



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Commission on Sensitive Crimes

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Tuesday, February 20, 2018

8:30 AM

MPD South Precinct, 825 Hughes Pl, Madison WI

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#### A. Call To Order

- Present** 8 - SHANNON BARRY, Chair MICHAEL MURRAY, ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, MARLYS HOWE, MATT TYE, PAUL RUSK, HAYLEY YOUNG, and KERRY PORTER
- Absent** 5 - JAN MIYASAKI, SHARI GRAY-DORN, SHARYL KATO, BARBARA MCKINNEY, and HEATHER CROWLEY

Others present: Jaime Sathasivam, Christine White, Amy Scarr, Jim Reiter, Carrie Pomije, Rachel Sattler, Sheila Sullivan, Sheray Wallace, Becca Donaldson, Nicole Schmitgen

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 2018\_0116 Commission on Sensitive Crimes Minutes  
[MIN-500](#)

**Attachments:** [2018\\_0116 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BARRY, seconded by YOUNG, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 7 - BARRY, MURRAY, THORNLEY-PARISI, TYE, RUSK, YOUNG and PORTER
- Absent:** 5 - MIYASAKI, GRAY-DORN, KATO, MCKINNEY and CROWLEY
- Abstain:** 1 - HOWE

#### Attendance Update

*Miyasaki arrived at 8:47 a.m.*

- Present** 9 - SHANNON BARRY, JAN MIYASAKI, Chair MICHAEL MURRAY, ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, MARLYS HOWE, MATT TYE, PAUL RUSK, HAYLEY YOUNG, and KERRY PORTER
- Absent** 4 - SHARI GRAY-DORN, SHARYL KATO, BARBARA MCKINNEY, and HEATHER CROWLEY

#### C. Action Items

**D. Presentations**

## 1. Pilot project regarding legal representation for victims involved in criminal cases:

*Atty Rachel Sattler, Sheila Sullivan and Becca Donaldson from Legal Action of WI presented. The project is funded by a VOCA grant to staff attorneys to provide civil legal representation to victims in criminal cases involving privacy issues, i.e., request for medical, school, cell phone records. They explained the process for referral and noted the ability to provide representations for additional auxiliary issues as well, i.e., restraining orders, housing issues. If they are unable to assist, they can potentially provide legal advice or make referrals. There is no income requirement for the service; no residency requirement, however, crime must have been committed in Wisconsin; focus on charged cases, however, have assisted in pre-charged situations; all ages and abilities are eligible for representation. Suggestions and feedback requested.*

[2017](#)  
[PRES-149](#)

Legal Action of Wisconsin & Judicare  
Legal Help for Victims & Survivors of Sexual Violence  
Project Referral Form

Attachments: [Legal Action Project Referral Form](#)

**E. Reports to Committee**

## 1. Legislative Update/Announcements:

- Rusk and Young discussed the RFP that will come out in the spring for a study on mental health in connection to incarceration.
- Wallace suggested funding to educate the public on how to relay information to 911 in order to get appropriate response to emergency situations.
- Murray reported that the Safe Harbor legislation that prohibits children from being charged with a crime when they are involved in sex trafficking may pass this session.
- Howe reported that Charlyn Cruz Nunez was hired in the bilingual victim witness position. Interviewing is occurring for 4 open positions. Once they are filled, the DA's Office will be fully staffed. This is expecting to occur by May. Howe distributed VINE (Victim Information & Notification Everyday) and Victim Services Crime Response magnets and pens.
- Thornley-Parisi invited members to "An Evening with Friends of RCC & Author Patricia McConnell" on February 21, 5:30-8:30, at the Livingston Inn, Madison. She also stressed the importance of keeping the spotlight on sexual assault and the "Me Too" movement.
- Wallace invited members to her community supper at Good Shepherd Church at 5:30 tonight.

**2. CCR Updates:**

- Child Abuse & Neglect: No report.
- Developmental Disabilities: Carrie Pomije reported that she is starting her new position as APS Intellectual Disabilities Specialist on March 5 and will begin organizing the Intellectual Disabilities CCR. She provided some professional background information.
- Domestic Violence: Barry reported that they are continuing with agency presentations and discussing reinvigorating some of the subcommittees, i.e., Victim Outreach. There has also been discussion around policy issues and implications of federal immigration changes. Howe reported that the Legal Issues Subcommittee has been focusing on having speakers. The next meeting is February 21, 12-1, DA Office Library. The agenda includes DAIS court watch program update, DOC liaison update, update on DD position, Presenter - State Court updates: Amber Peterson, SA Bench cards presentation.
- Elder Abuse: Scarr reported that eight rural case managers have joined the CCR as well as some law enforcement members. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15 with events focusing on the financial abuse and exploitation of elders. Planning is underway for the Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference which will be held on October 5, 2018. The theme this year is "From Then Until Now." White added that DOJ Attorney Michael Austin contacted her about video taped testimony project. She will report back at the next meeting. There was discussion about supporting the Department's efforts in DD advocacy.
- Sexual Assault: Miyasaki noted that the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) discussed the fact that CPS has to open cases on kids since they aren't charged in sex trafficking. Sathasivam reported that the teen support group discussed what they should do if someone discloses sexual assault. RCC received a grant for legal assistance funds.

[2017](#) Legal Advocate job description 2018\_White  
[RPT-682](#)

**Attachments:** [Legal Advocate job description 2018\\_White](#)

**Attendance Update**

*Crowley arrived at 9:48 a.m.*

**Present** 10 - SHANNON BARRY, JAN MIYASAKI, Chair MICHAEL MURRAY, ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, MARLYS HOWE, MATT TYE, PAUL RUSK, HAYLEY YOUNG, HEATHER CROWLEY, and KERRY PORTER

**Absent** 3 - SHARI GRAY-DORN, SHARYL KATO, and BARBARA MCKINNEY

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 8:30 a.m., MPD South Precinct*

**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 Dawn MacFarlane 242-6267 (WI Relay 711)*