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Governor's Community Corrections Advisory Council Minutes

Meeting Date: September 8, 2006

Location: Jefferson County Judicial and Administration Bldg

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

Present: Honorable John Kuenhold (Chair), Jeaneene Miller, Thomas Giacinti
Maureen O'Brien, & Dennis Berry,

Absent: Senator Ken Kester, Representative Joshua Penry, Gerald Marroney,
Larry Abrahamson, Allan Stanley, Judith Horose, Milton Blakey and
Mike Holland

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

1. Honorable John Kuenhold called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. 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 is an interesting time in state government, with the change of administration. This is normally the time that we are submitting budget requests and advocating for our agencies, but we are very limited in this situation. DCJ is expecting some changes. In the November 9th Board Chairs meeting, a focus group is planned to do some strategic planning for DCJ's future. Several weeks later these suggestions will be integrated into DCJ's annual policy staff retreat.
3. On the November 9th Board Chairs meetings a focus group is planned to discuss DCJ's any anticipated adjustments. Several weeks later these suggestions will be shared at DCJ annual policy staff retreat.
4. John Kuenhold asked the Council for any additions or changes to the minutes from the June 2, 2006 Council meeting. Tom Giacinti moved to approve the minutes in their current form Maureen O'Brien seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Subcommittee Reports

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

Gregg Kildow, Director at Intervention Community Corrections Services

Bill Owens
GOVERNOR
Joe Morales
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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(ICCS) presented the John Eachon Re-Entry Program (JERP) that is currently located at ICCS.

- JERP is collaboration between the Department of Corrections, Jefferson Center for Mental Health and ICCS.
- JERP's target population is male offenders who have fallen out of Jefferson and Gilpin Counties, who are non-violent, with a DOC Psychological P-Code rating of 3-4 or a Medical M-Code rating of 1-2.
- JERP's objectives:
 - to integrate correctional supervision with community re-entry, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, vocational rehabilitation and social services
 - to increase mental health functioning and prosocial behaviors while decreasing psychiatric hospitalizations.
 - to increase medication compliance
 - to reduce technical violations and new criminal offenses, thus reducing community corrections placement failures
- DOC- employs the Parole officer that is the team leader for the program. Doc also provides referrals from the prison system
- ICCS- provides housing space for the residents, as well as provides trained case management and security staff. ICCS also provides meals; and educational and vocational opportunities.
- JCMH- employs the therapist and the nurse for the program. JCHM also coordinates psychiatric appointments and medication as well as SSI/SSDI/AND benefit applications.
- 50 offenders have been accepted into this program since inception date. 9 residents are currently in the program, both inpatient and outpatient.

Glenn Tapia, staff with the Office of Community Corrections discussed the Community Corrections Information System Proposal.

Glenn stated that in 2001, and again in 2004, the State Legislative Audit Committee completed a performance audit on the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice. Among the recommendations in the reports was one that addressed the inefficient data reporting system within the DCJ.

In July 2005, stakeholders throughout the community corrections system in Colorado gathered to address several key issues and problems. The goal of the summit was to provide recommendations to improve community corrections by addressing several deficit areas.

One of the six problem statements addressed at the summit was as follows:

Information on the operations of community corrections is difficult to collect quickly, not standardized for easy interpretation, and frequently not maintained in compatible formats (computer software, hardware and data transmission methods).

Internet-based reporting and analysis software is now available to eliminate the inefficient process for submitting and processing community corrections client information forms. The Office of Community Corrections has been working with the CDPS's information technology staff to implement an electronic solution to this problem.

Glenn requested that another working group be formed within the Council to assist the Office of Community Corrections staff in coordinating these efforts with the boards and programs.

Jeaneene Miller moved to support the resources identified for this project. Tom Giacinti seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

The Council decided to create this working group under the new technologies subcommittee. Various knowledgeable program staff, and IT staff will be contacted and requested to participate.

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)

Jeaneene Miller stated that the subcommittee had not met, however Bill Woodward with NIC provided a preliminary draft in reviewing the DOC community corrections referral process.

