DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Meeting Minutes: Community Supervision Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: August 14th, 2024
Hybrid Meeting: Minnesota Department of Corrections Central Office, Afton Room and via Webex

Members present in person were Kelly Mitchell, Tami Jo Lieberg, Kevin Glass,

Members attending online: Jake McClellan, Ron Antony, Brandon Alkire, Ron Antony, Julie Atella, Wally Kostich, Kurt Mortenson, Rebecca Muskat, Jon Priem, Jonathan Schiro, Michael Schommer, Tierre Caldwell, Barb Weckmann-Brekke,

Absent: Scott Halvorson, Nicholas Henderson, Morgan Ironheart, Jenna Kavanagh,

Also present were Matt AMC, Elizabeth Richards, Nikki Engel, Molly Brunner, Bridget Letnes, Erin Thorvaldsen, Kendric Holder, Sephira Reynolds- Tanner

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
Co-Chair Tami Jo Lieberg called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Roll call was taken.

2. Approval of Draft Meeting Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve 1st: Kevin Glass
Motion 2nd: Kelly Mitchell
Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.

3. Approval of Draft meeting Minutes from June 12th, 2024 (Action)

Motion to approve 1st: Kurt Mortenson
Motion 2nd: Wally Kostich
Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.

4. Discussion and Approval of Deliverable 1 Recommendations (Action)

a. Liz Richards and Nikki Engel from the Domestic Violence Steering Committee presenting (see PowerPoint)

- Focus on being victim centered, acknowledging that victims are safer when they are in control.
- Prior to the 1980s was considered a private matter and the system was more hands off, the system now has a roll to step in.
- Unintended consequences, the no contact is sometimes not the best solution for survivors.
- There are no automatic denials, will not always be victim initiated, it is victim driven.
- Maintain positive system relationships with victims and connecting victims to community-based advocates.

- Eligibility requirements: cannot have a protective order or no contact order/directive. This would prohibit any discussion of reunification. Asking for a signed release of information for pertinent information. Their only source of information should not just be what their partner tells them. Partner needs to be willing to sign a release of information.
- Moving from absolutes to inquiry.
- Be as transparent as possible so that the victim understands what is being talked about.
- Piloted program with Hennepin County and Dakota County. Also, everyone in the ISR conference at Camp Ripley.
- Currently in the process of planning statewide training, and jointly in the process of applying for federal grants. Two separate grants that are overlapping (BJA and OWV). They are both three-year grants. Should know by the end of September if the feds are on scheduled, will know sometime in the fall if the grants are secured.
- Each training will be done by an agent and a community-based advocate. The training is for agents, but community-based advocates will be invited to the trainings. Expect to complete 25-30 trainings in total.
- Ask of CSAC: endorse this work and make a recommendation to the commissioner to support.
- Floor opened for questions and discussion.
    - Have you looked at pretrial no contact orders and what that looks like? - when work was started the focus was on folks coming out of prison. Currently adapting to other avenues needed. Victims are the most frustrated with DANCOs. Focus should be on victim driven requests to drop DANCOs. Education for county attorneys would be a good thing to focus on.
    - Another issue is when there is no contact information for the victim, how do we get victim information when we can't track down a victim - after prosecution the information is lost and is not public. Community based advocate confidentiality. We can still work creatively to get information to victims. A good work around is to have those cross conversations.
    - Some counties are having a domestic violence court, what are your thoughts on that? – there are three steering groups under DVSC. The question on DV courts will be taken up with the steering committee.
    - How do you deal with their conditions? – This needs to be a full system conversation and buy in.
- Put approval of this on the agenda for next month for an action item.

5. Approval of CSAC Charter and Operating Procedures (Action)

Motion to approve 1st: Julie Atella
Motion 2nd: Jake McClellan
Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.

6. Discussion and Approval of Deliverable 11 Recommendations (Action)

Motion to approve 1st: Kevin Glass
Motion 2nd: Ron Antony
Motion carried on a unanimous roll-call vote.

7. Subcommittee updates

- Tentatively selected a vendor to go through important information with them that was left out of the RFP. Waiting on a revised proposal to send through.
    - Workload study
        - Discussion of RFP work with the vendor to find the most equitable way to find out the population. Is there a way we could set this up for ourselves instead of doing a study every four years. Is there a way to enhance our CSTS database.
    - Early discharge subcommittee
        - Looking at drug court model and other options

8. Other Business?

- Kelly Mitchell is going to send an email with all the new meeting dates and emphasizing that a quorum is very important. MAD facilitators will be at the other meeting going forward.
- This is Tami Jo Lieberg' s last meeting as a co-chair and attending member, next time there will be a vote on a new chair and process.
- We have one vacant seat for individuals with lived experience, 4-5 applications that have been submitted and need guidance going forward for recommendations to the commissioner. Volunteers that would like to assist: Kevin Glass,

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18pm