

Lincoln, Nebraska  
March 12, 2004

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL**  
***MEETING MINUTES***

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The Community Corrections Council (Council) met Friday, March 12, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in room 1113 of the Nebraska State Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

**Members present:**

Edward C. Birkel  
Harold W. Clarke  
Allen Curtis  
Dr. Aileen Gruendel  
The Honorable John P. Icenogle  
Joseph P. Kelly  
Robert P. Lindemeier  
James McKenzie  
Senator John Synowiecki  
Kenneth J. Vampola  
Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chair

**Council staff present:**

Linda Krutz, Chief  
Julie L. Rogers

**Others present:**

Howard Kensinger, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Steve King, DCS  
John Krejci  
Marlys Sanders

**Members absent:**

Dr. Scot L. Adams  
William Burgess  
Catherine Cook  
The Honorable Karen B. Flowers  
Frank E. Goodroe  
Julie Hippen

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Brashear called the Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 13, 2004, meeting stood approved as presented.

## **PROBATION/PAROLE FEE REPORT**

Howard Kensinger of the Legislative Fiscal Office provided an update to the Council regarding the collection of Probation and Parole fees. A discussion was held regarding the portion of fees that are not collectable. Primary data will be analyzed to account for fees not being collected.

Monthly totals and an "assumptions" footnote will be added to the next Probation/Parole Fee Report to better indicate the progress of fee collection.

## **TIMELINE**

A Timeline was discussed relating to monthly meeting topics that the Council will address. It was recognized that the April meeting should not only address sentencing guidelines, but also data information to help identify the target population. A "Population Report" will be created outlining offender population. Such Population Report will be a standardized document with updated data monthly.

The Timeline was approved with adjustments.

## **PROBATION & PAROLE SURVEY**

A survey to poll the probation officers and parole officers about availability of services and needs of officers was reviewed. The Council aims to discuss the results of the survey at the May meeting.

The Probation and Parole Survey was approved by consensus.

The Council recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

## **REVIEW, DISCUSS & REVISE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLAN**

The Community Corrections Plan (Plan) draft was reviewed and discussed. The sections of the Plan discussed included the Administration, Target Population, Mission & Philosophy, Definition of "Community Corrections", Goals, and Objectives.

The discussion emphasized the importance of identifying a target population in terms of developing a community corrections plan in conjunction with developing sentencing guidelines. The data collection and analysis will need to be sufficiently advanced in order to anticipate the justification for and necessity of appropriating funds for community corrections.

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Brashear outlined the topics for the April meeting: data, sentencing guidelines, and offender population report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council will be held Friday, April 23, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie L. Rogers