Ed Camp summarized the preliminary draft with the Council members.

- A 4% random sample (27 cases), of offender referrals was reviewed from a typical one-month referral process.
- The rejection rate was high from the community corrections boards for various reasons. (escape risk, criminal history, current offense)
- Programs do not appear to be considering the offender's LSI scores as a determination of the risk for failure.
- Rejected offenders who were re-referred never resulted in acceptance.
- Programs need to better articulate their reasons for denial of the offenders.
- There should be financial incentives for the programs that accept higher risk offenders.

Bill Woodward stated that there is a need to sample two additional months to ensure the validity of the study.

Jeaneene Miller stated that she has compared the board rejection rates using the entire history of referrals and it does not appear to be consistent with these findings.

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, Shannon Carst)

Ed Camp stated that the subcommittee was looking at the recommendations from the Offenders Funds Committee as well as looking at incorporating the SOA-R changes into the standards.

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

No report.

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, Shannon Carst)

No report.

Working Groups

A. Management of Offender Funds

Ed Camp reported that the recommendations presented to the Council during the last Council meeting were forwarded to Diane Dash, Representative from the AG's office.

These recommendations outlined the allocation of offender funds. The recommendation is a three-phased process that sets expectations that are realistic for the payment of child support, subsistence, treatment, medical expenses, restitution, etc.

Ed stated that Diane compared the recommendation to any existing statute. She had minimal suggestions to include some word changes, adding an example as well as adding a discussion section.

The Offender Funds subcommittee will reconvene to discuss these suggestions.

Ed Camp reviewed his discussions with the Child Support Enforcement Unit. This unit is attempting to educate the programs by providing packets of information to assist offenders in petitioning the courts for a modification of their original order.

During the December Council meeting Ed will be sharing the progress of this collaborative effort with the Council.

B. Enhancement of employment and educational services

Ed Camp re-iterated to that programs are required to provide information as to the structure of the employment and educational services available within the community corrections programs during the exhibit A process.

Dennis Berry stated that many programs are very successful in their collaborative efforts with community based work force centers or with their in-house employment and vocational programs. Paul Isenstadt, Director of Programming and Residential Services at Comcor, Inc. recommended that CACCB have a forum for the boards to review some select programs and how they have been successful in these areas.

C. Community Corrections Data System

No report

Jeaneene Miller discussed how busy Jerry Marroney has been in his current position with Judicial. She motioned to have him relieved from the responsibility of being the chair of this subcommittee. Berry seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

D. Interpretation of service requirements

No report

It was recommended that Ed Camp review what was requested in the original recommendation to ensure that this has been properly addressed.

10. New Business

Ed Camp stated he has been updating the Community Corrections 5 year plan. Judge Kuenhold suggested that Ed send a draft out to the council members prior to the next council meeting for comments.

The Community Corrections Re-Entry Forum will be held on September 14th at the Radison Hotel in Denver. Judge Kuenhold asked that the recommendations that result from the forum be brought to the Council during the December meeting.

The Council once again has a vacancy. George Epp resigned as a result of an change in his employment. He has made a recommendation as to his replacement representing the County Sheriff's of Colorado.

Tom Giacinti distributed some information on SCRAM and their remarks as to the accusations.

Ed Camp announced that the Office of Community Corrections has recently hired two new staff. Carolyn Sullivan who was previously employed at DOC is now our billings and contract staff person. Valerie Shamper who was employed with the State Auditor's Office will be our new Auditor. She will begin her employment in the beginning of October.

Tom Giacinti reminded the Council that the next CACCB meeting is on September 22nd. There will be a tour of Cheyenne Mountain Re-entry center in the morning and in the afternoon there will be discussions about the DOC medical/medication issues.

11. The 2007 Advisory Council meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

March 3, 2007	12:30 - 4:00	DCJ
June 1, 2007	12:30 - 4:00	DCJ
September 7, 2005	12:30 - 4:00	DCJ
December 7, 2005	12:30- 4:00	DCJ

12. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be **December 1** at 12:30 p.m. at the Division of Criminal Justice.