



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, May 21, 2024

8:30 AM

A. Call To Order

Attendance: Jennifer Ginsburg, Molly Caradonna, Amy Scarr, Joe Aguilar, Priscilla McCarthy

Chair Miyasaki called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM

- Present** 7 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, EUGENE WOEHRLE, and HEATHER CROWLEY
- Absent** 3 - SHARYL KATO, VANESSA STATAM, and KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2024
[MIN-051](#)

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Motion by FREEMAN, Seconded by PELLEBON to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote (7-0).

C. Action Items

Sharyl Kato and Vanessa Statam joined at 8:41 AM

- Present** 9 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, VANESSA STATAM, Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, EUGENE WOEHRLE, and HEATHER CROWLEY
- Absent** 1 - KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

1. Discussion on short-term standing committees as per County Guidelines

Chair Miyasaki discussed the two subcommittees COSC would like to create.

2. Advisory role to POS Executive Committee Study Group - 3 appointees

Members: Sharyl Kato, Dana Pellebon, Shannon Barry, Vanessa Statam, Jan Miyasaki

Goals:

- 1.) How COSC can provide advisory role to POS Executive Committee (including appropriate roles of COSC - a formal ordinance based Commission v. informal coalitions; and joint with PPJ and HHN/DCHS)
- 2.) Who will represent COSC;
- 3.) Process to ensure representation of the most marginalized victims of sensitive crimes

3. *Exploratory Issues Work Group*

Members: Amy Brown, Shannon Berry, Beth Freeman, Molly Caradonna, Jennifer Ginsburg

Goals:

- 1.) Statement on law enforcement and victim services partnerships core values
- 2.) Research and report back on other emerging issues
4. Report on filling the other 4 current open seats

Positions to be filled within Commission on Sensitive Crimes:

Supervisor Anthony Gray was appointed as the member of the Public Protection & Judiciary Committee

Supervisor Erin Welsh was appointed as the member of the Health & Human Needs Committee

Molly Caradonna will be appointed as the designee of the University of Wisconsin Chancellor

Lt. Matthew Nordquist will be appointed as the representative from the Madison Police Department

5. Closed Session: Consideration of applicants for seat opening on 07/01/2024

Chair Miyasaki decided to not go into closed session as we did not have all the required applications to go into closed session.

D. Presentations**E. Reports to Committee**

1. Agency Updates

Sharyl Kato reported for the Rainbow Project, they are working a lot with youth (infants and middle school children). They hired two new therapists and have a lengthy waiting list. The rapid response services have been high. Rainbow celebrated May Mental Health and Trauma Awareness Month, they heard from Dr. Nadene Burke Harris. June is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder month, they will have additional presentations to the city council and the county board. September 20th is Running for Rainbow and in August Rainbow will be 43 years old.

Dana Pellebon reported for Rape Crisis Center, they are hiring a developmental director they will also be recruiting for different positions (Bilingual Advocates for Adults, CCS Supervisor, and Director of Direct Services). The Java Jive will be September 21st at 10 AM - 2 PM. CCR is struggling with some agencies that manage housing and housing programs, a few people have had issues with housing insecurity.

Shannon Barry reported for DAIS they hosted the first Men's Club Summit, different youth gathered and different speakers from around the area. They are hiring a Legal Advocate, Case Manager, Overnight Advocate and a Youth Violence Prevention Advocate. October 1st will be the Luncheon at the Park Hotel in Madison. Housing First program with the Dept. of Children and Families, they have extended for another year and they must be in a Domestic Violence situation.

Vanessa Statam reported for Anesis they are looking for a Service Facilitator and Bilingual Care Coordinator. They are planning for conference coming up. They hired a new Bilingual staff and are taking additional new referrals for service facilitation.

Amy Brown reported for the District Attorney's Office the new jail construction is starting, it should take about two years. The DA's office is very busy, there is a small group working on a new facility dog initiative. Walk in population is rising, specifically mentally ill people, looking for an agency that is open and willing to help.

Beth Freeman reported for Adult Protective Services, they are hoping to give an overview to Health and Human Needs Committee this summer. APS hired a new help line specialist, to help field calls. The 2023 State of Wisconsin report will be brought to the next COSC meeting. APS is working on implementing a new IT system within the APS unit. Likely will not be implemented until the first quarter of 2025. Training for all APS managers, there will be additional courses to learn.

Eugene Woehrle reported that he took on another position within the Madison Police Department, Lt. Matthew Nordquist will be appointed by the county executive's office soon. He will be the one reporting from MPD.

Heather Crowley reported for Human Services, it's getting warmer and that can change the medication people take, it can increase psychosis. Human Services is still being ran by the interim director (Astra Iheukumere), the county executive retired in May, there has been an interim chosen for now, her name is Jamie Kuhn. The budget process should go on as normal. On Youth Justice side, there have been a lot of issues within the Middle Schools. Numbers are going up for kids ordered to corrections. Increased domestic incidents between male youth and their mothers, youth justice is looking at how to help with this.

Jennifer Ginsburg reported for Safe Harbor, Safe Harbor passed to be reaccredited! Safe Harbor is hiring for a Mental Health Specialist.

2. CCR Reports

Dana Pellebon reported for Sexual Assault CCR, the group is working on the same recommendation, hoping to get through that in the next two months, hoping to bring recommendations to Commission On Sensitive Crimes.

Sharyl Kato reported for her CCR, they are working on the Children, Youth, and Families consortia. Trying to be more thoughtful with what is happening and is a challenge with how busy everything is right now.

Amy Scarr reported for Elder and Financial Abuse CCR, they recently had a great training from the Aging and Disability Resource Center. World Elder Abuse Awareness day on June 15, the Shred Fest will be happening on June 14 from 11 AM - 1 PM. Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference will be November 1, via Zoom and will be a half day. Joe Aguilar reported for IDD CCR, they will start in July and will meet again in October. The CCR will meet quarterly.

3. Legislative Announcements/ Updates

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 8:00 AM at the ARDC and virtually via Zoom.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

Chair Miyasaki adjourned the meeting at 10:05 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Priscilla McCarthy, pending Committee approval.