

El Paso County Community Corrections Board
MINUTES
December 13, 2017

Board members present: Connie Vaughn, William Bain, Rose Roy, Leif Strunk, Jennifer Dabros, James P. Kelly, Juan Moreno III, Peggy Lonergan, Kim Kitchen, Scott Whittington, Lari Hanenberg, and Shaun McGuire

Excused absence: Stephen Sletta, Janice Hellman, Rafael Chanza, Tara Hall, William Bain

Unexcused absence:

Staff present: Christine Burns, Megan Nelius

Guests present: DeAnna Stalbert, Assistant Director, Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)
Gerald McCormac, Executive Director, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)
Maurice Motley, Program Manager, ComCor, Inc.
Hillary Johnson, Program Manager, ComCor, Inc.
Marni Kraemer, Probation Supervisor, El Paso County

The meeting was called to order by Sean McGuire at 12:06 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order by the Acting Chair.

2. Attendance:

- a. Introduction of members and guests.
- b. Ratified absences for current and future meetings.

3. Minutes:

- a. A motion to approve was made by Jennifer Dabros and seconded by Leif Strunk for the screening reports and minutes for the November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 for calendar year 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Case Review:

- a. No discussion.

5. Program Reports:

- a. Jerry McCormac reported for ComCor, Inc. Mr. McCormac reported that the agency has cleared all backlogged cases; that positive UA's have declined; that technical violations have been reduced; that though employment rates are slightly lower, it is due to seasonal positions ending; that ComCor has contracted with Kate Coates for evidence based training and a more robust training program for staff; that ComCor will implement new software within the next quarter; that ComCor is experiencing change and growing pains but looking for progression and improvement. Mr. McCormac answered questions from the Board.
- b. Charity Bellerdine reported for CAE. Mrs. Bellerdine reported that CAE worked collaboratively with Arapahoe County for a successful client transfer; that a client successfully received grief counseling and treatment, progressed to non-residential status and was successfully discharged; that the Board may hear about unsuccessful cases but that it is good to hear when there are highly successful cases.
- c. Becky Boerjan reported for Gateway. Ms. Boerjan stated they had 4 discharges.

6. Department Reports:

- a. Financial Report: Christine Burns reported that the year to date program spending for the month of November was 3.7% under the expected year to date anticipated incurred expenses of 41.7% on the DCJ contract; that Gateway is at approx. .6% underspent; that CAE is at approximately 6.01% underspent and CCI is at approximately 2.10%.
- b. Escape Report: Christine Burns reported that the year to date successful completion rate for Diversion was 37.1% and Transition at 69.6% The year to date escape rates for Diversion were 21% and Transition at 5.7%. The total number of escapes for the judicial district during the month of November was 10.

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- c. Staff Report: Christine Burns reported that Megan Nelius had been promoted to the position of Community Corrections Specialist; Scot Smith had been offered the position of Community Corrections Program Supervisor with a start date of December 18, 2017; that the County was grateful for the service of Pat Kelly and Teri Frank on the hiring panels; that several citizen board positions are available and applications will be reviewed at the end of December; that Kate Coates provided "Supervising Corrections Professionals" training on December 13 and 14, 2017 with 21 staff members from both CCI and CAE attending; CCI was thanked for providing the training space. Christine Burns also asked that Board members consider sitting on the allocation subcommittee which will be voted on in January and that Board members consider serving as a Board chair which will be voted on in February; that the January meeting will be our current chair's last meeting.

7. Other Reports: None

8. Old Business:

- a. 2017/2018 Facility Payment - CAE: Christine Burns stated that the Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Community Corrections provided \$119,853 in funding to allocate to CAE as a Facility Payment. Facility Payments are to be paid to vendors if they maintain a ratio of at least one case manager for every 20 residents and maintain the pay and benefits of security and case management staff as described in the LB Footnote 73 from FY 2015-2016. Additionally, for FY 2017-2018, the Facility Payment allocation was increased by \$23,467 for each facility to help defray a portion of the cost of new practices required under the new July 2017 Standards implementation. Staff requested payment of ½ of the facility payment total with a facility payment audit to be completed for compliance, with the matter to be brought back to the board if non-compliant.

Penny Lonergan moved and Leif Strunk seconded that El Paso County pay the first half facility payment to CAE in the amount of \$59,926.50 and for El Paso County to complete an audit specifically for Facility Payment compliance, with findings brought back before the board for further consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. 2017/2018 Facility Payment - CCI: Christine Burns stated that the Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Community Corrections provided \$239,708 in funding to allocate to CCI as a Facility Payment. Facility Payments are to be paid to vendors if they maintain a ratio of at least one case manager for every 20 residents and maintain the pay and benefits of security and case management staff as described in the LB Footnote 73 from FY 2015-2016. Additionally, for FY 2017-2018, the Facility Payment allocation was increased by \$23,467 for each facility to help defray a portion of the cost of new practices required under the new July 2017 Standards implementation. Staff requested payment of ½ of the facility payment total with a facility payment audit to be completed for compliance, with the matter to be brought back to the board if non-compliant.

Pat Kelly moved and Penny Lonergan seconded that El Paso County pay the first half facility payment to CCI in the amount of \$119,854 and for El Paso County to complete an audit specifically for Facility Payment compliance, with findings brought back before the board for further consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business

- a. Standards Waiver Request – Gateways Program: The Colorado Community Corrections Standards provides for a process for a waiver request. Becky Boerjan presented the Gateways Program request to waive standards; that the Gateway program mostly due to facility design, contracted medical and food service within the Criminal Justice Center prevent full implementation of standards; that the Gateways program is requesting modification and waivers.

Rose Roy moved and Leif Strunk seconded that the Community Corrections Board endorse the Gateways through the Rockies Recovery and Reintegration request for modification and waiver of certain sections of the Colorado Community Corrections Standards and approve transmittal of the board's decision to the Office of Community Corrections of the Division of Criminal Justice for final decision. The motion passed with one opposed.

- b. Request for Non-Residential Placement Exception: Hilary Johnson, Program Manager at ComCor, Inc. requested that client Patrick Puccierello be moved from residential client status to a non-residential placement status prior to the full 180 days under standard; that under the progression matrix, clients drive success in the program and that Mr. Puccierello has met the goals, objectives and assignments of the program; that the client arrived at ComCor, Inc on July 3, 2017.

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Penny Lonergan moved and Lief Strunk seconded to accept ComCor, Inc's request to transfer client Patrick Puccierello from residential client status to non-residential placement before the standard eligibility date. The motion passed with one opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Burns, El Paso County Community Outreach Division Manager
Community Services Department

Confirmed:

Sean McGuire, Vice - Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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Electronic Screening Minutes
December 6, 2017

Staff present: Megan Nelius
Others present:

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

1. Ballots: Megan Nelius tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Nelius
Community Corrections Technician
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Tara Hall, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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December 20, 2017

Staff present: Megan Nelius
Others present:

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Ballots: Megan Nelius tabulated ballots.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Nelius
Community Corrections Technician
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Tara Hall, Chair
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