



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Commission on Sensitive Crimes

Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the
Aging & Disability Resource Center of
Dane County or virtually via Zoom.

A. Call To Order

*Staff and guests present: Joe Aguilar, Jennifer Ginsburg, Nela Kalpic,
Priscilla McCarthy, Lindsey Retzlaff, Amy Scarr, Vanessa Statam,
and Eugene Woehrle.*

Chair Miyasaki called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

- Present** 6 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, HEATHER LE MONDS, BETH FREEMAN,
Chair JAN MIYASAKI, and Supervisor OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA
- Absent** 5 - SHARYL KATO, Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES, GREG
ESSER, and Supervisor APRIL KIGEYA

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2023
[MIN-625](#)

Attachments: [2023_0117 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BARRY, seconded by XISTRIS-SONGPANYA, to approve
the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0. (Freeman abstained).

C. Action Items

NONE.

D. Presentations

NONE.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

Barry reported Domestic Abuse Intervention Services' text line launched in October and has been yielding meaningful connections, particularly among younger people. DAIS is hiring for several positions. The New Director of Administration is scheduled to start on April 24. The Housing First Program, piloted through State of Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families, is a great resource for victims of intimate partner violence.

Ginsburg reported Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center continues to increase services and new programming, and that crisis intervention is going well. Advocates have been able to help youth in need of services. New crisis intervention program staff have more experience and education.

Freeman reported Dane County Adult Protective Services is fully staffed. APS conducted 566 investigations in 2022, an increase of about 130 over 2021. Financial exploitation had traditionally been the most common reason for an investigation, but self-neglect surpassed it in 2022. The APS Help Line received approximately 3,500 calls in 2022. Freeman will meet this month with representatives from surrounding counties to begin a discussion about creating a dementia diversion setting to keep individuals in crisis close to home when they require stabilization or support.

Le Monds, reporting for Dane County's Children, Youth and Families Division, stated State Representative Sheila Stubbs has been appointed Dane County Human Services Director by County Executive Joe Parisi. Dane County departments are starting the 2024 budget process. New employees will start soon in positions approved in the 2023 budget. Retaining staff has been difficult in CYF, particularly in CPS, which has taken a toll on senior staff who are filling the gaps. Youth Justice has a new 17-25 year old coordinator, which has been a major need for some time.

Brown, reporting for the Dane County District Attorney's Office, stated April is Crime Victim Month as well as Child Abuse Prevention and Family Strengthening Month, giving the office a rare chance to engage in prevention work. A new child abuse prevention video will be released. Brown met with the state's Joint Finance Committee about Marsy's Law, and the immense increase in workload the legislation caused. Brown requested that the Governor's Budget be approved.

Statam reported Anesis Therapy is close to fully staffed. but the wait list for services remains long. Anesis is referring families that don't qualify for its programs to CPS.

Lt. Woehrle reported Wisconsin Internet Crimes against Children Conference is happening April 17-18 in Madison. The Madison Police Department is looking into different outreach initiatives regarding human trafficking and other concerning areas.

Kalpic reported her organization, Marsy's Law Wisconsin, is teaming with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Crime Victims Services office to host the 2nd Annual Wisconsin Crime Victims' Rights Conference on April 20 and 21. Registration remains open.

2. CCR Updates

Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: The group has not been meeting due to personnel change within APS, but plans to resume in late summer.

Elder Abuse: The Financial Abuse to Specialists Team (FAST) celebrated its 23rd anniversary in March. The Hoarding Task Force has not been meeting but is expected to resume in May or June. Funding to mitigate hoarding has dwindled to around \$20,000. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15 and an event is planned for every day of that week. The Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference is scheduled on Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon. The focuses will be Intimate Partner Violence and the LGBTQ community. Scarr is working on a presentation for older adults about property crime and theft as well as a presentation for service providers about safety planning for older adults experiencing intimate partner violence.

Child Abuse & Neglect: The Rainbow Project will conduct a stakeholder forum on April 19th from 5:30-7:30 at its offices on East Washington Avenue. The focus will be meaningful collaboration.

Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence: The group has not met recently.

3. Legislative Announcements/Updates

NONE.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Dane County and via Zoom.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

NONE.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE.

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.