

Lincoln, Nebraska
August 13, 2004

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

The Community Corrections Council (Council) met Friday, August 13, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 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
William Burgess
Harold W. Clark
The Honorable Karen B. Flowers
Dr. Aileen Gruendel
The Honorable John P. Icenogle
Joe Kelly
Robert Lindemeier
Jim McKenzie
Senator John Synowiecki
Kenneth J. Vampola
Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chair

Members absent:

Dr. Scot L. Adams
Catherine Cook
Allen Curtis
Frank E. Goodroe
Julie Hippen

Council staff present:

Linda Krutz, Chief
Julie A. Okray
Julie L. Rogers

Others Present:

Karen Authier
Ellen Fabian Brokofsky
Jim Cole
Kathleen Dolezal
Jack Falconer
Janet Hammer
George Hanigan
Becki Hickman
Howard Kensinger
Steve King
Edward Collins Lankas
Mike Overton
Jim Pieper
Dr. Bill Schnackenberg
Kathy Seacrest
Dave Wegner

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & OVERVIEW

Chairperson Brashear called the Council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave an overview of the meeting. Attendance is indicated above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11, 2004, meeting stood approved as presented.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FEE REPORT SUMMARY

Howard Kensinger of the Legislative Fiscal Office presented and explained the Community Corrections Fee Report. It was reviewed and discussed by the Council. It was noted that the budget will track what has been collected to date during the fiscal year.

TARGET POPULATION REPORT

The Target Population Report (Report) was presented by Mike Overton of the Crime Commission. Jail data was included as part of the Report. The Report in the presented form will be generated on a consistent basis and become a regular Agenda item.

TIMELINE

The Timeline was approved as presented. It was noted that the Council is not meeting in September and the Timeline will be consolidated.

PENDING PROPOSALS FORMAT, PROCESS & PROCEDURE

The Council reviewed a "Pending Proposals - Utilization of Fees" draft document and discussed ways to improve on the document in order to keep informed about the proposals to expend Probation and Parole fees.

SENTENCING GUIDELINES MODELING DATA

Steve King and Becki Hickman from the Department of Correctional Services presented information on how the Council's proposed Sentencing Guidelines for Felony Drug Offenses would have an affect on the prison population. The data used was the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services FY03 Drug Offense Admissions to indicate how prison population would change had the guidelines been followed in FY03.

The Council recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORK TEAM PRESENTATION

The Governor's Substance Abuse Work Team (Team) Representatives, Kathy Seacrest, Work Team Chair; Ellen Brokofsky, Papillion Chief Probation Officer; George Hanigan, HHS Behavioral Health Services Deputy Director; Kathleen Dolezal, Governor's Policy Research Office Advisor; and Dr. Bill Schnackenberg, DCS Residential Treatment Director, gave an overview to the Council on the Nebraska Substance Abuse Task Force & Substance Abuse Work Team. The Team gave a detailed presentation that consisted of history, direction of the Team, criminogenic need, effectiveness of primary addiction treatment, best practices, adult offender estimates of need, the standardized model, along with other components and recommendations to the Council.

Q & A SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORK TEAM

The Council discussed the Substance Abuse Work Team's presentation. Further discussion about the Work Team's recommendations will occur at subsequent meetings of the Council.

PROBATION & PAROLE SERVICES SURVEY REPORT

Linda Krutz, Community Corrections Council Chief, gave an overview of the Probation & Parole Survey (Survey). It was suggested that percentages be added, and in doing so consolidate the Survey information. Discussion of the Survey will be on October meeting Agenda.

REVIEW, DISCUSS & REVISE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLAN

The Community Corrections Plan (Plan) draft was reviewed and discussed. There were no changes. Council member Bill Burgess moved to approve the plan. The motion was seconded by Council member Harold Clarke and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Edward Collins Lankas, a counselor with the Nebraska Department of Corrections Residential Treatment Facility, spoke to the Council regarding his concerns for substance abuse treatment. Mr. Lankas explained the need to address mental health treatment, sex offender treatment, and gambling issues with any drug treatment.

CONCLUDING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Brashear reminded Council members that there is no meeting scheduled for September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Council will be held Friday, October 08, 2004, 9:00 a.m., at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Okray