



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, March 16, 2021

8:30 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

A. Call To Order

Others present: Jennifer Ginsburg, Ellen Merker, Carrie Pomije, Amy Scarr, Vanessa Statam, and Howard Thomas

Chair Miyasaki called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present 10 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, HEATHER CROWLEY, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO, BARBARA MCKINNEY, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, DANA PELLEBON, ANGELA KAMOSKE, and CECELY CASTILLO

Absent 2 - Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, and KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-495](#)

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0216 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BARRY, seconded by PELLEBON, to approve the minutes.
The motion carried by a voice vote 10-0.

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

[2020](#)
[RPT-861](#)

ACTIVE CASELOADS REPORT 2017-2020

Attachments: [Active Caseloads Report 2017-2020, Filed Cases Only \(mkr\)](#)

[2020
RPT-862](#)

A ROADMAP TO REDUCING VIOLENCE

Attachments: [2021 violence prevention report 3-21](#)

- Brown reported the District Attorney's Office took part in a mock jury trial at the Dane County Courthouse to determine if trials could be held following COVID-19 safety protocols and it was determined it would be extremely challenging to do so. Judges hope jury trials can resume in June, when a higher percentage of the population is vaccinated. The DA's Office received tentative trial dates for priority cases, many of which are sensitive crimes cases or cases with speedy trial demands. As the office constructed availability charts for judges and prosecutors, it started settling cases and for the first time in the past nine months, case counts dropped slightly. Brown shared a chart showing how Victim Services case counts have grown over the past four years. A total of 3,736 new case letters were sent to victims between May 2020 and January 2021 to explain their rights - a service mandated by Marsy's Law.

- Ginsburg reported Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center was busy in January and February and expects more activity as children return to in-school learning.

- Pellebon reported the Rape Crisis Center (RCC) is having discussions with the Madison Police Department about instituting a process in which officers submit referral forms to RCC, a change that will allow the agency to connect with more victims. RCC will reopen offices beginning in April for half days.

- Barry reported all Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) employees who wished to receive the COVID-19 vaccine have received their shots. The agency is providing vaccination information to clients. A Case Manager was hired recently and DAIS is recruiting a Case Management Coordinator. The helpline is extremely busy, with mental health, AODA, housing and legal advocacy issues generating the most activity. DAIS is expanding the number of staff in the office and clients are being seen by appointment. The lobby remains closed to the public.

- Merker reported Heart Consulting, which works with victims with intellectual and developmental disabilities, continues to provide services virtually and is experiencing a growing wait list. The agency is concentrating on providing more resources for parents and caregivers.

- Freeman reported the Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Adult Protective Services hotline remains busy. DCDHS frontline workers have been offered the COVID-19 vaccination and are doing in-person visits when appropriate. APS offices are not open to the public. One area APS continues to monitor is quality-of-care issues in some residential settings that can be traumatic or victimizing to residents -- a trend that has surfaced since state entities began administering long-term care programs.

- Kamoske reported 90% of Madison Police Department employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine. The Special Victims Unit (SVU) has been busy and expects case loads to increase with students returning to in-person learning. Two search warrants were executed recently on Interagency Case Assessment Team cases and two more are scheduled. SVU is preparing to enter cases into the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative database, allowing victims to see track the status of their kit.

- Crowley reported DCDHS doesn't expect to open offices to the public until July at the earliest. Crowley will distribute a Public Health Madison & Dane County report entitled "A Roadmap to Reducing Violence" to commission members.

- Statam reported most Anesis Therapy Center employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine and the agency is providing in-person services. A new service facilitator started at Anesis last week and recruiting in ongoing to fill another position. New staff members are being trained to provide Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to parents who are system-involved and need to meet the criteria for parenting training.

- McKinney reported the Madison Common Council's Public Safety Review Committee is currently considering two topics: body camera use by police officers and the use of tear gas.

- Kato reported the wait list for services at The Rainbow Project Child & Family Counseling & Resource Clinic is growing. Most staff members have received the COVID-19 vaccination and a re-entry committee is considering how to safely reopen the office as most services continue to be provided virtually. The Rainbow Project has entered into a partnership providing behavioral health services in Madison's Kennedy Heights neighborhood and has started providing behavioral health support for mothers with young children in the Northside Early Childhood Zone. Two new service facilitators were recently added, and a child and adult psychiatrist who is trauma informed and culturally proficient started with The Rainbow Project in February. More support groups for child care providers is a priority.

- Miyasaki reported Project Respect supported victims involved in a federal human trafficking trial in February in which victims could watch the proceedings via closed-circuit feed. The defendant was convicted.

Attendance Update

McCarville joined the meeting at 9 a.m.

