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## Governor's Community Corrections Advisory Council Minutes

**Meeting Date: March 3, 2006**

**Location: Colorado Division of Criminal Justice**

**Time: 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Honorable John Kuenhold (Chair), Senator Ken Kester, Larry Abrahamson, Thomas Giacinti, Allan Stanley, Judith Horose, Maureen O'Brien, Milton Blakey, Mike Holland & Dennis Berry

**Absent:** Jeaneene Miller (Vice-Chair), Representative Joshua Penry, Gerald Marroney, George Epp

**DCJ Staff:** Carol Poole, Ed Camp, Christine Schmid, Glenn Tapia

1. John Kuenhold called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.
2. Judge Kuenhold introduced Senator Ken Kester and Larry Abrahamson, the newest members of the Council. Senator Kester was formally on the Council many years ago as a Representative. Mr. Abrahamson is a District Attorney from Fort Collins. He has a long history with community corrections and brings a wealth of experience with him. The Council looks forward to their contributions.
3. Carol Poole, the Acting Director of DCJ, thanked the Council members for being at today's meeting and for all their support of DCJ. Carol stated that it's a busy time at the Capitol. DCJ is watching a number of bills including a sex offender and victim's bill.

The President's proposed federal budget came out approximately a month ago. Many of the criminal justice funds were greatly reduced outside of community corrections. DCJ is primarily funded by federal monies, thus DCJ is looking at a continued reduction of certain funds. New funding appears to be directed at the methamphetamine problem, drug courts and homeland security efforts among others.

Colorado Department of Public Safety Director, Joe Morales has advised Carol that the DCJ Director position will be open for applications and the appointment should be occurring in the near future.

4. John Kuenhold asked the Council for any additions or changes to the minutes from the December 2, 2005 Council meeting. Tom Giacinti moved to approve the minutes in their current form. Maureen O'Brien seconded the motion. All

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members were in favor.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

5. **New Technologies Subcommittee:** (Tom Giacinti [Chair], Judge Kuenhold, Ed Camp)

Tom Giacinti introduced Arlandis Rush, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Hythiam, Inc. Mr. Rush presented Prometa, an innovative medical treatment protocol for alcohol, Cocaine and Methamphetamine dependence. The Prometa treatment protocols have been in the private sector for over 3 years and they are looking at servicing the public sector, particularly the field of criminal justice.

The three components of Prometa are pharmacological, psychosocial and nutritional. A patient is given a comprehensive medical examination, Oral and IV Pharmaceuticals and discharge oral medications and nutritional supplements. The Prometa protocol complements the offender's existing psychosocial treatment.

6. **Per Diem & Bed Use Subcommittee:** (Jeaneene Miller [Chair], Milt Blakey [Co- Chair], Tom Giacinti, Judy Horose, Allan Stanley, Dennis Berry, Mike Holland, Ed Camp, Tom Quinn, Kim English)

No report.

7. **Standards and Sanctions Subcommittee:** (Mike Holland [Chair], Ed Camp, Jill Nore, Mindy Miklos, Sharon Detter, Mary Niswonger, Ken Gaipa, Darla Hoffmeir, Jan Kaufman, Glenn Tapia)

No report.

8. **Awards Subcommittee:** (Judy Horose [Chair], Dennis Berry, Maureen O'Brien, Christine Schmid)

Council members were mailed a packet of those nominated for the annual Governor's Community Corrections award to review prior to the Council meeting. The nominees included:

- Mr. Tim Hand – Assistant Director of the Colorado Department of Corrections.
- Ms. Becky Boerjan and Ms. Joyce Jones- Program Director and Assistant Program Director of Gateways: Through the Rockies at the Criminal Justice Center for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.
- Mr. Dino Martinez- Program Director at the Time to Change Community Corrections Program.
- Mr. Dennis Berry- Program Director of the Mesa County Community Corrections Program.
- Ms. Jan Prancan- Denver Community Corrections Board member.
- Ed Camp- Director of the Office of Community Correction, Division of Criminal Justice.

A vote was taken and Ed Camp was chosen as the award recipient. He will be presented with the award on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the CACCB annual meeting. All nominees will be mailed a letter notifying them they were in the running for the award and thanking them for their exemplary service.

