

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

August 16th, 2022



Members Present: Matt Landers, Lorenda Volker, Commissioner Stephens, Melissa Divido, Kristine Miller, Michael Allen, Judge Susan Blanco, Sara Steen, Sid Simonson, Chief Swoboda, Greg Otte, Katrina Mangan, Steve Pietrafeso, Patti West, Tim Doran, Heather O’Hayre

Guests: Brian Hardouin

Staff Present: Emily Humphrey, Tim Hand, Alexis Ongley, Dana Hersch, Misty Perry, Miguel LaLond

Notes: Aubrey Clevenger

This meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm by Chair Matt Landers

New Member Introduction

- Board members warmly welcome Patti West, Steve Pietrafeso, and Matt Cloven to the Community Corrections Advisory Board as they have been recently appointed.
- Patti, Steve, and Matt each bring a wealth of knowledge and valuable experience to the board and members are looking forward to working with them.

Conrad Ball

- Aubrey Clevenger updates staff on the planning undertakings for the 44th annual Conrad Ball award ceremony which is scheduled for September 30th at the Fort Collins Country Club.
- Aubrey is working on sending out official invitations to guests at the beginning of September to provide ample RSVP time.
- As planning progresses, Aubrey will keep members updated.

Recruitment Videos

- Emily Humphrey spearheaded the creation of the 3 CJA recruitment videos surrounding “Security and Transportation,” “Treatment Programs,” and “Jobs and Programs.”
- Each video excellently delineates the various essential positions around the CJA campus and the plan to hire for new positions in support of the expansion.
- CJA job postings are being revamped by removing “corrections” from the descriptions to appeal to a broader group of candidates.

Expansion Update

- Emily Humphrey discusses the current plans with the undergoing expansion.
- The outdoor area is set to be a safe, welcoming environment including gardens and other activities for clients to nurture, instead of the traditional correctional outside space.
- Emily offers thanks to the Commissioners for approving facility upgrades to the current Community Corrections facility.
- If everything goes according to plan, the new facility should be operational by June of 2023.

Community Corrections Task Force

- Tim Hand advises the board that he has recently been appointed to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Community Corrections Task Force.
- Members will set out to determine the direction of the task force as they brainstorm the funding mechanism for the initiative.

Client Advisory Council

- Alexis Ongley deliberates with members on the plan to create a council of clients (former, current, alumni members, etc.), where staff would gather feedback from them about the program, services, department changes and other perspectives.
- If members have any suggestions or feedback for Alexis, please let her know.

Monthly Mentor Meetings

- Tim shares with members his idea to begin meeting with client mentors monthly to gather information on how to create a better experience for them at the department.
- Dana Hersch comments on the importance of acquiring this viewpoint from clients.
- There's brief discussion around providing an incentive to clients to increase attendance and serve as a way to thank them for volunteering.

Dr. Tara Opsal's Research

- Dana provides a thorough report out of the arduous work Dr. Tara Opsal is doing at the Community Corrections department and the conclusion of phase two in her research project.
- Phase three will commence this fall, which will initiate client interviews.
- Dr. Opsal will be exploring how to measure client success and looking at what impedes this.
- Copious conversation ensues around the impact of Dr. Opsal's research in community corrections facilities across the state and the desire to have her present at an upcoming GAC (Governor's Advisory Council) meeting.

OCC Recruitment Outreach

- Tim reveals the work he is doing with the department's Hiring Specialist, Britta Wolfhart, and the manager of the Office of Community Corrections, Katie Ruske through Orange Circle Consulting.
- Orange Circle Consulting is a hiring and recruitment resource departments can utilize to aid in their hiring efforts, which Tim will be considering whether or not to use.

Warrant Clearance Event

- Judge Blanco and Emily explain the upcoming Warrant Clearance Event that is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at the Old Town Public Library.
- There will be a plethora of community partners that will be present to support the event.
- The event flyers will be attached to the meeting minutes.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:13 pm by Chair Matt Landers

Next Meeting is September 20th, 2022