



Dane County

Minutes

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, January 21, 2025

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Aging & Disability Resource Center (Room 109) or virtually via Zoom.

A. Call To Order

Other staff present: Amy Scarr, Joe Aguilar, and Priscilla McCarthy

Call to Order: Chair Pellebon called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM

Present 7 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, VANESSA STATAM, DANA PELLEBON, MOLLY CARADONNA, and MATTHEW NORDQUIST
Absent 4 - SHARYL KATO, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES, ANTHONY GRAY, and ERIN WELSH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2024
[MIN-388](#)

Attachments: [Minutes 11 14 2024](#)

The Minutes were moved by BARRY, Seconded by FREEMAN to approve the Minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote (7-0).

C. Action Items

1. Election of Vice Chair (Supervisor Erin Welsh nominated)

A motion was made by BROWN, Seconded by BARRY to approve the nomination of Vice Chair. Supervisor Erin Welsh will now be the Vice Chair of Commission On Sensitive Crimes. The motion passed by a voice vote (7-0).

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. 2025 Planning and Discussion

Chair Pellebon discussed 2025 plans for Commission on Sensitive Crimes and advocating for additional CCR (Coordinated Community Response) information.

Lt. Krista Ewers-Hayes and Sharyl Kato joined the meeting at 8:43 AM

Present 9 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO,
VANESSA STATAM, DANA PELLEBON, KRISTA EWERS-HAYES, MOLLY
CARADONNA, and MATTHEW NORDQUIST

Absent 2 - ANTHONY GRAY, and ERIN WELSH

2. Agency Updates

Freeman reported for Adult Protective Services (APS), World Elder Abuse Awareness Planning and Violence in Later Life planning has started and they are looking at transfer positions internally (dementia support case manager). APS has posted for a project manager for developing dementia stabilization and care unit. There is currently a waiting list to assign cases, the help line continues to be very busy, even with three dedicated intake staff.

Barry reported for DAiS, release of court watch report happened in late December, DAiS launched an advisory committee to help with county watch and are attributing specific quotes from judges but they are also noticing very few changes in legal settings and judicial behavior after the report was released. Elsa Gumm was promoted to Community Advocacy Coordinator. Case Management Coordinator will be leaving at the end of March and this position will be turned into an additional legal advocate. Currently full in shelter and the waiting list continues to stay full, they are fully staffed in Crisis Intervention Program. Currently hiring a Development Officer Position to help secure funding because of federal cuts.

Kato reported for Rainbow, new volunteer coordinator is being hired for an increase in groups and have hired two new therapist and two service facilitators. Rainbow finished a 7 month project for two apartments in the community (Harmony and Packer Apartments) who have witnessed sensitive crimes. There is an increase in domestic violence with backgrounds of child sexual abuse or child trafficking. Rainbow Childcare is requesting support and reflective practices, especially for Spanish speaking clients.

Statam reported for Anesis Therapy, they hired a new Individual Care Coordinator who will be joining the team, along with a new facilitator, the team is around 13 people right now (11 Service Facilitators, 1 Peer Support Specialist, and 1 additional position). Trying to continue to support clients through the current political climate.

Caradonna reported for UW-Madison (survivor support services), Title 9 legislation was vacated, they have been watching what changes to title 9 will happen. Starting Sexual Assault Awareness month, focusing on more visibility and programming.

Lt. Ewers-Hayes reported for Dane County Sheriff's Office, they are hiring a new Domestic Violence (DV) Detective Coordinator for the department.

Lt. Esser reported for Madison Police Department, they are two weeks away from shift changes (Feb. 4), which includes detectives in the bureau. Internal detective review was done and are going all in on specialty units (Sensitive Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit, Violent Crimes Unit) they will now be separated by the east side and west side detective units. Lt. Esser will be in charge of the West Side Unit. They will continue to assess if they are wanted and needed at the CCR meetings.

Brown reported for the District Attorneys Office, in the Victim Witness Unit, they are hiring for two deputy director positions (one being a bilingual deputy director position). Noticing an increase in visa applications in the courthouse. The DA's Office has been helping with the Abundant Life School response. They are trying to stay in tune to trauma informed care that is being provided to the community.

Pellebon reported for the Rape Crisis Center (RCC), they are hiring for a new Mental Health Supervisor, new CCS facilitators, and are looking for a supervisor. RCC has hired a direct service supervisor and will be taking over direct services in the next few weeks. Transitioning the Education Dept. to Outreach Prevention Program, and hired a developmental director.

3. CCR Updates

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault CCR, they will be meeting again this month (January).

Domestic Violence in Later Life and Elder Abuse Awareness Prevention has started planning for 2025.

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities CCR will be meeting in April (April 16, 2025).

Child Abuse CCR will be meeting in February to go over child abuse awareness for April.

4. Legislative Updates/ Announcements

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Future meeting times has been changed via a vote from 08:30 AM to 09:30 AM, starting in February

A motion was made by KATO, Seconded by STATAM to move the start time of COSC from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

A motion was made by BROWN, Seconded by BARRY, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote (9-0).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Priscilla McCarthy, pending Commission approval.