

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 15th, 2023



Members Present: Lorenda Volker, Matt Cloven, Allyce Lobdell, Patti West, Katrina Mangan, Greg Otte, Tom Hulse, Matt Landers, Matt Cloven, David Koons, Melissa Divido, Edward Seegrist, Matt Landers, Emily Humphrey, Heather O'Hayre, Judge Susan Blanco, and Sara Steen.

Staff Present: Tim Hand, Dana Hersch, Jake Hupp, Alexis Ongley, Alex Danielson, Misty Perry, Miguel Lalond, and Mario Munoz.

Guests: N/A

Absent: Captain Frank Johnson, Christine Miller, Commissioner Kristen Stevens, Steve Pietrafeso, Jeff Swoboda, Michael Allen, Sid Simonson, Staci Shaffer, and Gordon McLaughlin.

Notes: Nora Thompson

This meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Tim Hand

- **Transport Unit Training**
 - Transport Unit Training given by Greg Grover and Jesse Loya.
 - Tim Hand thanked Greg Grover and Jesse Loya for their insightful training.
 - The PowerPoint for the training will be attached to the meeting minutes.
- **Conrad Ball**
 - Nora Thompson Announced the Winner of the Conrad Ball Award this year, Kate Perrill. Kate Perrill is the District Attorney Victim Witness Division Manager.
 - Melissa Divido, The Chair of the Advisory Board, will notify the winner.
 - The food items for the ceremony have been selected. Guests will have the option of Chicken, Flat Iron Steak, or butternut Squash. Also, Cupcake stations will be available as a dessert option.
 - Digital and Mail Invitations will be sent out today. Please RSVP to the event so that an accurate head count can be provided to the venue.
 - The event will take place on September 29th from 5pm-8pm at the Fort Collins Country Club.
- **Training**
 - Tim Hand stated to be on the lookout for a survey asking for training subjects the Advisory Board may be interested in.
 - Alexis Ongley thanked all the advisory board members for completing their yearly required training in a timely manner.
- **Lorenda: Upcoming Legislation that could affect County**
 - Lorenda Volker stated legislation is currently pending a ballot questioning the reduction of property values which may in turn have consequences on county and other local government entities.

- The Ballot asks voters to consider reducing voter refunds to reduce property tax charges. The vote is scheduled to occur in November.
- The county commissioner's office is preparing for possible changes depending on the vote.
- Due to the proposed changes, the county initiated a hiring freeze for the county.
- The hiring freeze is over as of August 15th due to county budgets being submitted.
- Although Community corrections are essential for public safety, these kinds of change requests come up frequently.
- Another proposal in the future involves ensuring a cap for property revenue on the constitutions for the state at 3%-4%. If the proposition is approved, there may be consequences for county and local government resources.
- **New Promotion for Assistant Director Position**
 - Tim Hand announced that Jake Hupp has been selected for the Assistant Director position. Congratulations Jake!
 - Jake Hupp expressed his excitement with taking on the new challenge.
 - Congratulations to Dana Hersch on her retirement.
- **Vacancies to the Advisory Board**
 - There are currently 3 vacant seats to the Advisory Board. Community Corrections will be working with the County Commissioner's office to recruit individuals for the board.
 - Thank you to Captain Franke Johnson and Allyce Lobdell for serving on board, you will be greatly missed.
- **ComCor Evaluations**
 - Alexis Ongley introduced Mario Munoz as the newest member of the community Corrections Evaluations team. Congratulations to Mario!
 - Mario expressed his gratitude and excitement to begin his new journey.
- **Client Centered Half Marathon**
 - Tim Hand recognized Emily Humphrey for her level of dedication and engagement to CJA clients.
 - Tim Hand displayed a photo that was taken during a client centered half marathon.
- **Peer Support**
 - Tim Hand, Dana Hershe, Misty Perry, and Alexis Ongley have been working together to build standardized procedures for peer support groups that are involved with community corrections.
 - Peer support groups that are therapy and recovery based encourage healthy pro social interactions in and out of the facility for community correction clients.
 - Alexis Ongley provided a brief explanation of the standardized procedures currently in place concerning peer support.
 - Standards are based on population. With the current population at community corrections, the goal would be to host 122 different types of events on campus, with 61 of those events being unique or different.
 - Events currently being offered include flower arrangements, Zumba, grief and loss groups, to name a few. The current events factor approximately 20 hours of meeting time.
 - Alexis Ongley was appointed by the Governor office to serve on the governor's advisory council.
 - Congratulations Alexis Ongley!
- **Behavioral Health Administration Audit**
 - Since the new women's expansion was opened approximately 90 days ago, ComCor had to undergo a full license evaluation and audit. The audit team provided a few key feedback points such as using clinical language in notes and using risk management when applicable.

- The men's and women's community correction's building were approved to continue their licenses.
- **Community Corrections BBQ/ Potluck**
 - Tim Hand stated CJA will be hosting a BBQ on August 30th and all Advisory Board members are invited to participate. Events will begin at 11AM.
- **Construction**
 - Renovations at 2255 midpoint are underway. Client living spaces have received a full renovation including new finished walls, flooring, and bathrooms.
 - Additionally, the control room has been rearranged to prioritize practicality and security.
 - The women's expansion is currently housing 53 clients.
- **DOC / Community Corrections Meeting**
 - Heather Salazar will be meeting with Community Corrections leadership to discuss the importance of parole and community corrections collaboration.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 pm by Tim Hand
Next Meeting will be held on September 19th , 2023

