedric Clark, Stephanie Tolen, Ashley Morriss, David Koons, Jessie Harney, Patti West, Commissioner John Kefalas, Kristine Miller, Gordon McLaughlin, Tom Hulse, Cyndi Dodds, Jeff Swoboda, Staci Shaffer, Steve Pietrafeso, Sid Simonson

Staff Present: Misty Perry, Jason Helms, Jake Hupp, Alex Danielson, Erin Caldwell

Absent: Ed Seegrist, Alexis Ongley, Emily Humphrey, Greg Otte, Lorenda Volker, Judge Susan Blanco, Heather O'Hayre

Notes: Erin Caldwell

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Patti West.

- **Board Member Openings**

- The LCCC Advisory Board has openings for a DOC/Parole representative and a community member.
 - Applications open 2/27/26 and close 3/22/26
 - Interviews will be held 4/13/26 and concluded by 6/16/26

- **Cordant Update**

- The formal complaints have been filed with the proper agencies in Colorado, Arizona, and Indiana for the Cordant UA issues we discussed during our last meeting that took place in November 2025.
- DCJ has also been notified.

- **Corrective Action Plan Follow Up**

- We were issued a Correction Action Plan (CAP) from our Statement of Work audit in March of 2025. This Corrective Action revolved around random off-site monitoring of sex offender clients. We submitted our plan to DCJ with full implementation of the corrective measures on 7/1/25.
 - Since the CAP, we have implemented improvements to our LOIS system to notify staff when priority monitors are needed. We have also increased our number of sex offender clients on GPS monitoring. Lastly, we have implemented a standard number of required monitors by staff per shift.
 - We are considering other avenues to continue improving our client monitoring.
 - Our response to the CAP was approved by DCJ and our compliance with this standard has improved dramatically since last summer. Increase in compliance can be seen on the Advisory Board statistics slides sent out each month.
 - We are anticipating a Core Security Audit this spring but have not been given a date yet.

- **CACCB Report Out – 2/6/26 Meeting**

- The Department of Corrections (DOC) was approved a supplemental by the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) to reopen 788 previously shuttered beds in current prisons to help with strains on their capacity.
- SB26-36 – Prison Population Management Bill

- This proposes that when DOC vacancies fall below 3% for 30 days, Community Corrections will then report certain capacity metrics to DOC monthly.
- They will also be asking programs to review DOC clients in a program for over 180 days and consider moving them to a “non-residential status” – potentially ISP-I or Parole.
- Community Corrections would be asked for boards to screen pending applications for DOC referrals within 14 days of receipt.
- DOC would be asked to refer clients to Community Corrections within 7 days of eligibility.
- This would also require Parole to consider different placement options for Transition clients if terminated from our program. Parole would have to identify a different placement before returning to prison, except if the regression is for new felony charges while in the Community Corrections program.
- The goal of the bill is to encourage sentencing alternatives other than DOC.
- DOC vacancies have been below 3% since August of last year. As of 2/6/26 it was 2.88% including specialty beds, and only 1.13% for general population beds.
- Commissioner Kefalas asked what the status of the bill was.
 - CACCB did not take an official stance on the bill, but simply informed meetings attendees of its contents.
 - We weren’t given any hearing dates. We hope to hear more information soon.
- Alex Danielson adds that DCJ mentioned that success rates are trending up statewide.
 - They will still be monitoring acceptance rates and encouraging all Community Corrections programs to fill their beds.
- Patti West asked where DOC came up with the 788 bed number?
 - Due to budget cuts and staffing crises, many beds across Colorado were taken out of circulation.
 - Sterling and Buena Vista will see the bulk of the reopened beds.

- **2025 Annual Board Report**

- We are putting the finishing touches on our Annual Board Report to submit to DCJ.
- There is a section where we identify our goals/strategic plans for the coming year. We would like to carry over two goals but are asking for input on additional goals for the Board.
 - Carryover from 2025:
 - (1) Increase training opportunities for Board Members by inviting board members to internal trainings for increased access to content and opportunity, and (2) increase board member presence in our program by inviting board members to staff meetings, create easy process for “drop-in’s”, and schedule facility walk throughs.
 - Erin Caldwell provided topics to consider formulating goals around.
 - No one was able to provide any additional goals but were prompted to reach out to Erin if anything comes to mind.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:27 pm by Patti West.

**There will be no meeting in March
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2026
at 12:00pm at 200 W Oak Street – Hearing Room**