



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, July 18, 2023

8:30 AM

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

A. Call To Order

*Staff and guests present: Joe Aguilar, Susan Alan-Lee, Heather Crowley,
Virginia Gittens-Escudero, Jennifer Ginsburg, Elsa Gumm, Marlys Howe,
Sharyl Kato, Priscilla McCarthy, Amy Scarr, Vanessa Statam, and Amanda Vernia.*

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

Present 5 - AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES,
and Supervisor OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA

Excused 1 - SHANNON BARRY

Absent 3 - Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, Supervisor APRIL KIGEYA, and EUGENE
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B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) COSC Minutes from 06-20-2023
[MIN-187](#)

Attachments: [06-20-23 COSC Minutes](#)

This item was not acted on

[2023](#) MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2023
[MIN-159](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 05 16 2023](#)

A motion was made by BROWN, seconded by FREEMAN, that the Minutes be
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

C. Action Items

None.

Attendance Update

Barry joined the meeting.

- Present** 6 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES, and Supervisor OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA
- Absent** 3 - Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, Supervisor APRIL KIGEYA, and EUGENE WOHRLE

D. Presentations

1. Court Watch Report (DAIS Legal Advocacy Team)

[2023](#) 2021-2022 COURT WATCH REPORT
[PRES-109](#)

Attachments: [2021-2022 Court Watch Report Final](#)
[2021-2022 Court Watch Report Executive Summary](#)

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services Legal Advocate Elsa Gumm provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered Commission members' questions.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

Gittens Escudero reported UNIDOS' new assistant director started recently. Preparations are underway for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Kato reported The Rainbow Project is increasing in-person services at the clinic and is in the midst of strategic planning. Progress is being made toward reducing wait lists, particularly in Early Childhood Zones in Verona, Sun Prairie and Madison's north side. The Integrated Health Team with psychiatrists will begin participating with rapid response calls. The Rhumba 4 Rainbow fundraiser is scheduled for Sept. 8.

Barry reported Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) is short-staffed in the shelter and is trying to hire. There will be construction in the shelter in September and residents may be moved to hotels temporarily. DAIS is hiring for a Development Officer position.

Brown reported the Dane County District Attorney's Office hired a bilingual/bicultural case manager. The office is prepping for the changes brought by Act 3, which allows attorneys to argue bail conditions consistent with the seriousness of violent crimes. In the past, the office could only argue for bail based on the likelihood the person charged would return to court.

Crowley reported Dane County Human Services administrators have submitted their 2024 budget requests. No news has been shared with employees on the recruitment process or progress to fill the vacant DCDHS Director role.

Freeman reported Dane County Adult Protective Services staff have been conducting community trainings for older adults at risk. Planning is underway to provide training to EMS staff. The Guardianship Support Group continues to meet monthly. APS is fully staffed with the addition of a member of the guardianship unit.

Statam reported that Anesis Therapy will begin moving toward non-profit status in January. Several interns have begun providing psychotherapy, helping reduce the wait list. A new service facilitator started on July 24.

Attendance Update

Barry left the meeting.

Present 5 - AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES, and Supervisor OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA

Absent 4 - SHANNON BARRY, Supervisor DANA PELLEBON, Supervisor APRIL KIGEYA, and EUGENE WOEHRLE

2. CCR Updates

Child Abuse & Neglect: The Trauma Informed Summit that is usually held in November will likely move to early 2024.

Elder Abuse: The Financial Abuse (of seniors) Specialist Team (FAST) will receive a presentation on cyber security and blockchain technology during its next meeting. Artificial Intelligence scams are occurring in Dane County.

Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: The group is planning to begin meeting again in September.

Legal Issues Subcommittee: The body has resumed meeting in person in the District Attorney's Office and has launched the process of getting attendees re-engaged.

Sexual Exploitation of Children Subcommittee: The group will receive a presentation on the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families' Reports of Child Sex Trafficking Allegations & Substantiations to Child Protective Services during this week's meeting.

3. Legislative Announcements/Updates

Xistris-Songpanya shared a hybrid public hearing seeking input about how to allocate Dane County's portion of the National Opioids Settlement is scheduled for July 24.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the Aging & Disability Resource Center and via Zoom.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by FREEMAN, seconded by BROWN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Priscilla McCarthy pending Commission approval.