

El Paso County Community Corrections Board
MINUTES
December 11, 2019

Board members present: Rose Roy, Mark Allison, Janice Hellman, Jillian Freeland, William Bain (also proxy for Ann Rotolo), Lori Griffith, Gilbert Suazo, Alli Briggs, Pat Kelly, Chris Sandrolini, and Rafael Cintron.

Excused absence: Kim Kitchen and Darren O'Driscoll

Unexcused absence: David Lipka and Jahna Pusedu,

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

Guests present: Mark Wester, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)
Kenneth Wildenstein, Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)

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

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

The following Board members requested excused absences for the next Electronic Board Meeting, January 1st:

Rafael Cintron
Lori Griffith
Mark Allison

- 3. Minutes: Gilbert Suazo moved to approve the screening report for November 6, 2019, November 20, 2019, November 27, 2019 and the minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting as corrected (minutes to reflect Jillian Freeland as excused absence). Mark Allison seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

- 4. Case Review:** Victim for Transition case (M. Harrison) spoke to the board.

5. Program Reports:

- a. Kenneth Wildenstein reported for CAE.

Mr. Wildenstein reported that CAE had restitution paid in the amount of \$18,928; that they had 23 successful completions and four (4) escapes; that the facility currently has 20 vacancies due to expansion efforts; and that they have "adequate staffing" in the month of November. Mr. Wildenstein answered questions from the Board regarding escapes. Board members discussed potential reasons for why clients escape. Mr. Wildenstein responded to Board questions regarding staff misconduct. The Board requested additional follow-up on this matter at the January 8, 2020 meeting.

- b. Mark Wester reported for CCI.

Mr. Wester reported CCI had 51 admissions, 25 successful completions, 15 unsuccessful terminations, and 10 escapes. He informed the Board of a client death. The client, while riding a bicycle on his way to the Pikes Peak Work Force Center, was struck by a vehicle. Mr. Wester reported seven (7) current job vacancies. Mr. Wester responded to questions from the Board related to drug testing and stated positive drug tests within the facility increased 1.2% from the previous month to the current 5.2%. Mr. Wester updated the Board on the Roberts Road project stating that an extension request had been submitted; that ComCor pursued six (6) financial institutions and four (4) proposed loan packages. He stated their Board selected the top institution. He anticipates financing to be in place by December 31,

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2019 with a loan closed by January 31, 2020. The anticipated construction date is February 2020, with a completion date of three (3) months, and clients using the facility in June.

6. Department Reports:

- a. **Financial Report:** Scot Smith reported that to date for the SFY20 annual contract that 41.7% has been spent. CCI has spent 48.97% of their contract, which represents 7.3 % overspent for the contract year. CAE has spent 42.4% of their contract, which represents .73% overspent.
- b. **Escape Report:** Scot Smith stated that the to date Diversion client escape rate for 2019 was a 14.2% rate and 8.8% escape rate for Transition clients. The successful completion rate was 35.6% for Diversion clients and 63.2% for Transition clients.
- c. **Staff Report:** Scot Smith reported that EPCO Community Corrections staff continues to work on the procedures document; that Kevin Bishop of CCI will provide training on their “Community Responsibility Program; and that there is a save the date for DCJ’s statewide criminal justice conference in February 2020. Scot will double check with DCJ about possible attendance for CCB members.

7. **Other Reports:** Scot Smith proposed continuance of a temporary moratorium on Out of District cases due to the high waitlist for CCB review, currently at 145. Mr. Smith stated that temporary moratorium began on November 30, 2019. Our current procedures state that preference is to be given to El Paso County residents. If approved, the waitlists for CCB review will be monitored monthly by program staff.

Pat Kelly moved to approve the proposed temporary moratorium. Rose Roy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **New Business:** Scot Smith proposed a one-time holiday ballot schedule as follows:

The electronic ballot due on 12/18/19 will be distributed to Board members on 12/12/19. There will be no electronic ballots distributed on 12/19/19 consequently no ballots will be due on 12/25/19. The electronic ballot due on 1/1/20 will be distributed to Board members on 12/26/19, with tabulation on 1/2/20.

Rose Roy moved to accept the holiday ballot schedule. Chris Sandrolini seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Confirmed:

Rose Roy, Chair

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