



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Commission on Sensitive Crimes

Tuesday, March 20, 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, PAUL RUSK,
HAYLEY YOUNG, BARBARA MCKINNEY, HEATHER CROWLEY, and KERRY
PORTER

Absent 1 - MATT TYE

Others present: Christine White, Jennifer Ginsberg, Amy Scarr, Julie Johnson, Carrie
Pomije

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 2018_0220 Commission on Sensitive Crimes Minutes
[MIN-529](#)

Attachments: [2018_0220 COSC Minutes](#)

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

Ayes: 8 - BARRY, MIYASAKI, MURRAY, THORNLEY-PARISI, HOWE, RUSK, YOUNG and
PORTER

Absent: 2 - TYE and MCKINNEY

Abstain: 3 - GRAY-DORN, KATO and CROWLEY

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Announcements/Legislative Update:

- Murray gave an update on State Legislature action. The Senate will vote on safe harbor protections for victims of child prosecution today but the Assembly may not take it up. \$350 million for a new prison won't be taken up due to widespread opposition but eventually may be resurrected. Howe added that the Governor's Council was asked to support the DOC revocation process. That legislation created statewide conversation.
- Young reported that the COSC Ordinance change is going through standing committees.
- Murray noted that the city received a grant from the Federal Dept of Labor for a feasibility study about paid family medical leave policies. They are having a public presentation and will be introducing a resolution about paid medical leave for city employees. It is important for victims of sensitive crimes to have access to paid leave policies. McKinney explained the confidentiality piece and noted that the EAP Office is offsite from City offices.
- Thornley-Parisi reported that April is Sexual Assault Awareness and there are several events going on. Like RCC on Facebook or check out the website.
- Barry reported that DAIS is looking for a bilingual Crisis Intervention Advocate.
- Howe noted that Mark Kerman is retiring at the end of May after 30 years.
- Johnson discussed a program at Edgewood College made possible with a 3-year grant to improve student advocacy around sensitive crimes. All policies and procedures will be rewritten. Edgewood is kicking off Sexual Assault Awareness month on March 28 with a public screening of "It Happened Here" from 7-9 p.m. with panel discussion.

2. CCR Updates:

- Child Abuse & Neglect: Kato reported that the CCR will be launching the mapping report at Festival Foods Community Room, date TBD. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- Developmental Disabilities: Pomije noted that this CCR will change to Intellectual Disabilities.
- Domestic Violence: Barry reported that the CCR is looking at issues creating barriers for DV victims such as immigration. Howe gave updates on the Legal Issues Subcommittee. SA bench cards were disseminated to the group.
- Elder Abuse: Scarr reported that there were two reps from UW Madison nursing center for aging research and education at the March meeting. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15. The Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference is scheduled for October 5 at Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery.
- Sexual Assault: Thornley-Parisi discussed issues prevalent in courtrooms and court watch programs. Kato suggested a position paper on best practice. The DAIS court watch program was revitalized with a focus on restraining orders. DAIS has the expertise but not the fundraising capabilities. Howe suggested that a separate court watch entity would be a better option as it affects the entire community, so there is no bias with housing the program at DAIS. Murray will arrange a discussion group for this topic. Miyasaki gave an update on the Committee on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CCSEC). Hugh Davis from Wisconsin Family Ties is presenting at their meeting tomorrow.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 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