



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, April 21, 2026

9:30 AM

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

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony

A. Call To Order

Chair Pellebon called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

Others in Attendance:

- Present** 10 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, BETH FREEMAN, SHARYL KATO, DANA PELLEBON, MOLLY CARADONNA, JOHNNIE MILTON, JENEILE LUEBKE, SONJA LISTON, and ERIC VOSBURG
- Excused** 1 - TREVOR GREIBER
- Absent** 3 - VANESSA STATAM, HOPE EDGREN, and NELA KALPIC

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#) MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2026
[MIN-633](#)

Attachments: [02-17-2026 COSC Minutes](#)

This resolution was not acted on

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

Brown reported for District Attorney's Office, there are two vacant positions that are open and both are in the hiring freeze so they are doing the best they can while working through that. The Governor's Office released a new law that was passed, this would mean an advisory committee is being put together. Crime Victim Witness Month for April, this is an important time for the DA's office and to highlight the great work they do.

Lt. Vosburg reported for the City of Madison Police Department, some of the deputies went to a conference in New Orleans. There is an application pending for a program called Seek than Speak, this is helpful for victims to get services and understand what happened in the Sexual Assault process and the next steps in the reporting process.

Liston reported for Meriter Forensic Labs, they are tracking dating app related violence, this has been started as a new process. Two new Forensic Medical Examiner's have been hired, these will be a .9 and a .6 positions. Liston also attended the conference in New Orleans related to the work she does daily and challenges herself to learn more.

Berry reported for DAI'S and noticing a higher number of people in shelter as normal. May 19th will be the Domestic Violence Luncheon and will be held at the Park Hotel in Madison. There will be a keynote speaker who in the past has received services from DAI'S. They are gearing up for 2027, which will be the 50th anniversary for DAI'S.

Caradonna reported for UW-Madison, UW PD has changed the victim witness advocates designation to no longer be campus security. Restorative Justice has been a big push on campus and they are looking for different ideas from other schools or what the campus's have in mind.

Kato reported for the Rainbow Project, hiring for staff but are also searching for adult therapists to help other family members, they are hoping to look at trauma in the family as a 360. Seeing an increase in middle school females and are working on doing more reflective practices group, there seems to be an increase in community looking for these services.

Ginsburg reported for Safe Harbor, they are also hiring some different positions, they are able to apply on the website. May 2nd will be the Rent Event and the theme is Western! There has been an uptick in trafficking and they are building medical exam rooms at Safe Harbor instead of transporting the survivor.

Welsh reported for Act 90, this would increase the amount of time kits are stored and able to be used for up to possibly twenty years. New county board is being sworn in at the meeting tonight (April 21, 2026).

Luebke reported May is Missing Endangered and Missing Indigenous Women's Month, May 5th will be Wrap the Capitol in Red. A new project has been started by Jeneile and this will lead to in depth interviews with victims using the tribe's resources or the community resources.

Milton reported May 1st will be a walkout for the schools for the Day of Immigrants, this will ensure that all students are safe and all groups can work together to create a successful environment for the students.

Pellebon reported for RCC, onsite FNE program is up and running, a few clients have come through, still working with hospitals but have more space now. Outreach Program Specialist discusses important topics with public schools. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is this month and will be continuing to have events throughout the end of the month.

2. CCR Updates

Scarr reported for Elder Abuse CCR and the Financial Abuse Specialist CCR, Act 15 is the Next of Kin Bill and it's for others who are in a hospital and unable to make decisions and being sent to a . Limits and guidelines on nursing facility or state funded facilities and this also decides how and where money could possibly be spent. This is a concern as someone could have their abuser be in control of funds, portfolio and medical decisions. The Crypto ATM bill limits the daily deposit to \$1,000 a day as opposed to large sums of money, there are a bit more guidelines as well.

Aguilar reported for the IDD CCR, they met last week and Joey a member of APS presented about Dementia and IDD. The next meeting will be July 15th.

Kato reported for the Child Abuse CCR, they are working on the survey for the child abuse CCR, they are looking for feedback from consumers and leaders, if you have additional ideas contact the Sharyl. April had a few proclamations, National Trauma Awareness Month and Mental Health Awareness Month and will be working with the City Council.

Pellebon reported for the DV/SA CCR, Membership event at RCC from June 4th from 12-1 PM, please send flyer out if possible.

3. Legislative Updates

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

This resolution was adjourned