



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, April 16, 2019

8:30 AM

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A. Call To Order

Present 10 - MAUREEN McCARVILLE, SHANNON BARRY, JAN MIYASAKI, SHARYL KATO, MICHAEL MURRAY, ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, HAYLEY YOUNG, Chair
HEATHER CROWLEY, AMY BROWN, and BETH FREEMAN

Absent 4 - BARBARA MCKINNEY, JAMIE TEMPLE, KAT RILEY, and KERRY PORTER

Others present: Amy Scarr, Allison Cogbill, Lily Nimmer, Cassie Brown

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2018](#) 2019_0219 Commission on Sensitive Crimes Minutes
[MIN-495](#)

Attachments: [2019_0219 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by THORNLEY-PARISI, seconded by MURRAY, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - McCARVILLE, BARRY, MIYASAKI, KATO, MURRAY, THORNLEY-PARISI, YOUNG, CROWLEY, BROWN and FREEMAN

Absent: 4 - MCKINNEY, TEMPLE, RILEY and PORTER

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

1. Court Watch Presentation - DAIS Legal Advocacy Team

Presenters were Virginia Escudero, DAIS Legal Advocacy Program Coordinator, and Tegan Swanson, DAIS Legal Advocate. Executive Summary Handout attached below. Can request full copy of the 2017-2018 Court Watch Report by contacting Ms. Escudero directly at DAIS. Currently seeking Court Watch volunteers for next round of Court Watch which will be from 7/1/19 through 12/31/20.

[2019](#)
[PRES-002](#)

DAIS Court Watch Report Executive Summary 2017-2018

Attachments: [DAIS Court Watch Report Executive Summary 2017-2018](#)

E. Reports to Committee

1. Media Relations/Outreach: Discussion about bringing back Media Breakfasts as a way to further train media to be more trauma informed when reporting on sensitive crimes. Thornley-Parisi, Barry and Kato expressed willingness to work on coordinating a Media Breakfast which might occur in October 2020.

2. Announcements/Legislative Update:

- Murray reported that the budget process continues and Marsy's Law appears to be stalled.

- Crowley noted that there are two community positions open on the COSC.

Consideration of location change from a police station given some community members may not feel comfortable attending at this location. Ideas for other possible locations suggested: Urban League, Goodman South Library, ADRC, NIP.

- Brown reported that there is one DA position open. Participated in professional book review of *White Fragility* and will be attending a training with the author, Robin D'Angelo at Unitarian Church. Internal training for others in DA's office to be community crisis response back up should another community crisis occur. Learned that resources were stretched when shooting in Middleton occurred. Had event been any bigger they may not have had the necessary level of resources to respond. Working on VOCA grant application to add 3 positions, Emergency Housing and Legal services funding

- McCarville reported that PP&J will be getting an update on jail project proposals at their 4/16/19 meeting. Also anticipating an update on Lincoln Hills. She advised members to get any budget requests to the County Executive as soon as feasible rather than waiting until later in the budget process. Lynn Green, Director of Dane County Dept of Human Services, retired effective 4/1/19.

3. CCR Updates:

- Child Abuse & Neglect: Kato reported that prevention work is going well. Developing agenda for 5/3/19 Child Welfare systems meeting (see attachment below). Trauma Informed Summit scheduled for 11/15/19. Seeking ideas for presenters. Chairs of CCR developing steering committee with the intent of creating a Children, Youth and Families Consortium.

- Intellectual Disabilities: Freeman reported on behalf of Pomije.

February IDCCR: Mitch Hagopian from Disability Rights Wisconsin presented on Supported Decision Making.

March IDCCR: Rachel Friedman, Adult Guardianship Worker, presented on Guardianship.

April IDCCR: Rachel Friedman and Michelle Allaby, Adult Guardianship Workers, presented on Protective Placement.

Working on VOCA grant to expand services in support of ID Victim Advocate.

- Domestic Violence: Amy Scarr reported that City of Madison Employee Assistance Program presented on Vicarious Trauma.

- Elder Abuse: Scarr reported that preparations are going on for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 6/15/19. April EACCR – Case Consultation. EACCR submitted a letter of support for the continuation of the Wisconsin Elder Abuse Task Force to Governor Evers, Attorney General Kaul and legislators. Tuesday, April 16, is National Health Care Decision Day – several clinics are offering events to encourage completion of Health Care Power of Attorney and Financial Power of Attorney documents.

- Sexual Assault: At the February meeting we hosted Reonda Washington from UW. She presented on her Color of Drinking research which shows how racism plays a part in all aspects of student life at UW. It was a great discussion and I'm happy to share the slides if people are interested. Our April meeting takes place next Friday and we will have the DAIS court watch presentation and Meriter's FNE sharing their 2018 statistics. (submitted by Jaime Sathasivam via email)

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[RPT-008](#)

In Whose Best Interests - Spring 2019 Child Welfare Dialogue

Attachments: [In Whose Best Interests - Spring 2019 Child Welfare Dialogue](#)

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 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 Beth Freeman