

El Paso County Community Corrections Board
MINUTES
March 11, 2020

Board members present: Rose Roy, Mark Allison, William Bain, Janice Hellman, Brian Makofske, Lori Griffith, Andrew Vaughan, Gilbert Suazo, Jahna Pusedu, David Lipka, and Chris Sandrolini.

Excused absence: Darren O’Driscoll, Pat Kelly, and Jillian Freeland

Unexcused absence: None

Staff present: Lexi Spadi, Tiffany Weaver, and Scot Smith

Guests present: Mark Wester, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)
Sean Foster, Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)
Kevin Bishop, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)
Kally Enright (Strategy and Evaluation)

1. Rose Roy, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

a. Study Session: Kevin Bishop presented Part II on ComCor Inc.’s Residential Sex Offender Training.

2. Attendance: Members and guests introduced themselves and absences for current and future meetings were ratified.

3. Minutes: Gilbert Suazo moved to approve the screening reports for February 5, 19, and 26, 2020, and the minutes for the meeting of February 12, 2020. Janice Hellman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Case Review: None

5. Program Reports:

a. Sean Foster reported for CAE.

Mr. Foster reported that CAE had 17 successful completions and the facility currently has FTE vacancies held for Laid off Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center staff. He stated the employment rate is holding steady at 84%. Mr. Foster stated the operation should have a total bed capacity of 270 by mid-March, as they have equipped a modular for case management, thereby opening additional space for client beds. Mr. Foster discussed a recent client overdose situation where staff observed an unresponsive client and jumped into action. First responders stated CAE staff responded in a “fantastic manner” and that it was staff “instinctual thinking that saved the man’s life.”

b. Mark Wester reported for CCI.

Mr. Wester reported they had 26 successful terminations, 23 unsuccessful terminations, six unauthorized absences, and four vacant FTEs. CCI plans to add additional case management staff, as they plan to increase their maximum bed capacity to 388; this does not include beds that will be added upon completion of the Roberts Road remodel. Beginning mid-March, the facility will add 15 clients per week until they reach 388 clients. Mr. Wester updated the Board on the action plan put into place following the DCJ Audit. He stated all action items have been implemented and operational. Mr. Wester reported on the contract performance plan and stated the loan for the Roberts Road improvements had been approved. He stated that a client satisfaction survey was distributed with half of the population completing the survey providing strong, positive feedback. He stated that positive urinalysis tests dropped from 8.4% to 6.1%, with a goal to be at or below 5%; that grievance rates are down, escapes are down to 6 (six), and that the average length of stay for those who are unsuccessful in the program is 66 days, Mr. Wester stated they capture LSI scores upon intake and reported that the average score has declined over the last three years for both diversion and transition clients.

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6. Department Reports:

- a. Financial Report: Scot Smith reported that as of the end of January 2020, ComCor Inc. was 68.62% spent overall which results in being 10.29% overspent and that CAE was 59.47% spent overall which results in being 1.14% overspent. Overall, El Paso County is 58.4% for the state fiscal year.
- b. Unauthorized Absence Report: Scot Smith reported that the unauthorized absence rate for Diversion is 17.9% and for Transition is 11.1%. The successful completion rate for Diversions is at 28.2% and Transition is at 22.2%. In response to questions, Lexi Spadi stated escape rates and completion rates are derived from the Division of Criminal Justice's (DCJ) CCIB program. Scot Smith stated that Wendy Bacchi is DCJ's CCIB point person.
- c. Staff Report: Scot Smith reported on the DCJ Conference. The conference was held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Board members were encouraged to attend next year. Scot Smith shared the Colorado Association of Community Corrections Board Contact List and the contact list for the community corrections specialized programs.

7. Other Reports: None**8. Old Business:** Temporary Moratorium Update

- a. A motion was brought to the board to lift the temporary moratorium update for out-of-district placement. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Sandrolini brought up the COVID-19 outbreak as a possible facility disruptor, waitlists and future board meetings. The vendors stated that their infection control policies have been reviewed and updated.

Judge William Bain moved to remove the moratorium but added an amendment to cap the list at 100 until our next meeting. Mr. David Lipka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith clarified the cap would only be for out of district placement and Judge Bain concurred. The moratorium will be reviewed at next meeting.

9. New Business:

- a. Structured Decision-Making Tool: Kally Enright presented to the Board the Structured Decision-Making Tools for both transition and diversion. She stated the tools are designed to assist board members in the decision-making process and that they are currently being piloted. Ms. Enright requested Board member feedback.
- b. Community Corrections "Board Type": Scot Smith shared with the Board the draft Board Type letter required to be sent annually to DCJ proposing to designate locally as a Type III Board.
- c. Any other business: Mr. Sandrolini re-addressed the coronavirus pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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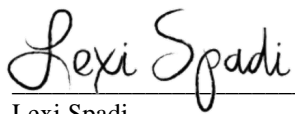
Staff present: Lexi Spadi
Others present:

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

1. Ballots: Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

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March 18, 2020

Staff present: Lexi Spadi
Others present:

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

1. Ballots: Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

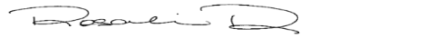
Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

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March 25, 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 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

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