

Lincoln, Nebraska
October 20, 2006

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

The Community Corrections Council (Council) met Friday, October 20, 2006, 9:00 a.m., at the Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Members present:

Scot L. Adams
Mike Behm
Esther Casmer
Catherine Cook
Jeff Davis
Ellen Fabian-Brokofsky
The Honorable Karen B. Flowers
Aileen Gruendel
Julie Hippen
Robert Houston
The Honorable John P. Icenogle
Joe Kelly
Robert Lindemeier
Jim McKenzie
Chris Peterson
Senator John Synowiecki
Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chair

Members absent:

Janice Walker

Council Staff Present:

Linda Krutz, Executive Director
Julie Rogers
Jennifer Doné

Others present:

Bruce Ayers
Jerome Barry
Molly Brown
Scott Carlson
Michael Dunkle
Kim Etherton
Mark Foxall
Trent Fellers
Jared Gavin
Doug Johnson
Steve King
Doug Koebernick
Barb Lewien
Kristin Lynch
Deb Minardi
Connie Nemec
Marla Nice
Jim Pieper
T. Hank Robinson
Steve Rowoldt
Christine Salvatore
Ron Sorensen
Larry Wayne
Paul Yakel

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.

Chairperson Brashear welcomed Jeff Davis, Sarpy County Sheriff, to the Council and thanked Bill Burgess, Fillmore County Sheriff, for serving on the Council.

A list of tentative 2007 Council meeting dates was distributed. They are

January – no meeting
February 9
March 16
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 14

The dates will be confirmed at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections were made to the October 20, 2006, meeting minutes. The minutes stood approved as corrected.

TARGET POPULATION REPORT

Mike Dunkle of the Crime Commission presented a revised version of the Target Population Report. Included in the report was the Preliminary Specialized Substance Abuse Supervision (SSAS) Report which depicted the participants and capacity of SSAS by district.

TIMELINE

The 2006 Timeline was reviewed and approved as presented. 2007 will be added to the Timeline before the next meeting.

ANALYSIS OF STAFFING PATTERNS & WORK DUTIES DRAFT

The Vera Institute of Justice prepared an Analysis of Staffing Patterns & Work Duties Draft for the Council. The final report will be submitted at a later date.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FEE REPORT

Bruce Ayers of the Crime Commission reviewed the Community Corrections Fees Report, the Financial Report for FY 05/06 and 06/07, and the Summary of Probation Funding. The Financial Report for FY 05/06 and 06/07 outlined the Probation and Parole Offender Fees allocations approved by the Council. The new "Summary of Probation Funding" distinguished between one-time funds and sustainable funds.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAMS REPORT

Deb Minardi, Community Corrections Programs Coordinator, gave the Community Corrections Programs Report which included a detailed funding request, proposed expansion for the Fee for Service Voucher Treatment Program target population, Probation programming budget justification, and the Problem Solving Court survey and summary.

PAROLE FEE PROPOSAL

Jim McKenzie, Parole Administrator, will present the Parole fee proposal at a later date.

IMPACT OF PROPOSED SENTENCING GUIDELINES

A grid illustrating the impact of the proposed sentencing guidelines was distributed. Chairperson Brashear will be meeting with the Chief Justice to present this data and discuss the adoption of the sentencing guidelines by court rule.

Scot Adams made a motion to approve the Sentencing Guidelines for Felony Drug Offenses and forward them to the Supreme Court for adoption by court rule. Mike Behm seconded the motion and the motion passed.

METROPOLITAN RECIDIVISM REDUCTION CENTER STUDY PROGRESS

T. Hank Robinson gave an update on the progress of the Recidivism Reduction Center Study. The full report will be presented at the December meeting.

DISTRICT COURT JUDICIAL SURVEY DRAFT

Mike Dunkle presented a draft of the District Court Judicial Survey on sentencing and community corrections. The Council will be surveying the District Court Judges on Friday, November 3. The survey is intended to collect the Judges' opinions about the availability, accessibility, and affordability of community-based resources to offenders.

STRATEGIC CAPITAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

Bob Houston, Director of the Department of Correctional Services, gave an overview of the Strategic Capital Facilities Master Plan, prepared by Carter Goble Lee.

CONCLUDING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Friday, December 15, 2006, 9:00 a.m., in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer K. Doné