



Dane County

Minutes

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, September 17, 2024

8:30 AM

A. Call To Order

Call to Order: Chair Pellebon called the meeting to order at 8:47 AM

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2024 MIN-230](#) MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2024 - COMMISSION ON SENSITIVE CRIMES

Attachments: [Minutes 07-16-2024](#)

The Minutes were moved by FREEMAN, Seconded by WELSH to approve the Minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote (5-0).

C. Action Items

D. Presentations & Discussion Items

1. Election of Vice Chair for the Commission on Sensitive Crimes

Discussed by Chair Pellebon, we will get into this more with the next meeting

Supervisor Anthony Gray and Vanessa Statam joined the meeting at 8:58 AM

Present 11 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, VANESSA STATAM, Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, EUGENE WOEHRLE, HEATHER CROWLEY, ANTHONY GRAY, ERIN WELSH, MOLLY CARADONNA, and MATTHEW NORDQUIST

Absent 2 - SHARYL KATO, and KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

2. [2024 RPT-263](#) WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - IDD-MH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REPORT

Attachments: [WI Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities System Improvement Report](#)

Beth Freeman presented the START report and gave a brief overview.

3. [2024 RPT-264](#) FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE VIOLENCE SERVICES - GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

Attachments: [Funding for Domestic Abuse Violence Services](#)

Chair Pellebon gave a brief overview on this report.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

Aguilar and Freeman updated for IDD/ APS - Staying busy with investigations and a lot happening. Finishing up the APS budget for 2025, hoping for additional capacity for guardianship and investigations. There should be an open investigation position that should be filled soon.

Brown reported for the DA's Office, they are staying quite busy with trials. They have found that a few positions will be cut due to funding for next year, one Domestic Abuse prosecutor and two prosecutors (funded by ARPA). The District Attorney's Office is looking at adding additional space for trial preparation and such. The case counts have come down since 2022. Bilingual Case Manager attended an event: Red Heel Steps for Justice, they had a booth about the criminal court process, domestic violence information and answer questions from the community.

Nordquist reported for MPD, cases are staying busy. Moving towards consideration of shift picks, that is coming up slowly.

Caradonna reported for UW-Madison, 5 full time mental health providers. 2 full time advocates and talking to leadership about more positions possibly. The Cultural Center and different groups around campus. Affected by the Title 9 Regulations injunction, there are a few groups who are involved in that around campus.

Pellebon reported for the Rape Crisis Center, doing some significant hiring within, working through VOCA cuts, CCS is going well currently and looking for someone to be a CCS manager. They are reorganizing the DV/SA group, look at who needs to be in the group and being very mindful of this.

2. Coordinated Community Response (CCR) Updates

DV/SA is on a break until winter, they are assessing who needs to be in the space and who doesn't. They are looking to be a resource to COSC. CCR's are supposed to feed into this group. Looking at how to be the best advocate for the victims.

Aguilar reported for the IDD CCR, October 16th will be the next one, there should be guardianship training. They plan to continue to meet quarterly. Finding who is who within the group.

3. Legislative Announcements/ Updates

Welsh reported for HHN, they are meeting tonight to begin the budget process. Joint meeting between PP&J and HHN happened recently, they had an overview of the Huber and Jail programs. The investment of Social Worker capacity throughout the Criminal Justice System. County Executive budget is upcoming, there was a report last week of the budgets from different departments. Accessibility is a big thing we are looking at, making sure these programs are able to provide the best services, affordable housing options, and investment into social worker options. POS agencies are asking for a 5% living increase and an 18% admin. increase, the cost to maintain services and keeping informed providers staffed within DCDHS. Several position requests from different areas. Looking to improve technology needs and some investments that the county may need to make.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: October 15, 2024 at 8:30 AM, the meeting will be a hybrid meeting, we will be meeting in person at the Aging and Disability Resource Center and virtually via Zoom.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 AM

A Motion to Adjourn was made by BROWN, Seconded by WELSH.