



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, February 16, 2021

8:30 AM

Remote via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Staff and guests present: Rahul Chatterjee, Anthony Cooper, Amy Foley, Jennifer Ginsburg, LeeAnn Grimm, Marlys Howe, Ellen Merker, Carrie Pomije, Amy Scarr, Vanessa Statam, Howard Thomas, and Faye Zemel

Chair Miyasaki called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

- Present** 9 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, HEATHER CROWLEY, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO, Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, DANA PELLEBON, and ANGELA KAMOSKE
- Absent** 2 - BARBARA MCKINNEY, and KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-433](#)

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 19, 2021

Attachments: [2021_0119 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by FREEMAN, seconded by BARRY, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by a voice vote 9-0.

Attendance Update

McKinney joined the meeting.

- Present** 10 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, HEATHER CROWLEY, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO, BARBARA MCKINNEY, Supervisor MAUREEN McCARVILLE, Chair JAN MIYASAKI, DANA PELLEBON, and ANGELA KAMOSKE
- Absent** 1 - KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Structure of CCRs Subcommittee Report

[2020 RPT-794](#) TALKING ABOUT BLACK LIVES MATTER AND #METOO

Attachments: [Talking About Black Lives Matter and #MeToo](#)

[2020 RPT-795](#) FINAL REPORT ON FUTURE OF SERVICES

Attachments: [Final Report on Future of Services](#)

Miyasaki provided an overview of the Commission on Sensitive Crimes structure and stated her intention to strengthen the body's impact and the impact of the individual Coordinated Community Response (CCR) units. Miyasaki reviewed the Dane County Ordinance regarding the composition of the commission and its charge. Miyasaki would like the Commission to look at the mission, purpose and functions of the CCRs for the 2020s, specifically how well does each centralize victim safety. There were comments regarding the revised Power and Control Wheel, which Miyasaki plans to share at the next meeting.

Pellebon, Kato, Miyasaki and Zemel met after the previous commission meeting to discuss ways to best structure the CCRs. Pellebon provided a report on efforts to combine the work of the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence CCRs. Victim and victim services feedback suggests victims were interested in participating in meetings but often do not feel comfortable doing so under the current structure because there are systems involved that have been historically harmful, especially to people of color. Discussions have centered on making interaction with the CCRs safer and more inviting. Pellebon suggested centralizing the decision-making process and letting the structure of the combined CCRs come about organically through conversations and input.

Zemel stated the top priority is centering victims most impacted and marginalized.

Barry attended the EDAW OVC funded meetings that led to the report entitled "The Future of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services in Wisconsin" - discussing these issues at state-wide and federal levels.

Miyasaki suggested creating a timeline for restructuring efforts that can be shared and discussed during the March meeting.

2. CCR Updates

Elder Abuse: Scarr reported feedback is being solicited as to how the CCR can engage survivors and victims' families. All subcommittees have been meeting. Planning is underway for the annual Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference in late October. The half-day event is free. In March, representatives from the Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline and the Dane County Adult Protective Services Helpline will present on trends during the COVID-19 pandemic, how to make referrals and how to launch investigations.

Child Abuse: Kato reported three of the five subcommittees are meeting regularly. Planning is underway by the Trauma-Informed Advisory Council (TIAC) for a November summit. TIAC and the Child Abuse Prevention & Early Intervention Subcommittee are both seeking ways to provide ongoing programming in addition to their large-scale annual events. Multiple consumer groups, including Grandparents & Other Relatives Raising as Parents, De Mujer a Mujer and Emotion Coaching Parenting, have mechanisms for providing feedback to the CCR. Ginsburg reported Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center continues to conduct well-attended monthly case review sessions as well as work toward strengthening its Multi-Disciplinary Team and completing a Human Trafficking MOU.

I/DD: Merker reported that among her goals upon assuming leadership in January is to restructure the CCR in a way that produces more community engagement and increases advocate involvement. Meetings will continue to include presentations, but a new emphasis will be placed on helping professionals identify ways they can make service improvements at their agencies. The body will look at gaps in services and how organizations can strive for legislative and policy changes. Miyasaki will deliver a presentation on how human trafficking affects the I/DD population at today's CCR meeting. In January, there was a presentation about how caregiver burnout can lead to violence against people with disabilities and ways to support caregivers.

