

El Paso County Community Corrections Board  
MINUTES  
June 10, 2020

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Board members present: Rose Roy, Mark Allison, Chad Miller, Ann Rotolo, Darren O’Driscoll, Kim Kitchen, Leann Ortega, Jillian Freeland, Chris Sandrolini, Billie Ratliff, and Jahna Pusedu.

Excused absence: Pat Kelly and Brian Makofske

Unexcused absence: Janice Hellman and Gilbert Suazo

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

Guests present: Sean Foster, Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)  
Michelle Geng, State Board of Parole  
Mark Wester, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)

1. **Rose Roy, Board Chair called the virtual meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.**
2. **Attendance:** Members and guests introduced themselves and absences for current and future meetings were ratified.
3. **Minutes: Kim Kitchen moved to approve the minutes for March 11, 2020 and the electronic minutes for March 4, 18, and 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, May 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2020. Mark Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed by raise of hands with nine affirmative votes.**
4. **Case Review:** Victims for Transition case (Ranck), Transition case (Reith), Transition case (Moore), Transition case (Zimmerle) and Transition case (Remley) spoke to the board. Chris Sandrolini asked staff to convey to the victims his appreciation, as he listens with interest and sympathy.
5. **Program Reports:**
  - a. Sean Foster reported for CAE.  
Mr. Foster reported that CAE had significant movement to ISP-I and to Parole in May, and reported 41 successful completions. He stated unauthorized absences and drug use have increased, with 11 unauthorized absences and 82 positive urine tests (UA). Mr. Foster stated the spike in positive UA numbers was perhaps due to clients using drugs as a coping mechanism for stressors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as unemployment and a significant decrease in the availability of therapeutic programming. Mr. Foster stated the client population has decreased, but that they have maintained case manager ratios and security requirements. Mr. Foster stated the offender employment rate of 59% was lower than the normal 80+% rate. He stated that masks and hand sanitizer had been provided to all residents, physical distancing was being practiced, and other measure were implemented as outlined by the CDC, and that no one in the facility had tested positive for the virus.
  - b. Mark Wester reported for CCI.  
Mr. Wester reported 69 admissions in May and 63 terminations with 23 unsuccessful and 40 successful. He reported 25 unauthorized absences and six transfers to specialized programming and IRT. The facility had 63 positive UAs and he echoed Mr. Foster’s statement about the reasons behind the spike. He stated the offender employment rate was at 75%. Mr. Wester detailed increased security practices and increased safety practices with the use of masks and gloves. Mr. Wester reported that a sanitation company fogs the facility regularly. Positive termination rates were reported at 58% for diversion clients, 78% for transition clients, 50% for COP clients and 43% for COPr. Mr. Wester reported that one client tested positive for COVID19 in March, which the media closely covered, and that one staff member tested positive in April, from which five staff and six residents were isolated. No additional cases ensued and medical and other furlough opportunities were utilized.

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6. **Department Reports:**

- a. Financial Report: Scot Smith reported that the at the end of April 2020 the contract with DCJ was at 83.4% expended. ComCor Inc. was 14.95% over expended and CAE was 2.32% over expended.
- b. Unauthorized Absence Report: Scot Smith reported that the successful completion rate for Diversion clients was at 29.1% at the end of April 2020 and the unauthorized absence rate for Diversion clients was at 15.5%. He also reported that the successful completion rate for Transition clients was 51.1% and the unauthorized absence rate for Transition clients was 18.2%.

7. **Other Reports:** None

8. **Old Business:**

- a. Staff presented a request to reconsider a community corrections placement for Mr. Kennis. The Public Defender requested a reconsideration as new information not previously presented within the presentence interview report was available. Lori Seago confirmed that a unanimous decision by the Board was necessary for a reconsideration. Staff responded to Board questions. Judge Miller stated the current presentence investigation reports have been bare bones with less information provided. Roses Roy asked when probation might return to full reporting and Leeann Ortega, Probation Supervisor, stated Probation returned to completing interviews inside the jail.

**Kim Kitchen moved to approve reconsideration of Mr. Kennis for review by the Board. Judge Rotolo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

- b. Scot Smith provided an update on the temporary moratorium stating the waitlist has not reached 100 and that he will monitor and report back to the board if the waitlist reaches higher levels.

9. **New Business:**

- a. Christine Burns requested the board endorse to the Board of County Commissioners a SFY21 Community Corrections Funding Allocation plan with distribution in equal amounts to CAE and CCI. similar to the SFY20 Allocation, and withholding, prior to the equal allocation, a funding reserve for ten Out of District Placements, withholding the facility payments allocation based on Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) and long bill requirements, and withholding those specialty bed funds allocated as of July 2020 equally to those with specialty contracts with DCJ.

**Mark Allison moved to endorse as presented and Kim Kitchen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

- b. Christine Burns congratulated Community Corrections program staff Scot Smith, Lexi Spadi, and Tiffany Weaver, as well as the Project Self Surrender community stakeholders as the program was awarded a 2020 NACo Achievement Award for innovation in county programming under the Justice and Public Safety category.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:24p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Scot Smith, El Paso County Community Corrections Program Manager  
Community Services Department

Confirmed:



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Rose Roy, Chair  
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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Staff present: Lexi Spadi  
Others present:

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

**1. Ballots:** Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Lexi Spadi  
Community Corrections Specialist  
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



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Rose Roy, Chair  
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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Staff present: Lexi Spadi  
Others present:

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

**1. Ballots:** Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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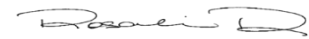
Respectfully submitted,



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Lexi Spadi  
Community Corrections Specialist  
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



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Rose Roy, Chair  
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Staff present: Lexi Spadi  
Others present:

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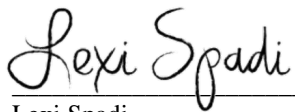
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**1. Ballots:** Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Lexi Spadi  
Community Corrections Specialist  
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



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Rose Roy, Chair  
El Paso County Community Corrections Board