



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Commission on Sensitive Crimes

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

8:30 AM

MPD South Precinct, 825 Hughes Pl, Madison

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A. Call To Order

Present 11 - JULIE AHNEN, SHANNON BARRY, SHARI GRAY-DORN, SHARYL KATO, JAN MIYASAKI, CARMEN JUNIPER NEIMEKO, ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, MARLYS HOWE, DAVE KARLS, PAUL RUSK, and HAYLEY YOUNG

Absent 2 - Chair MICHAEL MURRAY, and MATT TYE

Others present: Heather Crowley, Jaime Sathasivam, Christine White, Amy Scarr, Barbara McKinney, Jennifer Ginsberg, Kelly Seim

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2016 MIN-523](#) 2017_0117 Commission on Sensitive Crimes Minutes

Attachments: [2017_0117 COSC Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 9 - AHNEN, GRAY-DORN, KATO, MIYASAKI, THORNLEY-PARISI, HOWE, KARLS, RUSK and YOUNG

Absent: 3 - JUNIPER NEIMEKO, MURRAY and TYE

Abstain: 1 - BARRY

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Legislative Update/Announcements:

- Follow up on discussion about ordinance. Members would like to add rural outreach along with increasing diversity. There was discussion about identifying the role of the Commission through position papers and developing a recruiting packet. Potential members will disengage quickly unless there is an identifiable purpose and goals. Rusk commented that the climate is right for systems changes and the current ordinance allows the Commission to make recommendations. Miyasaki will call a meeting of the group that has been discussing diversity and invite all members before the next COSC meeting.

- Kelly Seim is a Victims Specialist with the FBI stationed in Madison. She works with victims after a federal crime is committed (such as human trafficking and fraud) including triage to connect with services and work with insurance.

- Howe has been working with 911 and law enforcement on trauma informed care training. They have completed training with 10 smaller jurisdictions. DOC trainings are promoting video conferencing for victims of sensitive crimes to reduce trauma for victims.

- Crowley reported that NIP has approval to hire a 4th gang staff. There is a new initiative accepting referrals for collateral victims in the community (those affected by crime but were not direct victims). Crowley has been chosen to participate in an ad hoc school board committee to review the use of officers in schools. Email concerns/recommendations to her.

- Young discussed upcoming resolutions and ordinance amendment regarding sanctuary city and how legislation is going to impact Dane County. She noted that inquiries to Dane County staff about immigration status will be referred to Corporation Counsel.

- Rusk updated members on the Dane County Jail. The 6th & 7th floor maximum security will be closed. The use of solitary confinement is high (41/day). There are no appropriate health care beds. The 17-year-old youth offenders need to be separated from adult inmates. We are not in compliance with PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act). A classroom is needed for GED study. Young encouraged members to go on a jail tour. Miyasaki questioned whether history of victimization is discussed during booking and felt it may be easier to get public support if it was. There is national data available on this.

- Barry noted the elimination of VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) funding and fears others might follow. Howe suggested that COSC invite DOJ to come and talk about VAWA.

- McKinney commented that Immigration Law - Know Your Rights Part 2 is tonight at central library, 6:30 p.m. 500 participants were expected for part I and 2500 came to the Monona Terrace.
- Thornley-Parisi reported that the RCC Youth Advisory Board discussed the root causes of sexual assault, prioritized and came up with some recommendations for change. They presented at a policy summit. She referred members to the RCC Facebook page for more information.

2. CCR Updates:

- Child Abuse & Neglect: Kato reported that Annette Miller and Jeanette Deloya will facilitate the CCR mapping project. The trauma informed community advisory council is meeting. They would like to purchase "Paper Tigers" and "Resilience" films. Lunch forums with movie and panel are being planned. Crowley added that they are addressing trauma related to immigration along with family, community and school violence. They are creating handouts for providers and parents about how to work with issues like bullying without being a bully. Ahnen added that Thrive Dane has been meeting 9-10 months focusing on prevention/early intervention for child abuse and neglect. They are identifying what exists for prevention and looking at gaps in understanding, collaboration, intervention, then prioritizing their focus.

- Developmental Disabilities: White met with Mike Austin of DOJ who works with Brad Schimmel. One of the issues is how to determine if the functional abilities of a person with developmental disabilities would allow for good video testimony.

- Domestic Violence: Scarr reported that Heidi Wegleitner presented on evictions and how to help people in the community. She gave some subcommittee updates. They are hoping to do a retreat for men. Barry added that the DAIS community needs assessment highlighted the lack of affordable housing in the community. Case managers in shelter focus on housing - securing, maintaining and avoiding evictions. The Spanish speaking helpline is now open 24/7.

- Elder Abuse: Scarr reported that Annette Crowder from Ho-Chunk Nation presented. She works with elders who are subject to bias. Investigations are done through the Nation not through our social or legal services. The Hoarding Task Force is developing resources for landlords, tenants and community members. We are receiving the Domestic Violence in Later Life grant again. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15. There will be week long events including a shred fest for prevention of identity theft and a display portraying elder abuse and neglect cases in 2016 as well as helping community members understand and complete the health care power of attorney. Thornley-Parisi mentioned that RCC offers Chimera for seniors.

- Sexual Assault: Sathasivam reported that the large group meeting will be held at 10:00 on Friday at MPD South Precinct. DA Ismael Ozanne is presenting. Miyasaki added that Zonta Club is hosting sessions at Memorial on Saturday. Miyasaki is presenting at Tempo on March 14.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

- *Next meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 a.m. – MPD South Precinct, 825 Hughes Place, Madison*
- *update on COSC Website*

Recorded by Dawn MacFarlane, 242-6267 (WI Relay 711)