



# 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?*

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Tuesday, October 25, 2022

8:30 AM

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#### A. Call To Order

*Others present: Susan Alan-Lee, Allison Schlotz, Howard Thomas.*

**Chair Miyasaki called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.**

- Present** 6 - SHANNON BARRY, BETH FREEMAN, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, DANA PELLEBON, GREG ESSER, and Supervisor OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA
- Absent** 5 - AMY BROWN, HEATHER LE MONDS, SHARYL KATO, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES, and Supervisor APRIL KIGEYA

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)  
[MIN-273](#)

MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2022

**Attachments:** [2022\\_0719 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BARRY, seconded by XISTRIS-SONGPANYA, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0). Freeman abstained.

[2022](#)  
[MIN-317](#)

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

**Attachments:** [2022\\_0920 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BARRY, seconded by MIYASAKI, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote (4-0). Freeman and Pellebon abstained.

#### C. Action Items

*None.*

#### D. Presentations

*None.*

#### E. Reports to Committee

## 1. Agency Updates

*Pellebon reported she is the lone Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center (RCC) after previously sharing the role and provided a staffing update for the agency. RCC is now accepting CCS clients of all ages. Forensic Nurse Exams have spiked this fall -- especially during the day time -- necessitating having three workers on call. RCC will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2023.*

*Barry reported Domestic Abuse Prevention Services (DAIS) is hiring a youth violence prevention advocate and a crisis intervention coordinator. The text line launched on September 29. DAIS has seen an increase in walk-in traffic and there is a wait list for shelter services. Housing First funds, intended for those with housing insecurity due to intimate partner violence, are being distributed. The legal advocacy department is fully staffed and is seeing record numbers of consumers. The DAIS Advocacy Clinic will return to the Dane County Courthouse in January after suspending operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tech Clinic, which searches for spyware on personal devices, continues to operate.*

*Freeman reported Dane County Adult Protective Services (APS) remains short-staffed and is struggling to keep up with intakes. APS is hopeful two new positions will be approved in the 2023 County Budget. The Dane County Department of Human Services' Adult Community Services Division has split into two divisions -- Disability & Aging Services (DAS) and Behavioral Health. Angela Velasquez is the DAS Division Administrator and Todd Campbell, who oversaw ACS, will lead the Behavioral Health Division. Recruiting will begin soon for a Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities crisis specialist.*

*Esser reported the Madison Police Department (MPD) has added two civilian positions -- an expert on evidence-based policing and a community outreach coordinator. MPD will begin responding to calls in the Town of Madison tonight on a mutual aid request with the Town being annexed by the City on October 30. MPD's Summer Strategic Plan will wrap up on October 31 and a report will be issued toward the end of the year. Gun violence remains high as do vehicle thefts, although mitigation efforts by the manufacturers are helping lower theft rates of the Kia and Hyundai brands. Officers are being asked to work 12-hour shifts on a regular basis.*

*Schlotz reported the FNE unit at UnityPoint Health - Meriter has seen an increase in male survivors and in those individuals identifying as LGBTQ+. The unit is now using iPads rather than interviews to gather some information, which is likely leading to more accurate reporting.*

## 2. CCR Updates

[2022](#)  
[COM-004](#)

## FIND YOUR STRENGTHS FLYER

**Attachments:** [Find Your Strengths Save the Date](#)

*Elder Abuse & Neglect: Freeman reported Aurielle Smith, Public Health Madison & Dane County's Director of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, recently presented to the group about how gun violence is impacting older adults. The Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) is scheduled to receive a presentation on holiday scams. The Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference was held virtually in September with the primary focus on potential abuse between a caregiver and a care recipient who has cognitive issues. Nearly 200 individuals attended.*

*Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Freeman reported the CCR will likely be inactive until January as APS seeks to fill the I/DD Victim Advocate position.*

*Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence: Pellebon reported the Survivors Group and the Implementation Group continue to meet and that the new structure is working well. The staff support person plans to resign in November.*

*Child Abuse & Neglect: No report.*

*Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Miyasaki reported Madison Police Chief Shon Barnes provided remarks for 45 minutes, then received a policy briefing from stakeholders at a recent meeting. The body is the sponsor of the Anti-Human Trafficking Training scheduled for Nov. 16 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. Miyasaki distributed a save the date flyer.*

*Legal Issues Subcommittee: No meetings were held in September or October.*

### 3. Legislative Updates/Announcements

*Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya reported the 2023 Dane County Budget process is in full swing. The Health & Human Needs Committee, of which Xistris-Songpanya is a member, will take up Capital and Operating Amendments during its meeting today.*

*Supervisor Pellebon reported the Public Protection & Judiciary Committee recommended 2023 Operating Budget Amendment 06 -- which calls for additional employees to create a Human Trafficking Task Force, for denial. Pellebon stated more input is needed from community stakeholders before moving the request forward.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, 15 November 2022, 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

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

None.

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None.*

**I. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas pending Commission approval.*