

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 16, 2021

Members Present: Ed Seegrist, Matt Landers, David Koons, Linda Hoffmann, Jeff Swoboda, Kristine Miller, Heather O'Hayre, Sid Simonson, Chris Gastelle, Allyce Lobdell, Beth Ayasse, Michael Allen, Greg Otte, Beth Ayasse, Gordon McLaughlin, Melissa Divido, Sara Steen, Staci Shaffer, Judge Susan Blanco, Commissioner Kristin Stephens, Sam Houghteling, Sid Simonson

Staff Present: Alexis Ongley, Tim Hand, Michael Ruttenberg, Alex Danielson, Emily Humphrey, Culley Flynn

Notes: Shelley Durkin

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

Introduction of New Board Members

- Welcome Melissa Divido. Melissa is replacing Jeff French as the Department of Corrections board member. Melissa will be with us for a while, during DOC supervisor and duty shifts.
- Welcome and Congratulations Greg Otte. Greg is the new Chief of Probation.
- Official Welcome to Judge Blanco, we are so happy to have you on our board.
- Welcome Gordon McLaughlin, our new DA, we are excited to have you on a board as well.
- Also, an official welcome to Commissioner Kristin Stephens. We look forward to working with you.
- Tim Hand takes a moment to give special recognition to Chris Gastelle, as this is his last meeting. Chris has been on this board for a little over 10 years. Tim shares his appreciation for all Chris has done and the time he served on the board.
 - Ed Seegrist shares that it has been a real pleasure working with Chris, and Alexis Ongley echoes that sentiment.
 - Linda Hoffman thanks Chris for his patience and education during subcommittee meetings.
 - Congrats, Chris!

County Commissioner Board Reviews

- Alexis Ongley explains that every few years the County's boards and commissions will be reviewed. The Commissioners are asking board members to complete a survey to help with the review. Some may remember the survey that was last filled out in 2019.
- Linda Hoffman shares that all boards and commissions are reviewed every 5 years. There has been lots of turnover on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, which is why we are being asked to fill out the survey again. Linda explains that members should not feel like they must spend a lot of time on the survey but asks to focus on what is going well and what could be improved.
- The survey will be sent as an attachment with the notes. Please fill out and send back to Shelley Durkin by March 5th.
- Alexis Ongley explains that there will be a working session on April 7th or April 12th with the Commissioners and Executive Board to discuss the survey findings.
- Linda Hoffman further explains that the purpose is to give the Commissioners a picture of all boards and commissions. They review the makeup and the charges to insure they are still appropriate. It also gives them an opportunity to assess if there is an area of need.

Conrad Ball Award Nominations

- Shelley Durkin shares that the Judge Conrad Ball award nominations are open. An individual email will go out to each agency encouraging nominations. Nominations are open through March 31, 2021. To read more about the award and to nominate someone, please go to:

<https://www.larimer.org/cjs/comcor/conrad-ball-award>

CACCB Conference

- The CACCB virtual meeting agenda and registration came out today.
- Kristine Miller shares that it will be an exciting meeting with lots of good information.
- Please let Shelley Durkin know if you would like to attend. Meeting agenda attached.

Annual Report

- Shelley Durkin is in the process of compiling the departments' information for the 2020 Annual Report. She hopes to have the report wrapped up by the first week of March.

ISPI Direct to Community Referral

- Tim Hand explains that we had an interesting transition referral come through where we need to consider an ISPI recommendation over Community Corrections. We need Advisory Board approval to recommend ISPI placement.
- Alexis Ongley shares that for those who were on the board during the development of the structured decision-making tool, they may remember developing a box for over programming.
 - She explains that we received a transition referral that we think would be more appropriate as an ISPI placement over Community Corrections due to over programming.
- Culley Flynn, the evaluator in the case, introduces himself and gives an overview of the case.
 - He explains that she came to the board for a marijuana cultivation case.
 - Some key factors are that she has no prior criminal history, no mental health or substance treatment needs, has a husband and a house in Loveland to parole to, and she only speaks Mandarin. She would need an interrupter to communicate.
- Mike Ruttenberg shares that her LSI score is a 15 and explains that research finds that you should not mix low risk offenders with high risk as it could potentially do more harm by increasing her LSI and her likelihood of committing another crime. The average LSI for Community Corrections is 29.
- Alexis Ongley mentions that we do not usually get these cases as transitions, as they are usually sentenced to us on diversion.
 - She explains that we would just be making a recommendation to DOC that the client go to ISPI over Community Corrections because of over programming, ultimately it is DOCs decision.
- Jeff Swoboda clarifies if it is just the language barrier or if there are other issues here.
 - Alexis explains that the client does not have a prior criminal history and she has a lot of stabilization factors. Sometimes if people come here, there is a negative outcome, whereas sending her to a safe support system will give her a better chance of success.
 - This is an extremely rare case.
- Gordon McLaughlin explains that with his knowledge of the case, he shares the concern of over programming.
- Alexis Ongley mentions that we did accept her as a diversion, but she was sentenced to DOC.
- Linda Hoffman moves that we approve the client into the community with the recommendation to DOC that she is placed on ISPI instead of in our Community Corrections program.
 - Ed Seegrist seconds the motion.
 - The motion is approved with a full board consensus.
- Linda Hoffman suggests looking if this practice has been documented in the policy or bylaws.

COVID-19 Updates

- Alexis Ongley explains that there has been a lot going over the last month. Our contract with Curative tests was terminated. We are now using test kits from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment.
- She explains that we had a room on the women's side with an outbreak. Out of the 8 women in the room, 6 of them eventually tested positive, as well as a couple of other ladies that had been in close contact.
 - We spent the last couple of weeks isolating, quarantining, and testing to get the outbreak

under control.

- A Rapid Response team has been assigned to us from CDHE and have been conducting our surveillance testing over the last 3 weeks. They come to us on Friday afternoons and test our entire population as well as staff who want to test.
 - This last round resulted in zero positives out of 200 tests.
- Alexis shares that we have also caught a couple positives on a rapid test conducted by staff. This has been helpful in controlling the outbreak and getting the positives out of the building as soon as possible.
 - To get off outbreak status, we will need to go 28 days with no positives from clients or staff.
- Mike Ruttenberg shares that the protocols upon intake and symptom monitoring have been successful in managing the outbreak.

Legislative Updates

- Tim Hand is trying to keep our board in loop with the Governor's proposal and any sort of updates he is receiving from the state.
- Tim explains that a letter was sent to the Joint Budget Committee Members from Colorado Counties, Inc., Colorado Community Corrections Coalition, and Colorado Association of Community Correction Boards. The letter shares concerns regarding the proposed budget cuts. Please see attachment to read the full letter.
- Emily Humphrey sent the letter to the Commissioners as well as the local legislators and encourages anyone wants to, to send the letter out to their contacts.

Facility Updates

- Alexis Ongley updates the board that we have a new food vendor, Summit Foods, that took over on February 9th. So far so good. We are hoping to get better quality food.
- She also shares some sad news that a Non-Res client passed away outside of our building. His death was a result of a motorcycle accident. He was doing well and sober and we extend our condolences to his family.
- Lastly, Alexis updates the board that she will be pulling together some trend data focusing on escapes due to the change in legislation (felony to misdemeanor) and the pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57