Sexual Abuse: Pellebon reported work continues to combine the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence CCRs. Miyasaki reported planning is underway by the Child Sex Trafficking Subcommittee for a virtual training opportunity in October that focuses on service best practices and advocacy. The next work group meeting is scheduled for 3 March.

Legal Issues: Howe reported the Legal Issues Subcommittee met in January after a nearly 10-month hiatus, with members providing updates about their areas of expertise. Among the group's primary goals are examining its history, identifying potential improvements and creating a mission statement. Amber Peterson, Circuit Court Policy and Procedures Advisor for the Wisconsin Supreme Court, is scheduled to deliver a presentation on Wisconsin's Guardian ad Litem Practice Guidelines during the subcommittee's meeting on 18 February.

Attendance Update

Freeman departed the meeting.

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3. Legislative Updates/Announcements

- *Brown reported the District Attorney's Office has begun discussions about reopening its office in the Dane County Courthouse and stated jury trials could resume by mid-April. Caseloads for victim witness case managers have doubled, and in some cases tripled, due to cases going unresolved during the COVID-19 pandemic and victims report added stress as cases remain dormant. The addition of Marsy's Law, which mandates victim services, to the state constitution continues to strain the DA's Office. More victims have been attending hearings held in a virtual format. Brown has met with the Dane County Department of Administration in an attempt to increase resources for the Victim Witness Unit. Two LTEs were hired to help manage caseloads and a position in the Deferred Prosecution Unit has been reclassified to the Victim Witness Unit.*

- *Crowley reported the Dane County Department of Human Services is immersed in an internal restructuring and is assessing ways to better provide services to the community via focus groups and stakeholder feedback. The Youth Justice Division is writing a grant application for female-specific services, an area in which it has been difficult to secure funding because more males are involved in youth justice system. If awarded, the grant funding would allow for the creation of a Youth Justice Female Coordinator to provide curriculum, serve as a conduit to resources and work with partner agencies.*

- *Supervisor McCarville reported Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney will retire on May 8 and Governor Tony Evers will appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of Mahoney's term. Several Dane County Board committees are working with Dane County Legislative Liaison Carrie Springer to update the Dane County Legislative Agenda. McCarville stated Supervisor Cecely Castillo, who is expected to be appointed the Health & Human Needs Committee representative to the Commission on Sensitive Crimes on 18 February, will be an excellent addition. Feedback from constituents continues to be dominated by individuals advocating for or against the reopening of schools. The number of incarcerated individuals in the Dane County Jail is expected to increase when jury trials resume.*

- *Madison Alder McKinney reported the new Chief of Police, Shon Barnes, began his duties on 1 February. McKinney will invite Barnes to a future commission meeting.*

- *Grimm reported Dane County Adult Protective Services is awaiting information from the State regarding its allotment of the close to \$100 million in federal funding available for use in improving COVID-19-related services.*

- *Miyasaki is monitoring developments related to the VOCA Fix Act of 2020, which would add funding from deferred prosecution agreements and eliminate match requirements for VOCA state assistance grants while the nation is dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.*

4. Anti-Spyware Project: Update & Next Steps

[2020
COM-026](#)

ANTI-SPYWARE ACADEMIC PAPERS

Attachments: [Analyzing Clinical Computer Security Interventions with Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence](#)
[Clinical Computer Security for Victims of Intimate Partner Violence](#)
[The Spyware Used in Intimate Partner Violence](#)

Barry, Kato and Miyasaki volunteered to serve on the Anti-Spyware Project Next Steps Subcommittee that will determine where best to locate an anti-spyware clinic to help individuals identify if an intimate partner is spying on them via electronic devices. UW-Madison Assistant Professor Rahul Chatterjee, who helped create an anti-spyware clinic in New York, volunteered to help however possible to create a similar service in Dane County.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, 16 March 2021, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Miyasaki stated citizen representative Vanessa Statam resigned from the Commission and asked members to alert her if they knew of someone who might be interested in becoming a member. She will pursue identifying a representative from the University of Wisconsin to join the Commission.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by BARRY, seconded by KATO, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas