

Natrona County Community Juvenile Services Board

Meeting Minutes—May 23rd, 2023

Members Present (via Google Meet):

Emma Burton-Hopkins, Brooke Benson, Stephanie Arrache, Gareth West, Gus Holbrook, Emily Quarterman-Genoff, Andy Delgadillo, Paul Fritzler, Becky Burt, Corrie Lyn Whitman, Pam Mann, Cori Cosner-Burton, Christopher Dresang, Amanda Preddice-Milne

Amanda Lewallen called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Review and approval of the April 2023 minutes:

April 2023 minutes were reviewed. Paul Fritzler made a motion to accept the minutes, motion seconded by Gus Holbrook, motion passed.

Review and approval of the April 2023 Budget:

The April budget and expenditures were reviewed. Monthly expenditures totaled \$4,537.46 leaving a total balance of \$121,986.60. Corrie Lynn Whitman made a motion to accept the minutes, motion seconded by Paul Fritzler, motion passed.

Single Point report: The April 2023 SPE report was provided and reviewed. In April 78 (down from 94 in March) cases were reviewed and of those, 41 (up from 29 in March) were filed with the court, and 35 (down from 65 in March) were accepted into pre-court programming (14 to MFRC, 21 to Youth Diversion). The top offense categories reviewed in April were MIP-Tobacco-18; Simple Battery-15; Possession of MJ- 9; MIP-Alcohol-6; Property Destruction <\$1,000 -6; Domestic Battery-3. See report for others.

Agent Whitman noted the concern of more DV occurring.

Deputy Delgadillo reported that he is working on a “Dangers of Technology” presentation that will be offered twice this summer.

Old Business:

-Bylaws:

The final draft of bylaws and agreement addendum were sent via email to members for review on May 18th. Paul made a motion to adopt the drafted bylaws and to accept the drafted agreement addendum, motion seconded by Gus Holbrook, motion passed. Deputy Delgadillo abstained from voting as he sent the drafts to Sheriff Harlin, but had not yet heard back.

Amanda will send the adopted bylaws and agreement addendum to NCSD and the County Attorney’s office for approval and signatures.

-Nominations and Elections for Board Officers:

Paul Fritzler made a motion to elect board officers during the June meeting, motion seconded by Corrie Lyn Whitman, motion passed.

New Business:

-Update on Diversion Study:

Deputy Delgadillo reported that the initial advisory committee meeting for the Diversion Study was similar to the reform meetings. The initial meeting focused on hashing over the definition of recidivism.

-Updates on Reroute System:

We are just waiting on a signed copy of the agreement to begin utilizing the system.

Concerns, Trends, Initiatives, Positives, etc.:

Positives:

David reported that important conversations occurred at the Governor's Mental Health Forum in April. There is a need to bring more information and data to legislators to advocate for adequate funding.

Concerning Trends:

Stephanie reported tobacco citations were the biggest issue right now and they are working with the city attorney to process all tobacco citations through municipal court. They would like to change the penalties in local law at the city level. She also reported a tragedy occurring that morning involving four individuals formerly served in delinquency cases where a high-speed chase ended in a bad wreck downtown with one fatality and one individual paralyzed from the neck down.

Possible Initiatives-

David presented the idea of forming a subcommittee to create a formal document outlining local capacity and resources to present to decision-makers to show the need for funding. He pointed out that many agencies have a larger potential capacity but more limited actual capacity due to staffing shortages and funding issues. Brainstorming among board members occurred highlighting the need for more therapists and the need for in-patient rehab. Different models were discussed including the SIM model and emergency management models for mapping community capacity and resources. Members will share existing resource lists via email. Emma advised that there are lots of lists out there, but the more important work lies in navigating these lists in real-time and developing an understanding of how they all intersect. Amanda will compile the resource lists received. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

AGENCY UPDATES: * Submitted via email due to time constraints*

MFRC: “Mercer Family Resource Center reported for this fiscal year to date (7/1/22-4/30/23) there have been 117 Child In Need of Supervision case referrals, with 5 new for April. There have been 118 caregivers who participated in family and parenting programs so far this year, with 18 new this month. Youth intervention served 314 this year in education courses, with 43 in April. There weren't any CHINS Staffing meetings this month but 4 petitions filed.”

*Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM (moved by Gus Holbrook, seconded by Corrie Lyn Whitman, approved).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 at 10:00am via Google Meets