

LARIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 19th, 2021



Members Present: Ed Seegrist, Linda Hoffman, Heather O'Hayre, Katrina Mangan, David Koons, Sam Houghteling, Judge Juan Villasenor, Melissa Divido, Sara Steen, Sidney Simonson, Jeffrey Swoboda, Kristin Stephens

Staff Present: Tim Hand, Alexis Ongley, Michael Ruttenberg, Dana Hersch, Alex Danielson, Becca Tolen, Miguel LaLond

Notes: Aubrey Clevenger

This meeting took place over zoom and was called to order at 12:02 pm by Chair Ed Seegrist

Conrad Ball Update

- Tim Hand provides an update on the recent Conrad Ball award ceremony on October 1st and its successful outcome. Tim highlights the keynote speaker, Glenn Tapia, and his moving speech.
- Tim welcomes fellow board members that were present at the meeting to share their thoughts on the event.
- Linda Hoffman applauds the event's success given the difficult circumstances and congratulates the staff for all their efforts.
- Tim Hand extends appreciation to Aubrey, Alexis, and Diana for their work on the logistics side of the event.
- Ed thanks Matt Landers for filling in for Ed as the event's program speaker along with other endeavors as he did a fantastic job.

COVID Update

- Alexis Ongley notifies members that we are currently on outbreak status. Staff have been conducting surveillance testing every Tuesday which will continue until the outbreak status has been resolved.
- To terminate outbreak status, our facility must go 28 days without a positive COVID case.
- Furthermore, Alexis shares that staff have seen minimal transmission within the facility with most cases traced back to outbreaks in the community.
- Alexis notes that we did have one transmission case in one of our rooms with individuals who were unvaccinated.
- Surveillance testing will continue, and Alexis commends the security team for working diligently to keep populations separated.
- Tim Hand concludes that staff have been doing an incredible job working through COVID and effectively managing the clients at the facility.
- Tim asks about how many of our current clients are positive and isolated and quarantined.
- Dana declares that we currently have 19 people on quarantine status and 2 on isolation.

Becca Tolen – Treatment Services Coordinator

- Becca introduces herself to members as she is taking over the treatment services coordinator position. Becca is in training right now with Alex Danielson.
- Tim Hand welcomes Becca into her new position and informs members that they will be collaborating with Becca in the coming months.

Representative Herod Visit

- Tim Hand advises members that Representative Leslie Herod is scheduled to tour our facility.

Nominations for Upcoming Secretary 2022

- Ed Seegrist enlightens members on the upcoming Secretary nominations of 2022. Members holding another position (Chair, Vice Chair, etc.), rotate around.
- Ed encourages members or people they may know to step up and take on this position.
- Those who are interested in this position can reach out to Tim, Alexis, Matt, Ed, or Sam.
- Sam Houghteling shares that he has some board members in mind that would be a great fit for this position: Heather, Melissa, and Katrina.
- This position is a commitment, with one additional meeting a month. Member would get to oversee meetings.
- As the current secretary, Sam notes that this position is an excellent opportunity to get involved and represent the advisory board.

Unauthorized Absence Discussion for Board Criteria

First Criteria Revision

- Alexis initiates discussion on the criteria updates for unauthorized absences along with the presence of Alex Danielson to answer any questions.
- Alexis states that due to a law change, felony escapes are now referred to as unauthorized absences and many are now classified as misdemeanor offenses.
- Alexis describes to members the difference between the two proposed options and the explanation behind them.
- Over the course of this lengthy discussion, board members ask multiple clarifying questions in which Alexis and Alex provide thorough answers.
- After all discussion concerns and questions are covered, board members vote to select option two with a six-month review for the new criteria proposal.

Second Criteria Revision

- Alex Danielson gives background information on the second criteria revision proposals. Controlled substance possessions are switching to misdemeanors, and this has revealed over the past year that board members are seeing these distribution cases with lower level amounts they are being convicted with.
- This criteria revision discussion generates multiple questions and various concerns from board members. Through careful explanation, Alexis and Alex provide informative information on the different criteria proposals.
- After the conversation concludes, board members vote to select option one for the second criteria revision.

Bylaws Feedback

- Ed initiates the conversation on the Bylaws feedback and asks Alexis to share her plan moving forward.
- Alexis states that she received good feedback on some items to look at in our review and extends gratitude to Linda for her involvement with this. If any other members have feedback to offer Alexis invites them to share.
- Alexis presents an idea that's been done in previous years and that's to gather up a small committee together to sit down, review feedback, and make any adjustments to then get approved by the full board.
- The committee is typically scheduled following the full advisory board meeting and lasts an hour. If anyone is interested in being a part of this, please reach out to Alexis.

Behavioral Health & Medicaid

- Tim Hand initiates the conversation on the complicated behavioral health and Medicaid discussion.
- Board members should have received a letter sent out by CJS Director Emily Humphrey and hopefully were able to understand what Emily was trying to convey.
- As of today, this letter will be available for board members to review and understand. Tim and team will have a plethora of additional information to share regarding this topic in the next November advisory board meeting.
- Tim will also bring this up to the Colorado Coalition of Community Corrections in addition to forwarding the letter to the Governor's Advisory Council.
- Tim expresses that his desire is by the next advisory board meeting there will be more momentum and information about this initiative.

Acceptance into the NIC GRPPA Training Program

- Alexis Ongley announces that Community Corrections is one of five programs that was accepted into the NIC GRPPA (gender responsive practices and policies assessment) program.
- Community Corrections will receive direct technical assistance from Doctor Marilyn VanDeton who is a professional in the field of gender responsive programming.
- This is a very exciting opportunity and emphasizes the previously approved JAG grant. Alexis is excited to get folks involved with the women's program and with the CSU partnership to get this assessment completed.

Welcome & Introduction Frank Johnson

- Frank Johnson was not present at the meeting for a welcome and introduction.

Next Meeting is November 16th, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 pm by Chair Ed Seegrist