



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, May 15, 2018

8:30 AM

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A. Call To Order

Present 12 - SHANNON BARRY, JAN MIYASAKI, SHARI GRAY-DORN, SHARYL KATO, Chair
MICHAEL MURRAY, ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, MARLYS HOWE, MATT TYE,
HAYLEY YOUNG, BARBARA MCKINNEY, HEATHER CROWLEY, and KERRY
PORTER

Absent 1 - PAUL RUSK

Others: Caitlin Bausch, Jennifer Ginsberg

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2018](#) 2018_0417 Commission on Sensitive Crimes Minutes
[MIN-027](#)

Attachments: [2018_0417 COSC Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 6 - MIYASAKI, GRAY-DORN, MURRAY, THORNLEY-PARISI, CROWLEY and
PORTER

Absent: 3 - BARRY, KATO and RUSK

Abstain: 4 - HOWE, TYE, YOUNG and MCKINNEY

C. Action Items

1. COSC Letter of Support for City of Madison Paid Leave Program for Municipal Employees

Discussion regarding the presentation for city council, and how discussion shed light on sensitive crimes in relation to paid leave need.

[2018
ACT-035](#)

2018_0510 COSC Letter of Support Madison Paid Leave_Chair
Murray

Attachments: [COSC Letter of Support Madison Paid Leav ChairMurray 5.10.2018](#)

A motion was made by YOUNG, seconded by KATO, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - BARRY, MIYASAKI, GRAY-DORN, KATO, MURRAY, THORNLEY-PARISI,
HOWE, TYE, YOUNG, MCKINNEY, CROWLEY and PORTER

Absent: 1 - RUSK

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Update on Court Watch Discussion

DAIS held a brainstorming meeting. Options for a host for the program were discussed. They determined that the UW Law School would be a good option, so they are being contacted by those who have relationships.

Thornley-Parisi suggested to start with sensitive crimes issues and potentially expand to disparate issues related to race/culture if needed.

Miyasaki noted that Hennepin County, MN, has done a lot of work regarding race/culture of victim affecting outcome also.

McKinney questioned how to maintain the watch so it is sustainable so as to not lose focus on victims.

Barry said that research and data is also important. Keeping it out of the non-profit world will diminish fight for funding. There will likely be another work group meeting in the future to follow up.

2. Announcements/Legislative Update

- *Howe reported that Mark Kerman is retiring. Shellie Gillette is taking part of the caseload, prioritizing adult SA cases. Child SA cases will be shared. Rachelle Hocking and Sarah Hokkanen are absorbing some also. Kate Gerstner is the new VW staff. Two new ADA are starting. The DA's office will be fully staffed. She provided an explanation of what "fully staffed" means.*
- *Discussion regarding nuances in DA's office about more cases going to trial, more requests for speedy trials, how trials are scheduled, the schedules of the ADA's impacting victims due to wait time and plea vs. trial. Safe Harbor and Rainbow are seeing more subpoena and trial involvement. Should COSC advocate/make a statement for courtwatch/issues in the DA's office with policy makers? It is in the Commission's purview to lobby for such. Advocates feel unsupported by larger systems in making statements on behalf of victims. The Commission should prioritize issues regarding policy/systems change around court matters and functioning. Public education about sensitive crimes issues is important and can also inform potential jurors. Barry suggested advocates meet/speak with Governor Walker and follow up with a letter from the Commission to address lack of prosecutors.*
- *There is a press conference today regarding DA's office receiving VOCA grant and the County matching funds.*
- *Crowley reported that the Mayor's office rapid response team has been meeting for about 1.5 years. Focus had been response to gun violence but may be expanding role. May be an opportunity moving forward to work more collaboratively with COSC member agencies. Will provide updates as the response team moves forward.*
- *Young reported that there are only three HHN committee members that are the same as last year. The other four are new. They are scheduled to meet once/month as opposed to twice/month.*
- *McKinney reported that the Public Safety Review Committee is sponsoring an Opiate Town Hall meeting on May 31, 4-8 pm, at Central Library Rooms 301-302. Focus is on community and family. Presented by parent addiction network and safe communities.*

3. CCR Updates:

- Child Abuse & Neglect: Handout provided regarding structure of subcommittees and discussion of moving forward based on input.
- Intellectual Disabilities: No updates. New supervisor will start in June.
- Domestic Violence: Legal Action presented last month; tomorrow is Nadia Rosen. Judge Karofsky wants to know what definition of DV treatment actually means. Working with VW and DOC for clarification. VW working with Sheriff's Department regarding 72 hour no contact and removal order by defendant through injunction and other issues. Judge Mitchell will be at the CCR meeting on June 6, 12:30-1:30.
- Elder Abuse: UW School of Medicine PH met with CCR, working with persons with alzheimer's/dementia. June is Elder Abuse awareness month. Elder Awareness day is June 15.
- Sexual Assault: No updates. CSEC: Next meeting is May 16, 1-3 pm at Briarpatch. Skyping with group from Chicago. Doing more informal work with persons from the faith community.

[2018](#) COSC Child Abuse & Neglect Flow Chart
[RPT-084](#)

Attachments: [CAN CCR Flow Chart](#)

[2018](#) World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Poster - June 15
[RPT-083](#)

Attachments: [WEAAD Poster 2018](#)

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next Meeting: June 19, 8:30 a.m., MPD South Precinct.
Contact Murray with agenda items.*

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

10:00 a.m.

Recorded by Heather Crowley