



# Sherburne County Community Corrections Advisory Board

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## Meeting Minutes

To enhance  
public  
safety and  
facilitate  
client  
change  
through  
Evidence  
Based and  
Restorative  
Practices

### Members:

Citizen:	Kenneth Asangwe Mary Jo Cobb
Commissioner:	Gregg Felber, Sherburne County Commissioner
Corrections:	Carter Diers, DOC District Supervisor Corey Mabis-Rowe, Director, Sherburne Community Corrections
Education:	Nicole Stottlemire, ISD 728 Coordinator of Prevention and Safety
Judiciary:	Honorable Judge Walter Kaminsky, Judge 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
Law Enforcement:	Joel Brott, Sherburne County Sheriff Steve Doran, Chief Deputy (alternate)
Prosecution:	Dawn Nyhus, Lead Assistant County Attorney Kathy Heaney, Sherburne County Attorney (alternate)
Public Defense:	Jordan Krogstad, Sherburne County Chief Managing Attorney
Health & Human Services:	Amanda Larson, Director Sherburne County HHS Jodi Heurung-Dick, HHS Planner (alternate)
Rivers of Hope:	Hannah-Ruth Patterson, Executive Director

### Meeting Minutes:

*The following members were present: Mary Jo Cobb, Gregg Felber, Carter Diers (Virtual), Corey Mabis-Rowe, Nicole Stottlemire, Judge Walter Kaminsky, Sheriff Joel Brott, Kathy Heaney, Jordan Krogstad, Amanda Larson*

*Also present: Brent Schmidt, Mia Higgins, Eve Xiong, Bruce Messelt*

- Public Defense Representative:** Jordan Krogstad is currently the Chief Managing Attorney for the Public Defender's Office. The Board was advised that this representative change would be to replace Lisa Hallberg as the public defense representative. Kathy Heaney moved a motion to approve Jordan Krogstad as the public defense representative, and Mary Jo Cobb seconded the motion. Jordan was unanimously approved as the public defense representative of the SCCAB. Judge Kaminsky welcomed Jordan as the newest member.
- MACCAC Annual Conference:** The annual MACCAC Conference will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> at Madden's Resort on Gull Lake. All members of the SCCAB are invited to attend. The overall topic of the conference is mental Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer

health, with a specific agenda still in the works. Members with interest shall inform Corey by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. **2023 Public Safety Omnibus:** Members were provided an overview of changes related to community supervision as a result of the 2023 Public Safety Omnibus. Corey reviewed a few main points with the board, including the requirement for agencies to complete a full comprehensive plan every four years, and a smaller plan every two years. This is a change from the current structure in which agencies complete a full or short comprehensive plan every year. Due to these changes, the Department of Corrections is going to be expecting a higher level of reporting for how each agency addresses community needs and meets supervision standards. The previous Director, J. Hancuch, did set up Sherburne County Community Corrections well with the utilization of evidence-based practices, but the focus moving forward will be around implementation and detailed reporting. Additionally, Corey indicated that Community Corrections needs to eliminate all supervision fees by 2027. Sherburne County has already started the discussions to ensure this is implemented and met by the posted deadline. Corey advised that the projected loss annually from supervision fees would be approximately \$200,000. With these changes to community supervision, the Community Supervision Advisory Board will be created statewide, which will have multiple expectations as listed on the overview and will include representation from all three delivery systems. The expectation and goal of this Advisory Board would be to create and maintain a state-wide expectation of supervision. Other updates include the notification to felony level clients, whom have had their voter rights restored. Agencies could begin notification on June 1<sup>st</sup> for an effective date of July 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sherburne County sent all notifications on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Through the legislature, the Department of Corrections will be significantly increasing the annual subsidy from \$886,016 to approximately \$3.2 million.
4. **Work Release/Huber:** Judge Kaminsky advised that Sherburne County Jail offers sentence to serve and Huber/work release. Furthermore, he explained that sentence to serve is for inmates who are sentenced to jail for a certain period of time can have the option to work off a portion of their sentence by assisting the adult work crew in the community and receiving a credit for a portion of their sentence. The Sheriff's Office has previously set certain restrictions on this program such as certain violent offenses are prohibited from participation. Huber/work release allows male inmates to leave the Sherburne County Jail in order to attend work, after meeting certain guidelines and paying a fee. In May, the Judges were informed by the Sheriff's Office that there would be a significant change to the restrictions for Huber/work release and that a list of certain offenses would prohibit their participation from this program as well. The Public Defender's Office and Community Corrections were unaware of this change. The County Attorney's Office was aware of the original discussion. Judge Kaminsky reviewed the alternative options to incarceration due to these recent changes, and indicated that home electronic monitoring (HEM or house arrest) would be available and is currently used more frequently for juvenile matters. Community Corrections advised that HEM is currently \$20 per day, with a \$50 set-up charge and there is no reduced rate that is typically provided. Corey explained further that Community Corrections has the ability to waive fees at agent discretion if the client is unable to pay for the monitor. Sheriff Brott joined the meeting, and indicated that these changes were to ensure policies and procedures were more consistent with each program.
5. **Community Corrections Presentation:** Corey and Brent completed a presentation regarding Community Corrections. This presentation included background information on the mission and values of Sherburne County Community Corrections, the stages of supervision, the evidence-based practices being utilized by Sherburne County and the early discharge policy and procedure.
6. **Agency Updates:**
  - a. **Judiciary:** Judge Kaminsky advised that the Courts are currently reviewing the remaining back log in hopes to meet the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline that was issued by the Chief Justice.
  - b. **Community Corrections:** Corey indicated that Community Corrections is almost fully staffed.

- c. **Education:** Nicole reviewed concerns that the schools are currently facing upon the upcoming changes to cannabis laws. Nicole indicated that there is a desire to collaborate efforts to best handle these changes.
- d. **Prosecution:** Kathy indicated that the County Attorney's Office is currently status quo. County Attorney's Office will be transitioning software systems and completing a two-day training for all staff on September 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.
- e. **Public Defense:** Currently, Jordan is in the process of hiring one full-time public defender.
- f. **Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Brott indicated that the Sheriff's Office is currently trying to comprehend and prepare for the upcoming cannabis law changes.
- g. **Citizen:** No updates.
- h. **Health & Human Services:** No updates.
- i. **Commissioners:** Currently, the Board is preparing for the upcoming changes to cannabis laws and beginning to review questions and concerns that are rising while the county waits two years for dispensary regulations to go into effect.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

September 12, 2023

December 12, 2023

**Submitted by:** Mia Higgins