

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 20th, 2022



Members Present: Matt Landers, Melissa Divido, Frank Johnson, Judge Susan Blanco, Sara Steen, Sid Simonson, Staci Shaffer, Allyce Lobdell, Gordon McLaughlin, Tom Hulse, Greg Otte, Katrina Mangan, Heather O'Hayre, David Koons, Jeff Swoboda, Michael Allen, Patti West, Matt Cloven, Kristine Miller, Commissioner Kristin Stephens, Ed Seegrist

Staff Present: Tim Hand, Dana Hersch, Alexis Ongley, Misty Perry

Notes: Aubrey Clevenger

This meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Chair Matt Landers

Conrad Ball

- Aubrey Clevenger provides the final update on the approaching Conrad Ball award ceremony, where guests will be honoring Lieutenant Staci Shaffer the 44th annual award winner.
- The RSVP deadline is September 20th and final number will be provided to the Country Club on Friday, September 23rd.

GRPPA Assessment

- Alexis Ongley informs board members that LCCC was awarded a spot with NIC for the Gender Responsive Policies and Practices – Assessment/ Community Version (GRPPA-CV) to be used for program evaluation.
- Alexis highlights the action steps on implementing the WRNA (Women's Risk Need Assessment) through partnering with Probation and ASD and the recent staff trip to Utah to receive training.
- The department will revamp the training procedures for staff to focus on policies and practices that support gender responsive programming.
- There's group discussion around the assessment and if it will solely be for women or if there will be an assessment tool that's available for both men and women.
- Alexis accentuates the need to evaluate justice involved women differently as more studies have been conducted on males who already have assessment tools.
- Alexis can provide board members a more specific timeline as to when the GRPPA will be adopted.

GAC Presentation

- Tim Hand notifies staff that the GAC members will be coming to tour the LCCC facility on October 28th and have a presentation presented to them by Dana, Alexis, and Misty. A client panel is being considered as well to encourage dialogue between clients and council members.
- It's important to expose the council members to what Community Corrections does as most have not been to a ComCor facility.
- Tim decides to extend the invitation to advisory board members as it would be helpful to have their supportive presence. It will be October 28th from 11:30 am until 4:00 pm.

DCJ Standards Sneak Peek

- Alexis reports that DCJ will publish their new standards on October 1st.
- As far as changes go, there have been some modifications to standards on monitoring, home visits, incident notifications, the staff age requirement, and the removal of unannounced facility checks.

- The new DCJ standards will be included in the Advisory Board binders following publishing.
- Additionally, along with the meeting minutes, a standards presentation from the GAC (Governor's Advisory Council) meeting will be sent out highlighting the changes.

Dosage Hours

- The new dosage hour standards were published on September 12th requiring each client to complete a certain amount of dosage hours per level in order to progress to the next level.
- Additional information regarding the new dosage hours standard will be sent out with the meeting minutes.

Coalition Updates

- Tim discusses the recent disappointing article was published by the Denver Post on community corrections departments across Colorado.
- The article has presented serious concern and Tim is expecting another article to follow the first one. Coalition members consider whether an immediate response is appropriate or if they should temporarily stand down.
- Members brainstorm multiple tactful responses that could be made concerning the article and Matt Landers offers to reach out to a contact from the Reporter Herald.
- It's important that in the response, what's conveyed is that despite the performance of some community corrections facilities, Larimer County is operating exceptionally for its clients.
- Following the discussion, members of the board offer sincere support to Tim and the rest of the LCCC team for the arduous work they do daily for client's success.
- The Advisory Board is behind Community Corrections wholeheartedly and is willing to help in whichever way possible.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:03 pm by Chair Matt Landers

Next Meeting is October 18th, 2022