



Sherburne County Community Corrections Advisory Board

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Meeting Minutes 10-16-18

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

Members:

Citizen:	Kenneth Asangwe John Barr
Commissioner:	Barbara Burandt, Sherburne County Commissioner
Corrections:	Deb Anderson, DOC District Supervisor J. Hancuch, Director, Sherburne County Community Corrections
Education:	Angie Folch, Big Lake High School Assistant Principal
Judiciary:	Honorable Mary Yunker, Judge 10 th Judicial District
Law Enforcement:	Joel Brott, Sherburne County Sheriff Don Starry, Chief Deputy (alternate)
Prosecution:	Sam Wertheimer, Sherburne County Chief Deputy Kathy Heaney, Sherburne County Attorney (alternate)
Public Defense:	Lisa Hallberg, Sherburne County Chief Managing Attorney
Social Services:	Mary Jo Cobb, Director Sherburne County HHS Amanda Larson, Manager (alternate)

Meeting Minutes:

The following members were present: Deb Anderson, Barbara Burandt, John Barr, Mary Jo Cobb, Lisa Hallberg, J. Hancuch, Judge Yunker

Also present: Nicole Brummer, Corey Mabis-Rowe, Bobbie Shafer

1. Welcome: Judge Yunker welcomed the group and introductions were completed.
2. Board Membership: Membership terms will expire at the end of the year. J. said he has enjoyed meeting discussions and would like current members to remain. Judge Yunker is happy to remain on the board and finds it to be a valuable use of time. Mary Jo Cobb would like to remain on the board and keep Amanda Larson as her alternate. John Barr, Lisa Hallberg and Deb Anderson would all like to remain on the board. Commissioner Burandt will request to remain on the board. Judge Yunker appreciates everyone's time and the robust discussion during meetings. After Board assigns 2019 committee assignments, J. will submit RBA for SCCCAB MEMBERSHIP.

3. Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties (MACCAC) Annual Conference: J. provided brief background information. Conference is intended for directors, administration, advisory board members, ect. Bobbie, J., Sheriff Brott, Kenneth and Lisa all attended. One of the speakers was Joe Russo, National Law Enforcement & Corrections Technology Center, a comment that Joe made that really resonated with J. was “are we referees or coaches?” J. noted an interesting question and contrast to when probation officers are working with offenders. Not only do we need to hold offenders accountable but we also need to coach offenders to make positive changes. POs are very involved in the coaching process and working with offenders to achieve goals. J. was also pleasantly surprised with how department is utilizing technology with offenders.

Dosage Probation: As discussed in previous Advisory Board meetings, J. attended another presentation by Washington County on Dosage Probation. Judge Yunker inquired if they have enough data to provide quantitative analysis. J. said they still do not have enough data to draw any conclusions. Judge Yunker discussed specialty courts, funding is being strongly pushed toward the creation of specialty courts (Veteran’s, Mental Health, Housing, DWI). Judge Yunker said traditional services (Probation and HHS) are being moved into specialty courts.

Mental Health Services: Ramsey and Dakota County presented on working with offenders with mental health concerns. Ramsey County has Mental Health Social Workers as part of their Community Corrections staff. They often work in conjunction with the PO to provide services to the offenders. Judge Yunker said there are mental health professionals employed by police departments to assist during crisis intervention. The Judicial Branch budget allocates funds specifically for mental health services. Discussed rising costs of mental health services and the most cost effective ways to provide necessary services. Mary Jo said, the legislator appropriated bonding money last year for mental health crisis facilities and Sherburne County is working on a one stop shop for services. Sherburne, Stearns, Wright, and Benton counties are working together on this project. John asked how they are planning to staff. CentraCare Health is a partner in this project and will be staffing the facility. Judge Yunker asked J. if he thinks a mental health professional would be beneficial to the department. Group discussed mental health concerns, size of caseloads and staffing.

Secondary Trauma: Lisa said Ramsey County Community Corrections created a network of people to address secondary trauma for staff. They have an annual training for staff, developed by two mental health professionals. Bobbie said they created a peer support group. Judge Yunker discuss concerns with jurors coming in and being subjected to traumatic events. Corey said this topic will be presented at the MACCAC Agent Conference in February.

4. Teleworking: Judge Yunker inquired as to how teleworking has been going. Corey said it seems to be going well, some staff still come into the office when they could be teleworking. So far, no concerns with staff and ability to contact them while teleworking. Bobbie agreed staff have done well with it. Mary Jo said almost all of their social workers are teleworkers. Stressed the importance of keeping connection between staff and having support available when necessary. John discussed concerns with teleworking and being disconnected from the rest of the staff. J. feels comfortable with the regular and ongoing communication within the department, he stated that the department has monthly All Staff Meetings, the management team

meets weekly, J. meets weekly with individual supervisors, supervisors have weekly unit meetings and bi-weekly individual staff meetings, they also have the ability to audit staff's work and verify staff are working. Bobbie said the department has established three committees to focus on training, safety and community outreach/social to help keep staff connected. Department also holds quarterly staff events.

5. "Untouchables" documentary: J. discussed dynamics of sex offender registration and restrictions. Untouchables is an interesting, thought provoking documentary. J. provided some options for viewing: view as an advisory board and discuss, open up to criminal justice partners or review with a panel. Judge Yunker said there is a strong push from activist group to expand expungement options and registration requirements. Discussion by the legislature right now is that the discretion is up to the judge. There will likely be some movement on this topic. Judge Yunker would like to view the documentary at the December meeting and possibly offer it to a broader group in the future.
6. Interim Comprehensive Plan: Community Corrections is currently updating and will provide to the board for approval prior to submitting to the Department of Corrections (DOC).
7. Mark Carey, 10 Steps to Risk Reduction Booster: Staff were extremely engaged and knowledgeable. Mark was very complimentary of department and staff.
8. New Assistant Probation Officer: Position has been approved for 2019. Department is currently establishing roles and responsibilities for this position.
9. Offender Survey: Community Corrections has been working closely with Dr. Jennifer Skeem a Professor at the University of California Berkeley. Dr. Skeem has developed a validated tool called the DRI-S that assesses probation officers Effective Alliance with offenders. Surveys started going out to offenders in September, currently department is gathering data to be reviewed by Dr. Skeem. J. provided survey questions to the board.
10. Comp Plan - Gender Specific Programming: One staff has been trained on a female specific assessment tool. Department has a female training is scheduled for 11/09/18. Judge Yunker discussed LGBTQ+ community and training that the bench has been to.
11. Collateral Consequences: Deb discussed voting rights and employment. Deb is wondering if legislation will address these items.
12. Secondary Trauma: Commissioner Burandt discussed importance of supporting staff with secondary trauma.
13. Literacy Testing: J. said the department is currently looking into literacy testing. J. reached out to his colleagues in the field, not one agency is completing literacy testing.
14. Future Agenda Items: J. reminded Board they are always welcome and encouraged to submit questions/topics for future discussions/presentations.
15. Next Meeting: Discuss meeting frequency and view "Untouchables" documentary.

Next Meeting: 12/18/2018, 12pm, Community Corrections Conference Room (lunch will be provided)

Submitted by: Nicole Brummer