

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES January 17th, 2023



Members Present: Matt Landers, Staci Shaffer, Ed Seegrist, Frank Johnson, Kristine Miller, Melissa Divido, Scott Gammon, Steve Pietrafeso, Commissioner Kristin Stephens, Judge Susan Blanco, Greg Otte, Jeffrey Swoboda, Michael Allen, Tom Hulse, Patti West, Matt Cloven, Lyndzi Maas, Baylor Brigham (LCSO intern)

Members Present Online: Judge Susan Blanco, Sid Simonson, Gordon McLaughlin, Heather O'Hayre

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

Notes: Theresa Servin

This meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Chair Melissa Divido

Introductions

Scott Gammon Presentation on Fentanyl

- Scott Gammon discussed changes in rising cases, methods of use, percentages along the front range and legislation and recent changes in charges. Matt Landers asks Scott if anything is falling through the cracks and Scott highlights the significant resources investigations demand while trying to stop the flow of fentanyl.
- Tim thanks him for this informative presentation. Tim thanks our partner agencies LCSO and Fort Collins PD for all their help and communication.

Advisory Board Holiday Luncheon

- Took place at Caninos on December 20th, 2022. Tim talked about how wonderful the opportunity was to thank our judges and our board members.

Community Corrections Holiday Party

- Took place at The Mash Lab in Windsor on Friday December 16th, 2022. Alexis shared the group photo.

Director's Retreat

- Took place on Friday January 6th, 2023 at the Horsetooth Area Information Center and facilitated by Michelle Bird and Kim Priddy.
- Tim comments on the working lunch, strategic planning, the new building expansion, management team presentations, and the staff survey.

Employee Survey

- There was an 89% response rate this year- incredible!
- Dana comments how thoughtful the responses were; how nice it was to be able to brainstorm with staff, and how to be successful as a team. She mentions better communication and high and low functioning performers were mentioned as specific points on the survey.
- Alexis- All 3 units spent time clarifying on the areas where LCCC scored low and got a lot of feedback to meet staff needs better.

Expansion Updates

- **JAG Project**
 - Alexis reports the JAG project has wrapped up in terms of data observations, interviews, and data collections. She reports very soon they will be moving into more action items.
- **WRNA Presentation to GAC**
 - Alexis has been working on bringing the WRNA to the women's side. Dr. Emily Salisbury with the University of Utah presented to the Governor's Advisory Council on WRNA and its benefits to our female population. Alexis and her team will partner with other women's programs across the state to try and move this forward.
- **Project Elevate Tour**
 - Hybrid (half county and half non-profit run) women's program that recently opened in Denver. Alexis spoke to how inspiring this new program is.
 - Alexis also spoke about the Impact Program; this is full county run and we have been in contact and shared information with this program which is starting to take referrals.

CCJJ Taskforce – Misdemeanants in Community Corrections

- Tim comments this is moving towards a pilot model. They are looking at presenting this to the CCJJ for 3 different programs. Tim asks the board to be open to us being part of that RFP. He is hoping to take clients who struggle on probation supervision. He would like to take about 10 of these clients. Tim will present to the Task Force next meeting in February what that track might look like.
- Greg Otte reports that probation officers managing these clients would like folks to be placed in the facility before they go into residential treatment, or after they finish treatment to help them stabilize before they return to probation.
- Matt Landers inquires about sentencing in regards to these placement. Tim responds that sentencing will be to probation. Tim comments doing anything with sentencing will be complicated; he sees this as a voluntary program. Tim will present in February and have more to share then.

Peer Support

- Alexis reports SummitStone has peer support specialists that have been utilized by our clients.
- A client who participated in the Milestone program before transitioning out of DOC is running a peer led group of about 40 folks every week. Graduation is on Monday 7-9pm.

Emily thanks CC staff for their continued work and tells the board about saving a client's life. Tim also thanks our trauma counselors for their staff support. This is vital for staff members as they are dealing with life and death situations. Dana supports this by commenting how our clients trust staff.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 pm by Melissa Divido

Next Meeting is February 21st, 2023 at 200 W Oak