9. **Legislative Audit Recommendation Subcommittee:** (Jeaneene Miller [Chair], Mike Holland, Ed Camp, Jill Nore, Mindy Miklos, Sharon Detter, Mary Niswonger, Ken Gaipa, Darla Hoffmeir, Jan Kaufman, Glenn Tapia)

Ed Camp reminded the Council that this subcommittee would act as the oversight committee for the working groups drafted as a result of the Legislative Audit recommendations as well as the Summit recommendations. Letters were sent to the chairs of these working groups outlining the objective of each working group. In addition, the letter requested a written response as to any progress made by the June 2006 Council meeting.

## **Working Groups**

### **A. Management of Offender Funds**

Dennis Berry reported to the committee that this group has had the opportunity to meet on a few occasions. The group has been discussing the concerns related to how the offender's income is distributed between subsistence fees, treatment costs, child support payments, restitution and independent living expenses etc. We have looked at the process by which probation allocates these funds to hopefully use as a tool to guide us in community corrections.

The committee is currently discussing a three-phased budgeting system that offenders move through during their residential and non-residential placements. The goal is to have this drafted by August in an effort to present it to the Standards and Sanctions committee for review.

### **B. Enhancement of employment and educational services**

Ed Camp provided information as to the structure of the employment and educational services available within the community corrections programs. The programs use a variety of means to provide assistance in employment ranging from dedicated staff for direct employment assistance, referring to community based agencies to providing lists of area businesses that are hiring. Much of this is dependant on the size and fiscal capability of the program. The location and services available in their specific area is also a factor.

The programs use a variety of means to provide assistance in education. The assistance ranges from offering Adult Basic Education (ABE) and/or General Equivalency Degree (GED) classes in their programs. In addition, offenders are referred to outside educational institutions.

The breakdown for 32 programs is as follows:

<b>SERVICE PROVIDED</b>	<b># OF PROGRAMS</b>
In-house employment assistance or developer	18
Referral to employment centers and employment hiring lists	14

Vocational or educational coordinator	7
Adult Basic Education and/or General Equivalency Degree classes	32
Vocational	4
Vocational 4 for disabled offenders	4
Referral to educational and vocational institutions	23

**C. Community Corrections Data System**

No report

**D. Interpretation of service requirements**

No report

**New Business**

10. Glenn Tapia presented the Year 3 Community Corrections Risk Factor Analysis Report.

Pursuant to state statute, the Division of Criminal Justice completed a baseline measurement of program risk factors in 2003. Subsequently, follow-up analyses were conducted in 2004 and most recently in 2005. The risk factor analysis is a multi-dimensional measure of program performance on 27 independent measures. For each program, a total risk factor score is calculated by adding up the scores from each of the 27 performance measures. Programs placed in the high-risk category have accrued more points than programs in the low-risk category.

The performance measures used in the Community Corrections Risk Factor analyses are dynamic measures that are sensitive to change in program performance and program characteristics. The performance factors, in particular, may change with new audit scores or follow-up audit scores. Reductions in overall scores demonstrate an improvement in performance over time. Although reductions in overall risk factor scores may be impacted by factors in the other three categories, the Performance Factor category comprises nearly two-thirds of the overall risk factor score and has a strong impact on the overall rating.

In the third year of the risk factor analysis, 14 programs had either a new audit or a follow-up audit completed which can impact their overall risk factor score and rating. Improving compliance with state standards results in a decrease in the overall risk factor scores.

It is encouraging that the statewide average score has decreased steadily over time. Also encouraging is that the lowest scores and highest scores have also decreased steadily over time. This shows that most programs, including the highest and lowest risk, have improved performance over the last several years.

Many of the boards are now looking at these performance measures in the

allocation of their beds in the even there are multiple programs in their jurisdictions.

11. Tom Giacinti passed out a draft of the Council by-laws to the members. Any changes should be forwarded to Ed Camp. A final version will be voted on in the June Council meeting.
12. The next meeting will be **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 12:00 p.m. at The Division of Criminal Justice at 710 Kipling Street suite 308. -