



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, September 17, 2019

8:30 AM

NIP, 1227 N Sherman Ave, Madison, Room 101

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A. Call To Order

- Present** 7 - MAUREEN McCARVILLE, SHANNON BARRY, JAN MIYASAKI, Chair HEATHER CROWLEY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, and KAT RILEY
- Absent** 5 - SHARYL KATO, ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, HAYLEY YOUNG, BARBARA MCKINNEY, and KERRY PORTER

Others present: Jaime Sathasivam, Jennifer Ginsberg, Amy Scarr, Allison Kretschmer, Ryan Poe-Gavlinski, Lilly Nimmer, Julie Foley, Vanessa Statam, Shaquella Johnson

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) 2019_0618 Commission on Sensitive Crimes Minutes
[MIN-101](#)

Attachments: [2019_0618 COSC Minutes](#)

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

- Ayes:** 6 - McCARVILLE, MIYASAKI, CROWLEY, BROWN, FREEMAN and RILEY
- Absent:** 5 - KATO, THORNLEY-PARISI, YOUNG, MCKINNEY and PORTER
- Abstain:** 1 - BARRY

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

1. RCC Multi-Cultural Community Outreach Specialist Shaquella Johnson

Shaquella Johnson described her new position as Multi-Cultural Community Outreach Specialist at the Rape Crisis Center. She provides culturally competent outreach and prevention services specifically for the black community both one on one and groups at schools, churches, Goodman South, The Beacon, Jail, Detention Centers, etc. She works with all ages and provided contact information: shaquella.johnson@thercc.org or 608-251-5126 or 608-251-7273 (24 hr helpline).

E. Reports to Committee

1. Updates from Media Breakfast Subcommittee

Barry feels that it's a good idea but no time to organize this year.

2. Comments re: Human Trafficking Discussion

Miyasaki reported that Andrea Erickson is hired as victim witness specialist. Julie Pfluger is organizing a meeting with law enforcement and service providers.

Attendance Update

Kato arrived at 9:00 a.m.

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Absent 4 - ERIN THORNLEY-PARISI, HAYLEY YOUNG, BARBARA MCKINNEY, and KERRY PORTER

3. Discussion re: impact the VOCA funding decision will have on victim services throughout the county - Amy Brown

Brown and Foley discussed services/programs in the DA's Office supported by VOCA grant funds. The VOCA grant is \$80,000 short to maintain status quo. They have appealed as well as reached out to the County Board for more funding; but are also reviewing services not required under statute to determine where cuts can be made and exploring redistribution of victim services. VOCA gaps were discussed, how to scale services down to what is sustainable and work more collaboratively. Crowley will work on a mapping exercise for referrals. There was disappointment expressed in the VOCA process/instructions this year.

4. Legislative Update/Announcements:

- *McCarville explained county budget process. The County Executive will release his budget on October 1. Budget amendments are then proposed through Supervisors/Committees, then they go through Personnel & Finance, then to the County Board for adoption. She encouraged members to contact the appropriate Supervisor to request support for budget funding.*
- *Barry reported that the new policy person at End Domestic Abuse WI started yesterday.*
- *Ginsburg reported that there will be a position posting for a multidisciplinary team coordinator at Safe Harbor soon.*
- *Kretschmer reported that there are three open positions at the Forensic Nurse Examiner program which sometimes causes closures/delays. Her number is 608-417-5863.*
- *Poe-Gavlinski (UW Law School) has six students willing to do restraining order related legal work pro bono. Contact her at 608-890-1596 or ryan.poegavlinski@wisc.edu*
- *Kato expressed interest in working on a media breakfast.*
- *Barry reported that the court watch program starts again in October.*
- *Miyasaki suggested a subcommittee on strategic partnerships.*
- *Statam gave an overview of Anesis.*

5. CCR Updates:

- *Child Abuse & Neglect:* Kato reported that the new structure is going well. Subcommittees are developing priorities and the CYF Consortium will be collecting them. The Trauma Informed Summit Advisory Council is working on the Trauma Summit on November 15 at American Family.
- *Intellectual Disabilities:* Freeman reported that they brainstormed topics for presentation and focus.
- *Domestic Violence:*
- *Elder Abuse:* Scarr noted participation in large group has declined, though subcommittees are robust.
- *Sexual Assault:* Sathasivam said that they are eliminating subcommittees except CSEC in order to improve participation. There is interest in collaborating with other CCR's. The next meeting is October 25 at MPD South Precinct from 10-12. LTE Kati Hanson is leaving. Myasaki reported that the CSEC monthly outreach meetings are held at St Johns on the 3rd Wednesday. They are discussing expanding the mission to 21 year olds. Planning a summit for October 2020.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: October 22, 2019, 8:30 a.m., NIP, 1227 N Sherman Ave, Madison, Rm 101

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

10:17 a.m.

Recorded by Dawn MacFarlane, DCDHS Administrative Assistant