Present 11 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, HEATHER CROWLEY, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO, BARBARA MCKINNEY, Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, DANA PELLEBON, ANGELA KAMOSKE, and CECELY CASTILLO

Absent 1 - KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

2. Anti-Spyware Project Update & Next Steps

Barry reported that University of Wisconsin assistant professor Rahul Chatterjee is in the process of obtaining equipment and recruiting volunteers to launch an Anti-Spyware Clinic. The clinic would be a replication of one with which Chatterjee was involved in New York. The free clinic, which would operate one day per month, would require a referral. Potential locations discussed include DAIS, the Dane County Courthouse and the Dane County District Attorney's Office. Chatterjee has stated it's important for a potential spyware victim to be accompanied by an advocate who can help with safety planning. It's expected the clinic will be able to take up to five referrals per month.

3. CCR Restructuring Update

[2020](#)
[RPT-863](#)

CCR DV-SA PROPOSAL_V3

Attachments: [CCRDV-SA Proposal_V3](#)

Pellebon reported efforts are ongoing to combine the Sexual Assault CCR and Domestic Violence CCR. In April, members will discuss the idea of separate groups for survivors and systems. It's expected an outline of the plan will be ready in June.

4. CCR Updates

[2020](#)
[RPT-868](#) POWER WHEEL - PERPETUATING RACISM

Attachments: [Power Wheel-Perpetuating Racism](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-869](#) POWER WHEEL - DISMANTLING RACISM

Attachments: [Power Wheel-Dismantling Racism](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-870](#) TACTICS OF OPPRESSION

Attachments: [Tactics of Oppression](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-871](#) HOW RACISM AFFECTS SURVIVORS OF SDV

Attachments: [How Racism Affects Survivors of SDV](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-877](#) SASHA MODEL: BLACK WOMEN'S TRIANGULATION OF RAPE

Attachments: [SASHA Model Black Women's Triangulation of Rape](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-872](#) CCRDV 2012-2013 ACTION PLAN

Attachments: [CCRDV 2012-2013 Action Plan](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-873](#) ARREST POLICIES PROJECT

Attachments: [Arrest Policies Project](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-874](#) ARREST FINAL REPORT

Attachments: [Arrest Final Report](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-875](#)

COMMUNITY DIALOG AUDIT

Attachments: [Community Dialog Audit](#)

Elder Abuse: All subcommittees continue to meet monthly. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be held virtually on 15 June 2021. The Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference is scheduled for 28 October 2021.

I/DD: Miyasaki provided a presentation on Respect Madison and human trafficking in February. Evidence suggests there's a high incidence of individuals with cognitive and developmental delays being trafficked. Discussions are ongoing about whether there should be a screen mechanism regarding trafficking when working with I/DD individuals, perhaps as a single question on long-term functional screens.

Child Abuse & Neglect: The Prevention and Early Intervention Subcommittee and Advocacy Subcommittee have combined. A series of virtual events to support caregivers and parents in an effort to prevent child abuse is being planned for May. The Mental Health Subcommittee will meet this month. An effort is underway to get professionals who make referrals together quarterly to share new programming offerings and openings. With more in-person learning returning, a group of teachers and CPS workers hope to reconvene. The Latinx Mental Health Coalition has joined the Children, Youth & Families Consortium. The Trauma-Informed Advisory Council is planning a summit for November.

Sexual Assault: April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Rape Crisis Center plans a full month of programming around the theme "Centering Blackness as a Form of Self-Care and Collective Liberation." A virtual luncheon is scheduled for 9 April. Awards recognizing individuals' excellent work will be presented. A two-day training on human trafficking is scheduled for the first Thursday and Friday of October.

Attendance Update

McCarville departed the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

McKinney departed the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Present 9 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, HEATHER CROWLEY, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, DANA PELLEBON, ANGELA KAMOSKE, and CECELY CASTILLO

Absent 3 - BARBARA MCKINNEY, Supervisor MAUREEN MCCARVILLE, and KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

5. Legislative Updates/Announcements

[2020](#)
[RPT-876](#)

LEGTRACK 2021-2022

Attachments: [LegTrack 3.15.21](#)

Freeman reported legislation is moving forward in three areas: freezing accounts of individuals alleged to have committed financial exploitation, the ability to record or capture victim witness statements of older victims so they're not lost due to health issues or death and are available when needed, and training for guardians.

Miyasaki will share LegTrack, an overview of pending legislation, will commission members.

Miyasaki reported the VOCA Fix to Sustain Crime Victim Funds Act of 2021 was recently introduced in the House of Representatives.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, 20 April 2021, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Dane County Supervisor Cecely Castillo, attending her first meeting as a commission member, introduced herself. Castillo, who worked as a prosecutor of domestic abuses cases in Chicago, is the Health & Human Needs Committee representative on the commission.

Miyasaki stated there are four open seats on the commission, one to be appointed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor, one from an entity battling racism, and two for citizens.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by KATO, seconded by FREEMAN, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas.