

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 21st, 2023



Members Present:

Matt Landers, Ed Seegrist, Frank Johnson, Kristine Miller, Melissa Divido, Commissioner Kristin Stephens, Greg Otte, Michael Allen, Patti West, David Koons, Katrina (Katie) Mangan, Lorenda Volker, Judge Susan Blanco, Gordon McLaughlin, Heather O'Hayre

Members Present Online:

Sid Simonson, Sarah Steen

Staff Present:

Emily Humphrey, Alexis Ongley, Tim Hand, Dana Hersch, Misty Perry, Lindsey Keller, Alex Danielson, Miguel Lalond, Aubrey Clevenger (Online)

Guests:

Byron Buckendorf, Forrest Mangus, Taylor Ducet, Nolan Granderson

Notes: Colleen Jensen

This meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm by Chair Melissa Divido

Management Meeting Member(s) Introduction

- Melissa Divido asked the members and guests present to introduce themselves.

Organization Overview

- Tim Hand asked his immediate staff that were present to give a brief overview of their organizations. The LCCC Organizational Chart was displayed.
 - Alexis Ongley (Assistant Director) presented information about the Case Management and Intake Services area.
 - Dana Hersch (Assistant Director) presented information about the Security Operations area.
 - Misty Perry (Clinical Director) presented information about the Clinical Treatment Services
- Tim Hand along with Alexis, Dana and Misty informed the group about the services offered in Loveland. AIIM and Wellness Court, Daily Reporting Center (DRC) all have services for those individuals in the Loveland area.
- Tim Hand shared that he is excited about the fact that we are growing with new people coming on board and have an average daily population (ADP) of ~280.

Annual Report

- Alexis Ongley shared that the 2022 draft is almost completed and should be ready for review by the next Advisory Council meeting in March. The report must be published in April.

Trainings

- Alexis Ongley shared that she will be sending out a listing of training available. There will be a description of the classes in the title, and she will send out invitations to everyone. Encourages everyone to sign up for whatever is of interest to you.
- Tim Hand shared that there will be different staff doing the training.

- Heather O’Hayre asked for a reminder of the required hours for training. Alexis answered that it was 4 hours per year.
- Tim Hand also shared that staff members will be rotated to attend the Advisory Council meeting so they can be exposed to what the board is all about. He has also offered to staff to join the Zoom calls.

Treatment Updates

- Misty Perry shared the treatment goals. They include IRT back to full capacity (48 clients) and to provide women’s STIRT. Ideas for the future include RDDT expansion and IRT sex offender program.
- Emily Humphrey also shared that we are now doing Medicaid billing. Misty Perry added that we have submitted \$18,000 in claims and the process hasn’t been as complicated as originally thought.
- Tim Hand emphasizes that there is a strong need for IRT programming for sex offenders across the state.

Tours

- Tim Hand invited Advisory Council members to tour the new women’s facility to come early to the March meeting from 11:30am to 12:00pm.
- Alexis Ongley will be sending out an invitation and inviting everyone to RSVP.

Legislative Updates

- Tim Hand reported on the Joint Budget committee funding adjustment to reflect the impact of the 3% common policy provider rate. This increase also reflects the adjustments to bed counts and performance-based incentive payments.

CCJJ Taskforce – Misdemeanants in ComCor

- Tim Hand reported that the taskforce is getting to the point where we need to make a recommendation regarding placing high risk, high need misdemeanants in community corrections programs funded by the state.
- Some are not in support of this in terms of funding but recognize that this is a judicial issue they will need to decide about their level of support.

DOC Milestone Program and Peer Support

- Tim Hand recognized the good work done by Alex Danielson in seeing this program started in Larimer County.
- Alex Danielson explained that this program came to be and approved by a collaboration with all the correctional boards and establishing these relationships. Staff collaborated with Milestone and Redemption Road programs in the Sterling Correctional Facility to develop the program in Larimer County. The program was 10 weeks involving 38 clients. Nolan Granderson was the first peer support coach.
- Byron Buckendorf, Forrest Mangus, and Taylor Ducet, three clients from the Milestone Program in Sterling attended the meeting via Zoom and shared their experiences with the program.

Highlights of their shared experiences include:

- Formal curriculum and mentorship
- Clients are given the opportunity to receive certification to become a Peer Specialist and Recovery Coach. There is a 70-hour training/commitment that is required.
- Participants have a continuum of care and have certain milestones to advance through the program.
- The spirit of what we do – define a purpose for incarcerated individuals and give tools to change their thinking to be able to transition into the community.

- Credit was given to Nolan for his work and highlighted that he is doing this on his own and it is hard work, but he is paving the way for others.
- Goal is to change culture and change the environment to create a bridge.
- So far, 0% recidivism (byproduct of creating a healthy environment)
- Nolan Granderson (Pictured here) shared his experience with starting the program here in Larimer County. He has a strong desire to bring client peer support to Larimer County to those who are in the same situation as him. He brought the idea to Alex Danielson and Tim Hand. When the opportunity for this program was approved, the clients were excited to be a part of it. The curriculum covers topics such as commitment, integrity, personal mission statements, perseverance, and consistency. It also includes a graduation ceremony which is important because many of these individuals were never able to celebrate an accomplishment.
- Nolan Granderson took time to thank the team for their support of this program. It helps the clients to feel more human and improves interactions with staff.
- Alex Danielson informed us that anyone can come and observe the meetings. She stressed how devoted these individuals are to the success of this program.
- Emily Humphrey also expressed her thanks.
- Questions:
 - Michael Allen asked if there was an equivalent program for women? Tim Hand answered that there is an Alumni program that is co-ed. Nolan Granderson also said that “he is working on it.”
 - Alexis Ongley asked if peer support was unique to Nolan. Nolan Granderson answered that he wasn’t sure but Taylor Ducet, who spoke earlier) is on his way to Larimer County. Anyone who is certified that is coming through the program has the ability Ans: NG – Not sure, but we know Taylor is on his way here. Anyone who is certified that’s coming through the program has the ability. Cool process and evidence based.
 - Melissa Divido stated that she is always answering for the lack of programs in the Department of Corrections. She joked that she had a lot of meetings you could go to with her.



Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm by Melissa Divido

Next Meeting is March 21st, 2023, at 2307 Midpoint Drive in the Powderhorn Room