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**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

The Community Corrections Council (Council) met Friday, December 16, 2005, 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:**

Dr. Scot L. Adams  
Mike Behm  
William Burgess  
Ellen Brokofsky  
Esther Casmer  
Catherine Cook  
The Honorable Karen B. Flowers  
Dr. Aileen Gruendel  
Julie Hippen  
Robert Houston  
The Honorable John P. Icenogle  
Joe Kelly  
Robert Lindemeier  
Jim McKenzie  
Senator John Syowiecki  
Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chair

**Members absent:**

Nancy Montanez  
Janice Walker

**Council staff present:**

Linda Krutz, Director  
Julie L Rogers

**Others present:**

Bruce Ayers  
Jeff Beaty  
Robert Bell  
Shannon Black  
Scott Carlson  
James Doyle  
Michael Flood  
Topher Hansen  
Doug Hanson  
Nate Jenkins  
Frank Jenson  
Nicole Kennedy  
Steve King  
Doug Koebernick  
John Krejci  
Bev Lushen  
Rochelle Mallett  
Deb Minardi  
Doug Nichols  
Kevin O'Hanlon  
Jim Pieper  
T. Hank Robinson  
Steve Rowoldt  
Jessica Watson  
Larry Wayne  
Gwen Weber  
Dave Wegner  
Linda Wittmuss

**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. Deb Minardi was recognized as the new Community Corrections Coordinator under Probation Administration.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 2, 2005, meeting stood approved as presented.

**CONFIRM MEETING DATES FOR '06**

The Council's meeting dates for 2006 were confirmed. They are:

- January 27
- February 17
- March 31
- May 5
- May 19
- June 23
- July 21
- August 25
- September 22
- October 20
- November 3
- December 15

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FEE REPORT**

The Community Corrections Fee Report was reviewed by Bruce Ayers of the Crime Commission. It was noted that based on the first 6 months of the current fiscal year, the yearly projections for each of the funds are as follows:

Uniform Data Analysis Fund	\$ 440,000
Probation Fees Fund	2,500,000
Parole Fees Fund	<u>130,000</u>
Total Yearly Revenue Projection	\$3,070,000

**TARGET POPULATION REPORT**

The standard Target Population Report was presented by Mike Behm of the Crime Commission in Mike Overton's absence. It was noted that Overton will have a specific definition of "Felony Drug Offender" or "FDO" at the January meeting.

**TIMELINE**

The 2006 Timeline was reviewed and approved as presented.

#### **CONFIRM COUNCIL MEMBERS TITLES ON STATIONARY**

Linda Krutz, Council Executive Director, requested members' preferred titles for Council stationary.

#### **COUNCIL SUPPORT PROCESS FOR GRANT PROPOSALS**

Linda Krutz, Council Executive Director, explained the process the Grant Support Review Committee in formulating the process for a letter of support request. The procedures were reviewed. A suggestion was made that within the information the requestor must provide be the way outcomes will be tracked.

#### **FEES UPDATE - SPECIALIZED SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPERVISION (SSAS) TRAINING**

Jim McKenzie, Parole Administrator, explained how Parole will partner with Probation beginning in January for the intensive SSAS training. It is a matter of record that the Council approved and directed Parole to partner with Probation on SSAS. It was noted for the record that the training is how Parole is beginning this partnership.

A draft of the memorandum of understanding between Probation and Parole regarding SSAS will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **SPECIALIZED SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPERVISION PROBATION Q & A**

Ellen Brokofsky, Probation Administrator; Deb Minardi, Community Corrections Coordinator; and Steve Rowoldt, Chief Probation Officer for Lancaster County fielded questions about SSAS by the Council. Further details were given about the program and how it would interface with Parole and the voucher program for treatment.

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

#### **SPECIALIZED COURT START-UPS**

Scott Carlson, Statewide Coordinator for Problem-Solving Courts, introduced the Honorable James E. Doyle, District Judge in the 11<sup>th</sup> judicial district based out of Lexington. Judge Doyle gave a PowerPoint presentation about the drug court that is being formed in Dawson County, the need for a drug court in his county, and the challenges thereto. He answered questions about his presentation.

Judge Doyle made two requests of the Council. First, to support the request for appropriations during this legislative session for start-up funding for drug courts, and second, to support the request for appropriations during this legislative session to fund all problem-solving courts.

#### **METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT STUDY Q & A**

T. Hank Robinson, PhD., University of Nebraska—Omaha (UNO), Dr. Gwen Weber, UNO, answered questions relating to the Methamphetamine Treatment Study Initial Report. It was emphasized that the report is a comprehensive system of recommendations regarding

methamphetamine treatment in the state—the recommendations can be prioritized in terms of what actionable issues to address first, but UNO advised that “picking and choosing” only certain recommendations would not help the methamphetamine problem on the whole.

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN BY CARTER, GLOBLE, & FEE**

Bob Houston, Director of the Department of Correctional Services (DCS), and Doug Hanson, Chief Engineer for DCS, outlined DCS’s new strategic plan process. DCS has contracted with Carter, Globle, & Lee to complete the strategic plan—the group that DCS has contracted with on past strategic plans before each of the newest DCS facilities were built—the Work Ethic Camp - McCook and the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution.

#### **2006 PROPOSED COUNCIL LEGISLATION**

The Council reviewed various options for 2006 legislation including reentry court and appropriations requests. The discussion will continue and the legislation will be finalized at the December 30 Council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

John Krejci testified on his own behalf and handed out his testimony encouraging the Council to “keep the community in community corrections.”

Topher Hansen, Executive Director of Centerpointe, gave reaction to the Methamphetamine Treatment Study.

#### **CONCLUDING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Friday, December 30, 2005, 9:00 a.m., in Lincoln, Nebraska, at the Cornhusker Hotel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie L. Rogers