

El Paso County Community Corrections Board
MINUTES
September 9, 2020

Board members present: Rose Roy, Roger Harrington, Judge Chad Miller, Janice Hellman, Lt. Darren O'Driscoll, Kim Kitchen, Jillian Freeland, Judge Ann Rotolo, Billie Ratliff, Brian Makofske, Lori Griffith, Pat Kelly, Gilbert Suazo, and Tiera Wright

Excused absence: Chris Sandrolini and Jahna Pusedu

Unexcused absence: None

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

Guests present: Izzy Heep, Program Manager, Defy Colorado
Sean Foster, Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)
Mark Wester, ComCor, Inc. (CCI)

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

Staff requested to remove items 9c. and 9d. from the Agenda.

2. Attendance: Rose Roy called the roll.

3. Attendance for upcoming meetings: Absences for current and future meetings were ratified. Board member Freeland asked for clarification on requesting absences and Lori Seago stated she would look into the matter and get back to Mrs. Freeland.

4. Minutes: Kim Kitchen moved to approve the meeting minutes for August 12, 2020 and the electronic meeting minutes for August 5, 19, and 26, 2020. Judge Rotolo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Izzy Heep Program Manager for Defy Colorado addressed the board and provided a brief overview of the program. She stated the organization's mission was to build redemptive communities in which everyone feels like they belong, and economic freedom is a right and not a privilege. They work with inmates "from the inside out", meaning they start helping offenders while they are incarcerated. She talked about the different programs they offer that focus on entrepreneurship, employment readiness, character development, personal wellness, and building connections.

6. Case Review: A victim for Transition case Mangiarelli spoke to the board at the beginning of the meeting. Rose Roy asked for case discussion. No cases were called for discussion.

7. Program Reports:

- a. Sean Foster reported for CAE. Mr. Foster reported a decreased facility census of 154 but that an increase is expected over the next couple of weeks. He stated CAE had 28 successful terminations and 10 escapes. Mr. Foster reported an employment rate at 71%; that they had seven open security and case management positions that will remain unfilled due to the decreased population level; and that they had 57 positive drug tests. Mr. Foster share with the Board that there were no remaining residents in isolation due to Covid-19. Mr. Foster communicated that this was his last board meeting as he has resigned from his position at CAE as of September 11, 2020.

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- b. Mark Wester reported for CCI. Mr. Wester reported an average facility census of 259; that CCI had 51 terminations, of which 28 were successful and 23 were unsuccessful; that there were 14 escapes; and that they had 12 vacant positions, with three new staff starting this week and more starting next week. Mr. Wester stated positive UAs were 10% across the program and stated that CCI completes about 1500 tests each month; that 1300 in August resulted in 130 positive tests. He stated CCI's goal was to get to a 5% UA rate. He stated the employment rate was at 77%, down from the previous month of 82%. Mr. Wester was asked to discuss the vacant positions, to which he stated were five security staff, two or three administrative and support staff, and a couple of case management positions. There has been one case manager hired this week and one will be hired next week.

8. Department Reports:

- a. **Financial Report:** Scot Smith reported that at the end of July 2020, spending should be at 8.3% of contract. ComCor, Inc. was .06% under spent and CAE was 1.94% under expended. Christine Burns stated that the financial document titled "Summary of Contract Expenses" shows the financial position of the jurisdiction and that a new report that looks at contractor expenditures was presented. She stated the new report was designed to provide transparency in spending. She pointed out the correctional treatment expenditures to show the lack of spending in this area and the increase in spending in inmate housing. She stated the new report structure should provide opportunities for the Board to ask operational questions of the vendors.
- b. **Unauthorized Absence Report:** Scot Smith reported the successful completion rate for Diversion clients was 44.7% at the end of July 2020 and for Transition clients the rate was 60.4%. He reported that the unauthorized absence rate for Diversion clients is 24% and for Transition clients it is 20.8%.

Board member Kelly shared his concern over the continued increase in unauthorized absences. He shared with the Board that he looks carefully at previous escape history in determining placement and asked vendors to provide the necessary resources to deter unauthorized absences. Scot Smith stated that organizations such as Defy Colorado may also be helpful and that an audit around case management was planned.

- c. **Staff Report:** Chief Judge Bain was recognized for his service on the Community Corrections Board. A service recognition plaque was provided to Judge Bain outside of the meeting at which time he expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Board and for the recognition.

9. Other Reports: None

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:

- a. **Voting Procedures:** Scot Smith stated that procedurally votes can only be cast by those members attending the meeting and that ballots cannot be submitted or collected until after all victims have been heard and the agenda item for Case Discussion called. He stated that all voting members must have access to the same information before casting a vote.

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Pat Kelly moved to approve the procedure and Rose Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- b. The Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) Resumption of Audits and Evaluations: Christine Burns notified the board that DCJ's plans to resume their regulatory role to provide technical assistance, training and auditing functions. She stated that DCJ has completed the baseline Core Security Audit at CAE and CCI, and that the PACE was completed at CAE.

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scot Smith, El Paso County Community Corrections Program Manager

Confirmed:



Rose Roy, Chair
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September 2, 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 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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Electronic Screening Minutes
September 16, 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 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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Electronic Screening Minutes
September 23, 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 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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September 30, 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 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board