



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Commission on Sensitive Crimes

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Tuesday, May 19, 2015

8:30 AM

MPD South Precinct, 825 Hughes Pl, Madison

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#### A. Call To Order

- Present** 8 - JULIE AHNEN, KELLY ANDERSON, SHANNON BARRY, SHARI GRAY-DORN, SHARYL KATO, LT. KURT PIERCE, MICHAEL MURRAY, and MATT VELDRAN
- Absent** 4 - MAUREEN McCARVILLE, JAN MIYASAKI, CARMEN HOTVEDT, and DAN OLIVAS

Others present: Marlys Howe, Jamie Sathasivam, Christine White

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2015 MIN-050](#) 2015\_0421 Commission on Sensitive Crimes Minutes

**Attachments:** [2015\\_0421 COSC Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by GRAY-DORN, seconded by AHNEN, that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - AHNEN, ANDERSON, BARRY, GRAY-DORN, KATO, PIERCE and MURRAY

**Absent:** 5 - McCARVILLE, MIYASAKI, HOTVEDT, OLIVAS and VELDRAN

#### C. Action Items

1. [2015 ACT-093](#) Discussion and Action on Proposed Mission Statement

**Attachments:** [Proposed Mission Statement 2015\\_05.pdf](#)

*Postponed to next meeting*

#### D. Presentations

#### E. Reports to Committee

1. [2015 RPT-114](#) The Commission on Sensitive Crimes responsibilities and priorities under section 15.23 of the Dane County Ordinance

**Attachments:** [cosc ordinance - 2012.doc](#)

*The following items were brought up during discussion: media best practices; website; keeping the County Board informed as well as the public; are there policies/ordinances in Dane County that aren't serving victims well; analyze and provide recommendations to policy makers; CCR discuss issues affecting victims and bring to COSC attention; review legislation that pertains to sensitive crimes that has been referred to relevant standing County Board committees; county racial equity efforts and issues; share prevention strategies and ideas that would have applications across different CCR subject matters that could then be shared with the wider public; get public feedback through CCR's; attempt to map out what navigating all of the relevant processes and systems is like for a sensitive crimes victim in Dane County to identify potential strengths and weaknesses that can be shared with policymakers and stakeholders; crime victims awareness week in April; policy development and data collection and sharing; alternatives to incarceration, i.e., how community court will affect victims; how body cameras could be detrimental to victims with open records requests; understanding police training in use of force*

2. CCR Staffing Follow Up: Murray explained that the COSC received the same dollar allocations for LTE staff but the hourly rate of reimbursement is higher this year, so there are fewer hours to allocate between CCR's. He asked members to keep track of hours submitted. He noted that not all hours were used last year. Murray also indicated that the reduction in available hours will require some sort of reallocation of hours among the existing CCR's and that his preference would be to do so in a manner that is both fair and responds to current CCR needs. Murray will continue the discussion with CCR chairs and/or COSC designees in-between commission meetings to help reach a final agreement.

### 3. Announcements/Legislative Update:

- Pierce announced that will be reassigned in August, so he will be leaving the Commission on Sensitive Crimes.
- Barry announced that the DAIS Celebrate Independence Luncheon is sold out with a wait list. Sheriff Mahoney is receiving the community service award at the luncheon. An indepth report and executive summary is being prepared from the community needs assessment that was done. Barry will share with the COSC this summer. There is a DAIS survey linked to the Facebook page gathering data from teens about awareness of DAIS services as well as what services they might be interested in. A texting line is starting this fall.
- Kato questioned whether the Commission should prepare a response to the media about publishing victim family addresses to remind them to be sensitive when they release private information. Anderson suggested using it as opportunity for training and prepare an advisory guideline for media outreach.
- Anderson distributed information about the Paths to Healing Conference on June 11.
- Sathasivam announced that the 20th Annual Java Jive will be held on September 27, 9-12:30.
- Kato announced that Rainbow celebrates its 35th birthday at Warner Park from 1-3 on July 19.
- Barry announced that DAIS will celebrate its 1st year in their new facility on August 1.
- Howe reported that the DVCCR will have awards ceremony at the Brink on October 16 from 5-7. Their retreat is scheduled for September 11. The Cultural Context of Corporal Punishment Conference will be held at Monona Terrace on November 19-20. Howe also reported that two prosecutors from DA's office are leaving.
- Gray-Dorn announced that the Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference will be held at the Alliant Center on November 13.
- Veldran informed members that a resolution will be before the County Board on Thursday regarding forming jail study groups.
- Murray requested CCR reports so he can schedule PP&J and HHN presentations.

#### 4. CCR Updates:

- Child Abuse & Neglect: Kato reported that they are meeting at different agencies and hearing about programs at those agencies. They are focusing on the Dane County trauma informed community initiative. The next summit luncheon will be held on October 16. They are planning the December 4 all day summit at the Alliant Center. They are discussing a transgender LGBT conference in 2016.
- Developmental Disabilities: No report
- Domestic Violence: Howe reported that the CCR is considering having more frequent meetings, which would also allow the CCR to conduct shorter meetings. One topic of consideration for the retreat is corporal punishment. Representatives will be attending the statewide SART/CCR conference.
- Elder Abuse: Garecht reported that they have formed a leadership circle and are discussing forming some subcommittees. They are working on a website. June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. They are placing 421 pinwheels representing investigated elder abuse cases in Dane County on the Northport Human Services lawn all week as well as distributing informaton at the farmers market the Saturday before. The November 13 DV conference will be covered by an Adult Protective Services grant plus \$30 registration fee. The EA CCR and FAST are meeting monthly and working on diversifying membership.
- Sexual Assault: Sathasivam reported that the next meeting is June 26 and they have a sheriff office presentation scheduled. There will be a statewide conference in June.

#### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

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#### G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

#### H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law:

*Murray is working with the County Executive's office to fill vacancies on the Commission. He has reached out to Madison Public Safety Review Board to fill their vacant seat on the Commission. Kato recommended that the commission continue to make efforts to ensure representation by people of color on the the commission. Kato suggested that the commission consider forming an ad hoc committee to ensure that the commission engage in adequate outreach to people of color.*

#### I. Adjourn

*10:04 a.m.*

*Recorded by Dawn MacFarlane, 242-6267, WI Relay 711*