

El Paso County Community Corrections Board
MINUTES
February 13, 2019

Board members present: Rose Roy, Jennifer Dabros, Janice Hellman, Steve Noblitt (CSPD), Jessica Curtis, Lori Griffith, Darren O’Driscoll, Roger Harrington, Kim Kitchen, Jillian Freeland, David Lipka, Kim Whisenhunt, and William Bain

Excused absence: Jahna Pusedu and Chris Sandrolini

Unexcused absence: None

Staff present: Lori Seago, Scot Smith, Megan Nelius, and Lexi Jeffries

Guests present: Gwen Barlow, Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)
DeAnna Stalbert, Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)
Hilary Johnson, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)
PJ Havice, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)
Linda Bahrame, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)
Keshia Cullins, Parole
Pat Kelly, Citizen

1. Rose Roy, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Attendance:

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. **Judge Bain moved to approve and Jennifer Dabros seconded the screening reports and minutes for the meetings of January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 in calendar year 2019. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Case Review: None.

5. Program Reports:

- a. Hilary Johnson reported for ComCor, Inc. Ms. Johnson reported on the challenges with suboxone and other substances related to UA testing and the expense of testing. Ms. Johnson reported on the challenges of IRT placement for clients referred from other facilities for IRT without appropriate assessment for IRT treatment level. Ms. Johnson stated that ComCor Inc. is working with the DCJ EPIC team to promote evidence-based programming in community corrections; that ComCor Inc. plans to focus on Motivational Interviewing.
- b. DeAnna Stalbert reported for CAE. Ms. Stalbert reported that CAE received feedback from the DCJ Core Security Audit that occurred in December, and that many corrective actions took place immediately. Ms. Stalbert reported that staff was professional and willing to receive feedback from DCJ and EPC. Ms. Stalbert stated that CAE’s population has increased, that residents are behaving, and that CAE collected over \$22,000 in restitution for the month of January. Ms. Stalbert stated that CAE had nine escapes in January and stated this may be a result of increased UAs that detect “spice”, a synthetic form of marijuana, and perhaps the recent change in leadership.

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6. Department Reports:

- a. Financial Report: Scot Smith reported that overall, for the FY 18-19, community corrections is 60.5% spent on the DCJ contract. ComCor Inc. was 4.0% overspent, Community Alternatives of El Paso County was 1.79% overspent.
- b. Subsistence Fund Use: Scot Smith reported that of the \$36,594.09 subsistence support that El Paso County, \$8,432.00 was spent in December, leaving a remaining balance of \$28,162.09. Subsistence support is financial support for the first 10 days of subsistence for Transition clients that meet a certain criteria.
- c. Escape Report: Scot Smith reported that there was a 19.2% escape rate for Diversion clients and an 18.9% escape rate for Transition clients. The successful completion rates to date were 30.8% for Diversion clients and 56.8% for Transition clients.

7. Other Reports: None

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- a. Intensive Supervision Program – Inmate (ISP-I): Scot Smith stated that ISP-I is an attempt to meet utilization targets by Colorado Joint Budget Committee and the Department of Corrections, reestablishes the use of processing referrals for inmates directly from prison, skipping community corrections, and moving directly to a neighborhood. The program provides for eligible inmates, with local community corrections board approval, to be placed in a residential neighborhood without progressing through community corrections programming. Inmates are eligible for the program only upon recommendation of the Department of Corrections if the inmate has no more than 180 days remaining until their parole eligibility date or upon transfer from a community corrections residential program. Offenders must meet strict referral criteria and participate in vocational education and treatment programs while maintaining employment and agreeing to monitor to reduce risk to public safety. El Paso County's Policies and Procedures state that all direct ISP-I referral offenders must be presented to the full board for approval. Mr. Smith stated that the board will begin to see the ISP-I packets on the February 20, 2019 ballot. Mr. Smith stated that boards are to consider the frequency, severity and recency of disciplinary actions against the offender, and the offenders escape history. Consideration is to be given to the offender's adequate means of support and suitable housing in the community as well as the nature of offense for which the offender has been incarcerated. Megan Nelius stated that on the ballots, ISP-I will be annotated under the type of placement, and that the ISP-I packets are similar to transition packets, except the ISP-I packets will not have a provider referral cover sheet. Rose Roy requested clarification that none of the providers will be looking at the packets and that the packets will come directly from DOC. Scot Smith stated this is the case. Mr. Smith stated that there are currently 10 ISP-I referrals awaiting ballot placement and that they will begin placement on ballots at two ISP-I offenders per ballot beginning February 20th. Hilary Johnson asked whether or not the ISP-I offenders will get the same rotation based on their MRD date for when they are placed on the ballot. Megan Nelius stated that because there are

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so few ISP-I packets, that transition packets take priority, but ISP-I packets will begin with two at a time. Ms. Nelius stated there are currently 70 transition clients on a waitlist for board review, and utilizes sentencing dates for diversion cases and mandatory release date for transition cases. Mr. Smith stated that with that window of no more than 180 days, before their Parole Eligibility Date (PED), when an ISP-I referral is received we will place as quickly as possible. Rose Roy asked whether parole would have contact with them until their PED. Mr. Smith stated that parole will work with these cases, and stated that parole can speak to that better. Roger Harrington from parole stated that an ISP inmate should be viewed as a parolee and that they have been granted rights like a parolee, but they are not on parole. Mr. Harrington stated that as of February 12, 2019, less than 200 beds are available in the Department of Corrections and once those are filled, there will be no open beds for quite some time. Because of this, ISP-I is important. Mr. Harrington stated that people close to their PED would be placed on a parole plan; parole will investigate and seek opportunities for release. Mr. Harrington clarified that they are not parolees, so they do not fall under the parole board's jurisdiction and any disciplinary issues follow the Code of Penal Discipline process. Historically what that would have meant was that if they committed a violation while an ISP inmate they would be returned directly to a DOC facility. Mr. Harrington stated that currently they are not being returned to a DOC facility due to bed capacity. Technical violations are currently not being addressed with a revocation; however, new charges can be booked. Mr. Harrington stated this program was in place 10-15 years ago and he was an officer that oversaw those on ISP-I; He stated it is a great program to get offenders out, but that success rates are not great. He stated that if they were regressed, they would most likely be directed to CAE or ComCor Inc. If they are not accepted to either of the facilities, it would become a regression back to DOC.

- b. Chair and Vice Chair Vote: Pursuant to Board by-laws, the Chair and Vice-Chair election is held annually at the February meeting. Terms run from March to the following February.

Judge Bain moved to appoint Rose Roy as the Community Corrections Board Chair and Kim Kitchen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Rose Roy asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Rose Roy moved to appoint Mark Allison as the Community Corrections Board Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Scot Smith thanked Rose Roy and Mark Allison.

- c. 2019 Volunteer Board Harassment: Scot Smith reported that an annual free Harassment Training is available for board members on March 4 and September 9 at Centennial Hall.
- d. Executive session request pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 Lori Seago (4) (b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions related to a concern at ComCor, Inc.

Rose Roy moved and Kim Kitchen seconded to enter into Executive Session. Rose Roy moved and Jillian Freeland seconded to exit Executive Session. The Board came out of executive session, with no action taken by the Board.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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February 6, 2019

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 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Nelius
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Rose Roy, Chair
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Electronic Screening Minutes
February 20, 2019

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 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Nelius
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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February 27, 2019

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 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Nelius
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:

Rose Roy, Chair
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