

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 15th, 2021

Members Present: Matt Landers, Gordon McLaughlin, Sam Houghteling, Judge Susan Blanco, Katrina Mangan, Kristine Miller, Linda Hoffman, Michael Allen, Commissioner Stephens, Emily Humphrey, Heather O'Hayre, Sara Steen, William Sublette.

Staff Present: Mike Ruttenberg, Dana Hersh, Alexis Ongley, Miguel LaLond

Guests: Mike Rais

Notes: Shelley Durkin

The meeting took place in the Hearing Room and was called to order at 12:02 pm by Vice Chair, Matt Landers.

First Responder Trauma Counseling

- Emily Humphrey shares that she, Tim Hand, and Jill Fox are working on a partnership with First Responder Trauma Counseling to support our staff in vicarious trauma situations. The group consists of former first responders and front-line individuals who have been trained in vicarious trauma and peer support.
- The counselors can be onsite and/or be available for our staff seeking counseling.
- The group presented to the CJS staff this past month.
- In addition, a CJS peer support team will be assembled through an application process. CJS staff who are chosen will be trained on supporting peers through vicarious trauma.

New Proposed Criteria for SOTMP Clients to Community Corrections (See attachment)

- Mike Rais, a Community Corrections Case Manager who supervises Sex Offenders, presents to the Board the newly proposed criteria for SOTMP (Sex Offender Treatment and Monitoring Program) Clients.
- A committee of stake holders including Department of Corrections, the Parole Board, and DCJ worked on the criteria in a direct response SB20-085 (Sex Offender Community Corrections Requirements. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb20-085>)
- The committee worked together to propose a new set of criteria for sex offenders being released to Community Corrections, modifying tracks so that lower risk offenders could get treatment in DOC. Lower risk offenders were previously not qualifying for treatment in DOC.
- DCJ and DOC will be presenting the proposed criteria to the CACCB.
- Mike Rais shares that if the new criteria is accepted and implemented, we should start seeing more SO referrals from DOC.
- Mike Ruttenberg asks if this would change the level DOC clients start on if they come to Community Corrections?
 - Mike Rais explains that they will still start on level 1, they will just be ahead of the curve.
- Matt Landers asks if our current staff will be enough to provide the support.
 - Mike Ruttenberg explains that we do not have staff in-house that provide SO treatment.
 - This will affect Case Management; we will have more staff trained in managing Sex Offenders.
- Linda Hoffman asks if we know how many community corrections in the state take sex offenders?
 - Alexis Ongley researches and finds that 6 community corrections in the state accept sex offenders.

- Linda Hoffman asks if we are at risk of letting SO parole homeless to Fort Collins if we do not accept them.
 - Mike Ruttenberg says the short answer is yes.
- Linda Hoffman asks if it is safe to assume that the lifetime supervision clients had larger offenses?
 - Emily Humphrey explains that often, yes. However, there are some lower risk crimes that might meet all the criteria.
- Judge Susan Blanco asks if the referrals come with the psychosexual?
 - Mike Rais explains that they should, but they do not always. We are getting the original document and it is a starting point. We would like the clinicians from DOC to update the reports.
- Matt Landers asks if the scoring and all this information will be provided to the subcommittee?
 - Mike Rais says yes, the evaluators should hopefully be getting all this information with the risk criteria.
 - Alexis Ongley explains that we have been working with DOC and DCJ for a while, telling them we need to have the complete information to review a referral. She explains that it is a process. It is easier for people who are new to the system. However, if the referral is for someone who have been in prison for many years, there is a backlog, and all information may not be available or current.

Utilizing AR for Transition Clients Instead of COPDs

- Alexis Ongley explains that Tim Hand will update the Board more at the next meeting since he has been working on the committee. A summary is provided that currently DOC clients who get terminated for behavioral issues do not have a COPD (Code of Penal Discipline.) DOC wanted us to reject after accepting, but really it is a negative termination. DOC clients will now go through the AR process.

Conrad Ball Update

- Shelley Durkin shares that we are still on track to hold the Conrad Ball Banquet night on Friday, October 1st from 6PM– 9PM. We have the Theatre reserved inside the Lory Student Center on CSU's campus.
- Shelley also shares that this will be her last Advisory Board meeting. She will be going back to teaching as an art educator in the district. She has a position with Preston Middle School teaching photography, painting, and jewelry making.
- Shelley thanks everyone for their kindness and extends gratitude in having been able to work with everyone on the Board.

CACCB Registrations

- Shelley Durkin will be sending in the registration for the virtual CACCB meeting to be held on Friday, June 25th. If you have not yet RSVP'd and would like to attend, please do so ASAP. The agenda is attached.

Report Out on Diversion Referrals

- Alexis Ongley explains that we have seen a nice uptick in Diversion Referrals. We saw a big dip during covid; however, things are normalizing.
- Alexis says the trend is allowing our population to rise, hopefully to pre-covid numbers soon.
 - Restrictions are listed for how many people can be in a room. We are tracking vaccinations in the facility.
 - We are adjusting the way we do intake quarantine to free up room space, allowing for 8-

- 10 beds in room.
- If clients are vaccinated, they can skip quarantine and go straight to programming.
- Moving treatment back to where they were. The facility will go through a large flip this week. The hope is by August we can be back up to capacity.

First Draft of New Subcommittee Rotation (attached)

- Alexis Ongley shares that she and Shelley Durkin worked on plugging in all members into the rotation based on their first or second choice.
- Please review the rotation and send Alexis or Shelley any questions or concerns you may have.

Victim Presentation Survey

- Alexis Ongley explains that a small group worked together to review the victim presentation policy and came up with some thoughts and guidelines.
- Please complete the attached survey to review the groups findings by agreeing or disagreeing with the proposed guidelines.

Adjourn at 1:08