

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

April 20, 2021

Members Present: Ed Seegrist, Greg Otte, Katrina Mangan, Sam Houghteling, Staci Shaffer, Melissa Divido, Allyce Lobdell, Michael Allen, Sara Steen, Jeffery Swoboda, Gordon McLaughlin, Sid Simonson, Matt Landers, Kristin Stephens, Staci Shaffer, Chief Judge Susan Blanco, David Koons, Heather O'Hayre, Sam Houghteling, Linda Hoffman

Staff Present: Alexis Ongley, Tim Hand, Michael Ruttenberg, Alex Danielson, Miguel LaLond

Notes: Shelley Durkin

The meeting took place via Zoom and was called to order at 12:02 pm by Chair Ed Seegrist

Annual Report Complete

- Tim Hand shares that the annual Report is complete and thanks Shelley Durkin for the new color scheme and layout of the Annual Report. He thanks the Assistant Directors and their teams for the detailed content and summaries from this past year.
- The Executive Board has approved the Report and it will be shared with the public after the conclusion of this meeting.

Selection Rotation Proposal

- Alexis Ongley and the Executive Board have been taking a deeper look into the makeup of the Selections Rotation and the acceptance/rejection rates per subcommittee.
- Ed Seegrist shares an idea he had that Alexis picked it up and ran with, creating an alternative plan to selections. Instead of 3 committee rotations, there would be 6. Each rotation will overlap 2 months with the prior rotation and 2 months with next. This would allow for a shake up of the committees and to be a part of different groups. (see attachment)
- Alexis adds that if this is voted on for approval, we would send a survey to Board Members to see which rotations would work for them.
- Gordon McLaughlin asked, on behalf of the newer members, for a little more detail on why a change is needed.
 - Alexis explains that we found that each trimester had consistent acceptance and rejections rates among themselves year after year. The people vote with the same people and get used to the same discussions, likes and dislikes. The thought here would provide overlap with other committees and have more exposure to more conversations and viewpoints.
- David Koons brings up a possible issue to work through: Slack user turnover.
 - Alexis and Ed thank David and explain that we would need to work through this on the Admin end.
- Michael Allen presents that there have been 2 issues with voting, the makeup of the committee and the inconsistent use of the tool. He asks how we address the inconsistency of the tool use.
- Alexis explains that we are in the process of updating the system to collect congruent data on the tool to see where the gaps are. Once we get more time and data on the tool, we will review with Dr. Opsal to see if changes are needed.
- Heather O'Hayre asks if there are instructions to support the tool.
 - Shelley will send out the tool and information to the entire Board with the notes.
 - Alexis Ongley invites anyone with more questions to schedule a meeting with her as well.
- Gordon McLaughlin makes a motion to adopt the proposed 6 group subcommittee

rotation, Michael Allen seconds the motion.

- Motion passes in full favor.
- We will send out a survey to match you with the best rotation for your schedule.

Commissioner's Board Review

- Tim Hand wants to thank the Commissioners for their interest in our board. There was a board review that Tim and Alexis attended. The focus was to present the focus of our board to the commissioners.
- Tim Hand asks Commissioner Stephens her thoughts on Alexis and Tim's presentation.
 - Commissioner Stephens states that the Commissioners complete a periodic review of all boards and commissions and that because we are a statutory board, we operate differently.
 - The feedback gathered suggested that our board is operating well, and members are overall happy with the function and expectations.
 - Alexis explains that we are working on diversity to the board.
 - Alexis recently joined the inclusion advisory council to make some connections and bring some diversity to our board. She just had her first meeting and has made some hopeful connections.

Slide State Review

- One of the things that we were hearing before the Commissioner board review and then again in the feedback, is that we have a lot of newer members would like to know more about stats and slides sent out each month.
- Alexis feels it is important to talk about our standards and gives a summary of our standards and why the slides are made.
- Alexis explains that we operate off the Colorado Community Correction Standards and that there are other programs in the building that have additional set of standards to follow.
 - 101 standards 2 categories – Operations, Behavior changes.
- The Community Corrections Standards are measured by several types of audits.
 - Core security audit
 - PACE audit
 - Specialized Quality Assurance Reviews
- The slides are the piece of quantitative standards where DCJ is auditing us.
- She welcomes anyone to contact her with any additional information.

Welcome to New Evaluator

- Tim welcomes our new evaluator, Miguel LaLond. Miguel introduces himself and shares that he has been with the agency for 5 years and is joining the Evaluations Unit from frontline Security.

Social Security Update

- Alexis was able to get in contact with the head policy folks down in Denver. They were able to have a long conversation, but they were getting hung up on the definition of incarceration. The state defines it as time incarcerated in a jail or prison. We define it as a period of incarceration and time they are released into community.
 - In the literature it does state that people who reside in a halfway house are not eligible for benefits with only a few exceptions.
- From what she can tell, if people are still getting benefits, it is likely some sort of error.
- There was an attempt to try to change this on a federal level in recent history and it was unsuccessful.
- Heather O'Hayre mentions that there was a grant in 2019 that was halted due to COVID but is coming back. There might be emergency services for the 30-day transition period, that Human Services can support. Alexis and Heather will chat on this.

Facility Updates

- Tim shares on the sad passing of one of our residents. He had checked out of our facility to go to work and was found deceased later that day from an apparent overdose.
 - Tim explains that Emily Humphrey jumped right on that and got Tim Brown here to support our staff. This was also very difficult on many of the clients.
 - They are looking at a long term sustainably service to have onsite and available if we need them.
- We are off outbreak status and Tim shares that even with the Commissioners relaxation of COVID restrictions, we are remaining status quo.
- We had a positive last night, this individual was able to isolate by himself in his own room. We are looking at putting him on Non-Res as he is already on level 4. Very mild symptoms – lost of taste and smell.
 - His 7 close contacts were put on quarantine.
 - Dana Hersch shares that we have already done PCR tests, and all were negative.
- Dana shares that we had a vaccination clinic on 4/8/21 and were able to vaccinate over 100 of our clients and including community members, and all of CJS, we gave out over 500 doses.
 - Emily would like to do a second round and gather clients or staff who missed the last round.
- Tim shares that garden season is coming up. Joe Weilnau and treatment groups have been getting the garden ready. Hopefully late this summer we can have a farmers' market like we used to in the past.
- Mike Ruttenberg says that everything is pretty status quo.
 - Treatment is in the process of hiring process for a few positions.
- Dana Hersch shares that we opened a 3rd day at Loveland DRC. Our days match with probation intakes in Loveland.
 - Tim appreciates Greg Otte for his partnership and collaboration in the support of our new facility.
- Tim shares that you will notice in the slides the large number of Unauthorized Absences in the last month. Tim and Alexis explain that the majority were connected the overdose death and fentanyl in the facility.
 - 5 of the 7 did test positive for the fentanyl.

Conrad Ball Update and Voting of Winner

- Shelley Durkin shares that we are ready to vote on the winner of the Conrad Ball. Board Members conduct a live vote. Due to the absence of a few members, the winner is not announced. Those votes will be collected via email and we will let the Board know the winner ASAP.

Linda Hoffman asks to take a minute to congratulate Community Corrections and the resiliency of the staff. She explains that through a tumultuous year, they continued to provide outstanding service to our clients and the community. She wants to congratulate and commend all of Community Corrections on their noteworthy work through the Pandemic.

Adjourn at 12:51