



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, June 18, 2024

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Aging and Disability Resource Center; attend virtually via Zoom.

A. Call To Order

Others Present: Joe Aguilar, Matthew Nordquist, Amy Scarr, and Amanda Vernia

Chair Miyasaki called the meeting to order at 8:44 A.M.

Present 9 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, VANESSA STATAM, Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES, EUGENE WOEHRLE, and HEATHER CROWLEY

Excused 2 - ANTHONY GRAY, and ERIN WELSH

Absent 1 - SHARYL KATO

B. Consideration of Minutes

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A motion was made by PELLEBON, Seconded by FREEMAN, to approve the Minutes. The motion was carried by a voice vote (9-0).

C. Action Items

1. Motion for new Chair (Current Term Expire: 06/30/2024) Dana Pellebon has been nominated. Other nominations from the floor and vote

Dana Pellebon has been elected by the Commission as the new Chair, this motion passed by a voice vote (9-0).

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

Woehrle reported for the Madison Police Department (MPD) he is leaving his position and Lt. Matthew Nordquist will be taking over the position on COSC as the MPD contact. Nordquist reported for the MPD, they recently passed a SLP for the Proactive Internet Crimes Against Children Investigations.

Shannon Barry reported for DAiS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services) they have submitted an application for VOCA funding and are working on applications for additional funding, the money through some grants needs to be spent by June 30, 2025. DAiS is additionally working on new advocate training and hiring new volunteers. They are currently hiring for a Youth Violence Prevention Advocate. The Men's Club summit was incredible, they had national speakers to present to the men.

Amy Brown reported for the District Attorney's Office, there has been an up tick in the public entering the DA's office. Since COVID, there has been a difference in the public entering and asking for assistance from managers/staff; this issue will be taken up at the Security and Safety Meeting. Discussing how we can best help this population, perhaps training for staff, and helpful intervention steps. There is a resolution to the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee to reclass a Victim Witness Case Manager position to a Deputy Director (Spanish Speaking) position. Department Of Administration did an audit and the DA's Office were deemed in need of additional management positions, specifically within the Bilingual Services they offer.

Dana Pellebon reported for The Rape Crisis Center (RCC), there are a few positions they are hiring for still and looking for 1099 Therapists. Java Jive is September 21, they are still looking for sponsors, volunteers, and auction items. RCC will be moving to a new space in Spring of 2025, they will be located across from Access Community Health (East Washington and Fair Oaks). Safer Bar training continues and getting great feedback from Bar Staff and Patrons. RCC hired a new educator, expanding middle school and high school reach, education staff are working with UW educators as well.

Beth Freeman reported for Adult Protective Services (APS) they are working on the 2025 budget planning process, they are looking for larger capacity for an increase in complexity of cases and calls. There's been an up tick for dealing with Guardianship and Protective Placements for vulnerable adults. APS will be going in front of the Health and Human Needs Committee to share an overview of services and trends. APS is also designing a new information system, it should go live in the first quarter of 2025 and should allow better communication between units. APS is having to use ARPA money as well, some of it is being used for hoarding and clean up for adults who are in risk of losing their homing situation. Additionally, they are helping to bridge costs related to housing for adults who are not yet eligible for long term care programs or support. APS also hired a new position, it is the third complaint intake position, still looking to fill an investigator position.

Amy Scarr reported for APS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Events, they held the Senior Safety Shred Fest, Amy presented a Resolution (about the Elder Abuse Awareness Day) to the County Board of Supervisors, there will also be a Pinwheel Display (marks all of the investigated cases for 2023) at Monona Lutheran Church. Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference will be November 1, 2024, this will be a virtual conference.

Krista Ewers-Hayes reported for Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), they are working on preparing for the 2025 Budget Cycle, nothing that will change the detective crews.

DCSO has been hiring many detectives, they have turned over about half of their detective crew. There has been an up tick in community request for training from the Sheriff's Department.

2. CCR Reports

Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault CCR, meeting on the First Wednesday of every month at noon, they are forming subcommittees in the group and youth membership. Keep it moving forward and help bring recommendations from that CCR to this meeting (COSC), and then forward to County Executive, Director of DCDHS, and PP&J Committee.

Elder Abuse CCR meets monthly, the Aging Disability and Resource Center gave a great presentation to the CCR.

Financial Abuse Specialist CCR meets monthly as well, there is more than enough to cover each meeting. Members in the community are engaging in scams and frauds unknowingly.

IDD CCR meets on July 18, 2024 at noon. This group will meet quarterly, there will be two this year and then will follow a normal schedule next year.

Childhood Sexual Exploitation CCR meets every other month, they will next meet in July. They have been getting good briefings on homelessness programs, mental health needs, and youth aging out of foster care.

3. Legislative Announcements/ Updates

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Next Meeting: July 16, 2024 at 8:30 AM 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 adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

A motion was made by FREEMAN, seconded by PELLEBON, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote (9-0).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Priscilla McCarthy, pending Commission approval.