

**LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**October 20, 2020**

**Members Present:** Ed Seegrist, William Sublette, Katie Mangan, Jeff French, Linda Hoffman, Cliff Riedel, Commissioner John Kefalas, Sid Simonson, Chris Gastelle, Chief Judge Stephen Howard, Allyce Lobdell, Heather O'Hayre, Sara Steen, Chief Swoboda

**Staff Present:** Shelley Durkin, Alexis Ongley, Alex Danielson, Dana Hersch, Ingrid Schroeder, Emily Humphrey, Mike Ruttenberg, Kendra Toal

The meeting took place via Zoom and was called to order at 12:02 by Tim Hand

- **Victim's Service Request – Revisit**
  - Alexis Ongley revisits what the Victim Service team is requesting.
    - The first request is that victims of Diversion Clients be able to speak directly to the Board, like victims of Transition clients.
    - The second request is that the time allotment be raised from 5 minutes to 10 minutes.
    - Alexis asks for a discussion on what anyone's questions or concerns are and then bring it to a vote.
    - It is clarified that this would only be on VRA cases and that it is written into legislation to give rights to victims of crimes against persons – Victim's Rights Act.
  - Some concerns were brought to the table on what impact this would have on evidence-based practices, as well as the subcommittee turning into a mini trial.
  - It is reviewed that this about giving victims of Diversion victims a voice just like Transition victims and that statute states victims of Diversion clients MAY be allowed to speak under the board's parameters if they ask to.
  - Jeff French calls this to motion: Should we allow victim's and/or representatives (one family member if it is a group of victims) from Diversion cases present orally to the board. No legal counsel.
  - Cliff Riedel motions the second vote to allow victims to have 10 minutes instead of 5 minutes. He explains that is the subcommittee is getting bogged down we can always revisit this.
  - Both motions pass. Victims of Diversion clients will be allowed to orally present to the board and there will be an increased time allowance of 10 minutes.
- **Failure to Comply Warrant Process**
  - The Evaluation Unit is in the process of changing the filing process with clients who are sentenced on stay of execution, or who were supposed to show up for a bed date and did not. We have had 9 clients since July not report.
  - Until now, we have been addressing these as Unauthorized Absences and filing a Terminate and Transfer, many of which have been getting dismissed by a Judge not finding probable cause.
  - The new process would be to file a Failure to Comply warrant on the felony case.
    - If picked up within 30 days and have not committed a new crime, they would stay in the jail until bed space is available.
    - If they have been picked up and they have a new misdemeanor case, their evaluation and acceptance would be reviewed.
    - If they picked up a new felony case or it has been past 30 days, then they would file a Terminate and Transfer.
  - Alexis opens this up for discussion.
    - Matt Landers said the Public Defenders and DA office fully support this.
    - No other concerns.
- **Covid Update**
  - Dana Hersch updates the Board that LCCC is doing well with COVID management. She met with the Health Department this morning and because we are doing well, there will be a new process to move clients through the quarantine process faster, but still a safe way.
  - Dana also shares that the Health Department will make 150 flu shots available for Community Corrections and Alternative Sentencing clients. There will be a mini clinic on November 4<sup>th</sup> and should be able to cover most of the clients.

- **Strategic Planning Session Update**
  - Tim Hand shares that he, Emily Humphrey, and Dana Hersch attended a Strategic Planning Meeting with the Coalition, discussing obstacles in Community Corrections, particularly with Transition referrals.
    - The Colorado Coalition of Community Corrections is made up of Directors from 35 programs across the state as well as a lobbyist that acts on their behalf. They meet monthly to discuss all things Community Corrections.
    - The Coalition is currently working to bring light to the Legislator, and other stake holders, about the benefits of Community Corrections.
    - Tim mentions that it was helpful to have Emily there to share her perspective as a former prosecutor and there will be a follow-up meeting with the Coalition in a couple of weeks.
- **CACCB Meeting Attendees – Decision Making Tool**
  - The quarterly CACCB conference is this Friday, there are 11 Board Members and Staff signed up.
  - There will be a presentation from 10:30-11:30 on the Decision-Making Tool Implantation and it has been asked that Larimer County Board members share their findings, successes, and struggles with our Decision-Making tool.
- **Out of County Diversion Referrals**
  - Tim Hand shares that Lisa from the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District has reached out asking LCCC to help support with their residential and treatment placements.
  - There was back and forth discussion on out of county placements with both support and concerns.
    - Positives included expanding our model statewide and filing beds while there is no waitlist.
    - Concerns included taking out of county diversion if there is a waitlist with our own clients, a bottle neck in the system while judges have increased case numbers, and emphasis on local ties.
    - Several Board members echoed the concern on community ties as well as the location the client would be released to.
- **Jeff French Announcement**
  - Jeff French announces his retirement as of November 30<sup>th</sup> he will be done. Ed Seegrist will move up to the seat of Chairman. Jeff says it has been an honor to be a part of the Board.
  - Tim mentions that Judge Howard, Cliff Riedel, and Jeff French are all moving on and Emily, Tim, Alexis, and Shelley will be taking them to a to celebrate.
- **Client letter**
  - The Board reads a letter from a client on his gratitude of our program. See attached.
- **Adjourn at 12:59**