

El Paso County Community Corrections Board
MINUTES
February 10, 2021

Board members: Rose Roy, Mark Allison, Judge Chad Miller, Janice Hellman, Martha McKinney, Judy McCollum, Judge Ann Rotolo, Billie Ratliff, Brian Makofske, Lori Griffith, Pat Kelly, Jahna Pusedu, and Gilbert Suazo

Excused absences: Chris Sandrolini and Darren O’Driscoll

Unexcused absences: None

Staff present: Lexi Spadi, Tiffany Weaver, Christine Burns, Mary Ritchie and Alexis Harper

Guests present: Scot Smith, Mark Wester, and Mark Chmielinski

1. Rose Roy, Board Chair called the virtual meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Staff requested to hold the Study Session after Agenda Item #4 Case Review.

2. **Attendance:** Rose Roy called roll. No requests for future excused absences were received.
3. **Case Review-VRA Statements:** Victim in a Transition case (N. Escadon) addressed the board.
4. **Case Review – Discussion and Balloting:** Rose Roy called for case discussion with no cases called.
5. A study session was held with Mark Chmielinski from 3DK9 presenting to the Board.

6. Approval of the Minutes:

Pat Kelly moved to approve the meeting minutes for January 13, 2021, and the electronic meeting minutes for January 6, 20, and 27, 2021. Billie Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

7. Program Reports:

a. ComCor, Inc. (CCI)

Mark Wester reported that CCI had 72 admissions, 59 terminations of which 33 were unsuccessful and 26 were successful. He stated the employment rate was at 65%; that they had 19 escapes; that the 11% positive UA rate was less than January’s rate; and that they received 11 grievances, down from 25 the previous month. He stated that they had received the incident audit results from the Division of Criminal Justice and will provide the findings and an action plan to the Board. In response to a question from Christine Burns, Mr. Wester stated they have engaged a third party entity to look at other complaint matters; that the DCJ audit results were shared with the entity; that the Board Chair and Vice-Chair were managing the process; that the entity has been engaged to “run all issues down”; and that he hopes to have the process completed by the end of February.

b. Community Alternatives of El Paso County (CAE)

Scot Smith reported that the average census was 169; that their goal was to reach 180; that they had ten escapes, down one from January; that they had 50 positive UAs with 9 from

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medication and 41 from illegal substances; and that those with illegal use were sanctioned. Mr. Smith stated that they completed their first Healing Trauma group and plan to initiate a new group on February 19; that they are slated to start a Mom's Group; and that they started a "Chat with the Chief" program. He stated he established the chats to provide a positive interaction with residents and that the first chat was a well received, positive and respectful process. Mr. Smith invited the Board to attend the next chat to be held on February 18th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Mr. Smith shared with the board the successful level up process for Non-Residential clients with the facility currently supervising 21 clients on Level 5, ten clients on Level 6, and three clients on Level 7.

8. Monthly Reports:

- a. **SFY21 Financial Report:** Christine Burns reported the expected expenditure for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 was 50%. She stated that CAE was at 34.45% representing a 15.55% under expenditure, and that CCI was at 50.96% representing a .96% over expenditure.
- b. **SFY21 Unauthorized Absence Report:** Christine Burns reported the unauthorized absence rate for Diversion clients was 26.3% and 22.4% for Transition Clients. She stated there was a significant increase in unauthorized absences from 2019 to 2020. She reported the successful completion rate for Diversion clients was 43.1% and 57.3% for Transition clients. Mrs. Burns stated there was a 21.07% positive success rate change for Diversion clients from 2019 to 2020, but a negative success rate percent change of 5.9 for Transition clients in 2019 to 2020.

Billie Ratliff asked if additional research should be completed on unauthorized absence rates and correlation to Board accepts and rejects. Pat Kelly stated that it would be interesting to obtain the client's perspective. Mark Wester stated he previously presented research on unauthorized absence patterns of CCI clients with most of those absconding being younger, male, unemployed clients in the early stages of their placement. Mr. Wester stated this was an engagement issue. Scot Smith stated unauthorized absence was a mindset and thinking pattern that should be looked at from a case manager and security staffing perspective; and that providing hope was a key measure to decreasing unauthorized absence rates. Dr. Harper stated that she would research patterns; that it should be viewed from a risk-benefit cost analysis model; and that she will schedule a meeting to discuss this matter further with the vendors.

- c. **Staff Report:** Christine Burns reported the Colorado Association of Community Corrections Boards will hold their next meeting on February 26th and invited the Board to attend. She stated the CACCB had a new website (www.coaccb.org.) Mrs. Burns informed the board that Curative testing had been discontinued and Mark Wester stated ComCor, Inc. continues to provide surveillance testing through El Paso County Public Health.

9. Old Business:

- a. **Combined Letter to the Joint Budget Committee:** Christine Burns reported that a combined letter from Colorado Counties, Inc., the Colorado Community Corrections Coalition, and the Colorado Association of Community Corrections Boards was sent to the Joint Budget Committee highlighting their concerns regarding the Governor's proposed budget cuts and redesign of the Community Corrections funding model. She stated that the letter highlighted

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the potential disruption to existing program improvements, the lack of stakeholder engagement, the cost shift to counties, and the importance of community corrections.

- b. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair:** Rose Roy stated the Board was annually asked to elect a Chair and Vice Chair at the February meeting and called for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.

Rose moved to approve Pat Kelly as the Chair of the Community Corrections Board for the period March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022. Lori Griffith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Rose Roy moved to approve Janice Hellman as Vice-Chair of the Community Corrections Board for the period March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022. Pat Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

10. New Business:

- a. Community Corrections 2nd Quarter SFY21 Referral Data:** Mrs. Burns informed the Board that the Division of Criminal Justice published a quarterly report that included referral trends and acceptance data. She stated that for the combined auto and criteria cases in the 4th Judicial District, there was a 16% denial rate on transition cases, a 10% denial rate on diversion cases, and a 35% denial rate on Condition of Parole cases.
- b. Standards Waiver Request – ComCor, Inc.:** Mark Wester presented a request for the Board to endorse ComCor, Inc.'s modification of certain Community Corrections Standards because of COVID 19 and safety. He reported that their recent outbreak was released by El Paso County Public Health; that they only had a few clients in quarantine due to new admission status; and that they continue to provide rent forgiveness.

Pat Kelly moved to endorse ComCor, Inc.'s request to modify provisions within the Colorado Community Corrections Standards as submitted in response to limiting the spread of COVID-19 and approve transmittal of the Board's decision to the Office of Community Corrections. Billie Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Burns, Justice Services Division Manager

Confirmed:



Rose Roy, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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February 3, 2021

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 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



Pat Kelly, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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February 17, 2021

Staff present: Lexi Spadi
Others present:

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

1. Ballots: Lexi Spadi tabulated ballots.

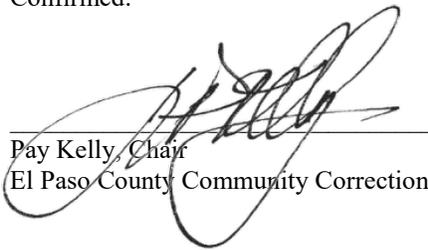
Meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



Pay Kelly, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board

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February 24, 2021

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 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lexi Spadi
Community Corrections Specialist
Community Outreach Division

Confirmed:



Pat Kelly, Chair
El Paso County Community Corrections Board