

**LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

May 19th, 2026 – 2307 Midpoint Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Powderhorn Conference Room



Members Present: Cedric Clark, Ashley Morriss, Jessie Harney, Commissioner John Kefalas, Tom Hulse, Cyndi Dodds, Jeff Swoboda, Sid Simonson, Lorenda Volker, Chief Judge Gregory Lammons, Judge Michelle Brinegar, Emily Humphrey, Gordon McLaughlin

Staff Present: Alexis Ongley, Jason Helms, Jake Hupp, Alex Danielson, Erin Caldwell, Ally Shea, Mario Munoz, Culley Flynn

Absent: Patti West, Greg Otte, Stephanie Tolen, Staci Shaffer, Steve Pietrafeso, Kristine Miller, Heather O'Hayre, David Koons

Notes: Erin Caldwell

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Alexis Ongley.

Criteria/Bylaw Revision Vote

- The vote was unanimous to accept the proposed changes to both documents.
 - The finalized documents are attached with the notes.
 - The Bylaws will be reviewed by the County Attorney and then through Admin Matters to be signed by the commissioners.

Board Openings

- We currently have 3 Board seats open. The application period has closed, and interviews should take place soon.

Conrad Ball

- This year we utilized the county's formalized quote process where we requested 3 quotes for our event. The bid was awarded to the Fort Collins Country Club. The ceremony will take place on Friday, September 25, 2026.
- Nominations are currently open through [the county website](#). This year, more guidance is provided on how to submit a quality nomination.
 - Board members are encouraged to reach out to Board staff to gain support in writing and submitted nominations if needed.

Legislative Updates

- The Community Corrections Joint Budget Committee (JBC) Analyst made a recommendation to the JBC that the Office of Community Corrections (OCC) conduct their budget similar to the Department of Corrections (DOC) or Probation instead of managing the budget through the JBC and RFI's. A secondary option proposed was to dismantle OCC and put Community Corrections regulation under DORA to split the Community Corrections budget amongst DOC and judicial. This would dissolve Community Corrections Boards and programs would contract with DOC and Judicial directly. Currently, the first option is being pushed through as bill. This change will require Community Corrections programs to submit additional program data to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) to complete projections.
 - Community Corrections was approved a 3.3% increase in budget. However, facility payments from DCJ are going away for programs over 105 clients including Larimer County. Those facility

payment funds have been reallocated to increase per diem by 1.55%. To fund the additional increase, clients will begin to pay subsistence again.

- Up until 2020, we charged clients \$17/day in subsistence fees. Our Business Operations Team is currently collecting data to determine how much we will need to charge clients to obtain the total budget increase of 3.3%. Contracts will have to be adjusted to include this.
 - This will be a big change for our clients. We are heavily weighing numerous factors to ensure that this new mandate minimally affects them.
 - Tom Hulse asked when clients will have to start paying.
 - Next fiscal year – July 2026

- Prison Population Bill (SB26-036)

Many of the points brought up in the meeting relating to the PPMM Bill were outdated as Jason was referring to notes from the original bill. Corrections and additional information are in red.

- Most Community Corrections items have stayed the same throughout the lifespan of this bill. Upon further review of the bill revisions, the items in red have changed since inception.
- DOC case managers will make referrals to Community Corrections within 7 days of eligibility.
- ~~The programs are required to review the referrals within 14 days of receipt.~~
 - ~~We are concerned about the feasibility of this ask due to our high referral numbers and strain on staff workload. This would also require more time of the subcommittee to screen additional cases each week.~~

This measure is no longer in the revised bill.
- Once the client has been in a program for 180 days, they must be assessed for non-residential placement. The current version of the bill clarifies that “non-residential placement” refers to ISP-I.
- ~~If a Transition client is regressed, Parole must explore other placement options for that client before returning them to prison.~~

This item is not in the revised bill.
- It is currently unclear what the penalty would be for not meeting these requirements.
- This Bill is currently awaiting the Governor’s signature.
- There is a Fiscal Note attached to this bill. (see attached)
- A change was made to the trigger mechanism in the revised bill: these measures are now enacted when the prison vacancy rate falls below 4% (previously 3%) and stays there for 30 days. The measures are deactivated when the vacancy rate exceeds 5% for 30 days.
- Emily Humphrey asked if they are considering the information obtained in the Community Corrections Cost Evaluation Analysis.
 - Yes, Phase 1 was the 3.3% increase.
 - Phase 2 is taking into consideration that programs can vary greatly from one another based on their community needs, resources, and geographical location.
 - The Governor’s Advisory Council (GAC) supports what was stated in the Cost Evaluation Report.
- Lastly, there will be a change to send DOC referrals through the Community Corrections billing system, CCIB. These referrals will come directly from DOC’s system to our system.
 - This will allow us to get more information and better stats on our transition referrals.

Culture Work

- The CJA leaders have been participating in culture workshops since February.
 - Our initial workshop was conducted by Dr. Alex Walker.
 - The curriculum was developed based on our core values of Respect, Safety, Connection, and Empowerment.
 - We are currently focusing on Respect.
- We also contracted with Nancy Kepner from Crafted Leadership, who often works with Larimer County leaders. She is facilitating bi-monthly leadership cohort groups to discuss and apply different culture

principles.

- CJA leaders are taking the concepts back to their staff to teach them the principles and answer questions around the topics.
- Alexis shared that we tend to work *IN* the organization and we don't do enough work *ON* the organization. She has appreciated listening to the Community Corrections leaders discuss their experiences and answers to these culture questions during Management Meetings.

Staffing Increases

- The program recently added a STIRT clinician and security staff funded through SIGNAL. Overall client volume has increased, and we were reverting large amount of funds back to SIGNAL. Adding these two new positions has help offset some of those reverted funds and will support program operations.

Weld County Transfers

- We occasionally submit referrals to Weld County to have Larimer clients transfer to Weld for non-residential programming after completing the residential program based on their family/housing circumstances. We recently discovered that they no longer wish for us to do that. Our Evaluations Unit can still make referrals for our clients to transfer to Weld as an Out of County placement before their residential program begins.

Erin Caldwell reminded everyone to watch the Boards and Commissions training Jason Helms put together. Please let her know after you have watched it.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 pm by Alexis Ongley.

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2026
at 12:00pm at 200 W Oak Street – Hearing Room**