

El Paso County Community Corrections Board
MINUTES
October 14, 2020

Board members present: Rose Roy, Lori Griffith, Mark Allison, Ann Rotolo, Billie Ratliff, Brian Makofske, Chad Miller, Kim Kitchen, Gilbert Suazo, Jahna Pusedu, Pat Kelly, Janice Hellman, Jillian Freeman; Darren O'Driscoll

Excused absence: Chris Sandrolini

Unexcused absence: None

Staff present: Scot Smith, Lexi Spadi, Tiffany Weaver, Christine Burns, Lori Seago

Guests present: Chrystal Owin, Gwen Barlow, Hillary Johnson, Alexis Harper

1. Mark Alison, Board Vice-Chair called the virtual meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Chrystal Owin presented a Board training on the CARAS

2. Attendance: Mark Alison called the roll.

3. Minutes: Kim Kitchen moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 9, 2020 and the electronic meeting minutes for September 2, 16, and 23, and 30, 2020. Billie Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Case Review: Mark Allison called for case review with no cases called for review.

5. Program Reports:

- a. Gwen Barlow reported for CAE. Ms. Barlow reported that Deanna Stalbert is the acting director until the position is filled with interviews held the previous week. She stated that CAE collected \$15,000 in restitution payments; that there are no COVID cases in isolation; that their client employment rate has increased; and that they have completed staff development related to Trauma Informed Training, Core Correctional Practice and Motivational Interviewing with plans for additional staff training. Ms. Barlow reported that there has been some employee turn-over which the organization plans to fill as quickly as possible. Ms. Barlow stated they are exploring gender specific curriculum. In responding to questions, Ms. Barlow stated they are funded for 220 beds with 156 beds currently occupied; that the decrease was due to COVID; and that the current number does include furloughed residents. Ms. Barlow stated the Department of Corrections continues to go in and out of lockdown and cited that there were 18 inmates ready to transfer, but no movement happening at this time due to the pandemic.
- b. Hillary Johnson reported for CCI. Ms. Johnson stated that CCI has experienced similar outcomes as CAE. She stated resident employment increased to 80% from 60% several months ago; that they experience DOC movement and pick up challenges; that staff completed Trauma Informed Training, Progression Matrix Training, and LSI Training. Ms. Johnson stated the Roberts Road renovation should be completed by the end of October; that they will request Board endorsement for moving residents; that they expect to close operations at one of the older motel sites. In response to a question asked at the September meeting, Ms. Johnson provided unauthorized absence statistics comparing pre and post statute change data; that the data showed a doubling of their unauthorized absence rate, with 35 escapes from October 2019 to March 2020, and 71 from April 2020 to September 2020; that since the change in statute,

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employed residents were now more likely to escape, whereas before the change it was generally those who were unemployed; that the LSI risk score was not a factor; and that the most common charge from April to September was second degree burglary, but from October to March it was possession of a controlled substance; that the average length of stay was in the 70-90 day range; that there was no change in the percentage of males to females, and that diversion clients were more likely to escape than transition clients.

Ms. Barlow stated that CAE has seen similar outputs as CCI related to unauthorized absences.

In response to questions, Ms. Johnson stated that in June 2020 their bed census was higher than the contracted amount but would get back to the Board with additional census data. Mr. Smith stated that in the last three months, the average has been from 269 to 259 and inquired about the number of clients on furlough, the number of beds filled, and the current social distancing practices? Ms. Johnson stated they had one furloughed client due to COVID health concerns, and 30 to 60 open beds at each of the three sites to allow for distancing; that they received some guidance from CDPHE.

6. Department Reports:

- a. **Financial Report:** Scot Smith reported that at the end of August 2020, spending should be at 16.67% of contract. ComCor, Inc. was at 16.41% and CAE was at 12.4%. Mr. Smith stated there was some concern with vendors not utilizing their allocated treatment funds and asked that they think of opportunities to maximize usage. Alexis Harper asked if vendors track treatment outcomes. Hilary Johnson stated they track attendance and keep a client progress report. Gwen Barlow stated CAE similarly tracks and ties treatment to the matrix.
- b. **Unauthorized Absence Report:** Scot Smith reported the successful completion rate for Diversion clients was 44.7% at the end of August 2020 and for Transition clients the rate was 60.4%. He reported that the unauthorized absence rate for Diversion clients was 24% and for Transition clients it is 20.8%.
- c. **Staff Report:** None

7. Other Reports: None

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- a. **November Board Meeting Dates:** Scot Smith asked the Board to change the November 11th meeting date to an electronic meeting on November 12th and to change the November 18, 2020 electronic meeting to an in-person virtual meeting.

Janice Hellman moved to approve, and Kim Kitchen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- b. **1st Half Facility Payment Distribution for SFY21:** Scot Smith reported that the Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Community Corrections has disbursed Statewide Facility Payments for ComCor, Inc. and CAE for the first half of State Fiscal Year 21 and requested approval to disburse to these vendors as they have maintained a ratio of at least one case manager for every

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20 residents and maintained the pay and benefits of security and case management staff as required for facility payment. Distribution to be at \$63,558.50 to CAE and \$127,117.60 to ComCor, Inc.

Gil Suazo moved to approve 1st Half Facility Payments to ComCor, Inc. at \$127,117.60 and CAE at \$63,558.50. Janice Hellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- c. Department of Corrections Transition Referrals:** Scot Smith shared information about a recent case manager’s survey completed by the Department of Corrections on the status of community corrections referrals.
- d. CACCB Quarterly Meeting:** Scot Smith shared with the Board information about the upcoming Colorado Association of Community Corrections Board Quarterly meeting and invited interested Board members to attend.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scot Smith, El Paso County Community Corrections Program Manager

Confirmed:

Mark Allison, Co-Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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October 7, 2020

Staff present: Lexi Spadi
Others present:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Ballots: Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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Electronic Screening Minutes
October 21, 2020

Staff present: Lexi Spadi
Others present:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Ballots: Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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October 28, 2020

Staff present: Lexi Spadi
Others present:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Ballots: Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Rose Roy, Chair
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