



Meeting Minutes

Governor's Community Corrections Advisory Council - Division of Criminal Justice - Office of Community Corrections

October 25, 2024, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location - 2nd Floor CDPS Conference Room, 710 Kipling Street,
Lakewood, Colorado 80215

Council Members in Attendance:

Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky, Christina Garcia; Amanda Hollander; Courtney Jurischk; Merideth McGrath; Alexis Ongley; Greg Saiz; Leah Jackson; Erick Javaneau, Joseph Creel

Special Guests in Attendance:

Jeaneene Miller, Angie Phebus, Rory Grynewicz, Shannon Carst, Mark Wester, Steve Reynolds, Christine Burns, Matt Schultheis

OCC Staff in Attendance:

Katie Ruske, Chrystal Owin; Kellen Lemos; Wendy Bacchi

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Meeting Overview

The Advisory Council Meeting held on October 25, 2024, featured a range of stakeholders discussing key issues and achievements within the Colorado community corrections landscape.

Vice Chair Erick Javaneau facilitated the in-person meeting, with attendees from various corrections and justice organizations contributing insights.

Presentations covered topics such as the Colorado Community Corrections Coalition's person-centered approach, Core Civic's evidence-based practices, and GEO Group's programming services, all addressing challenges like inflation, unutilized capacity, and workforce development.

A significant portion of the meeting was dedicated to updating the council on recidivism tracking methods, highlighting the need for aligned treatment approaches.

Future planning included skipping the December meeting, encouraging goals from council members, and inviting individuals with lived experience to participate in upcoming sessions. Action items were outlined for presenters and members to ensure continued progress and stakeholder engagement.

Meeting Notes

Colorado Community Corrections Coalition Presentation

- Mark Wester presented on behalf of Colorado Community Corrections Coalition
- Discussed achievements: person-centered approach, rent/subsistence payments, improved outcomes and peer supports
- Challenges: inflation, unutilized capacity, acceptance rates, escapes, affordable housing, workforce development
- Recommendations: study capacity strains, streamline clinician licensure requirements

Core Civic Presentation

- Shannon Carst and Rory Gryniewicz presented on behalf of CoreCivic
- Presented achievements: implementing evidence-based practices, technology advancements, normalization efforts, highlighted success in combating opioid epidemic in facilities
- Challenges: referral process, unutilized capacity, staff recruitment and retention
- Highlighted success in combating opioid epidemic in facilities

GEO Group Presentation

- Jeaneene Miller and Angie Phebus presented on behalf of GEO
- Discussed accomplishments: programming services, partnerships, peer support
- Challenges: referral process, unutilized capacity, parole officer involvement
- Suggested areas for improvement: board education, policy development

CACCB Presentation

- Steve Reynolds presented on behalf of CACCB
- Discussed rebuilding relationships with stakeholders, improving acceptance rates
- Emphasized need for education on evidence-based practices and community engagement

Recidivism Update

- Discussed new recidivism definition and tracking methods
- Highlighted limitations and challenges in comparing recidivism across different parts of the system
- Discussed need for appropriate treatment approaches aligned with recidivism definitions

Future Meeting Planning

- Discussed potential agenda items for future meetings
- Agreed to skip December meeting and reconvene in January
- Suggested inviting individuals with lived experience to future meetings
- Discussed setting SMART goals based on stakeholder input

Action items

All presenters

- Submit a one-page summary of thoughts and recommendations to the board

Katie

- Send out invitation for Coalition holiday gathering on December 12th
- Research and arrange presentation on licensing requirements for mental health clinicians

Kellen & Wendy

- Send out full schedule of future meetings
- Send mid-December reminder email about goals and action items

All members

- Consider and propose goals for the council to work on
- If convenient, please send an email with proposed goals ahead of the January meeting so they can be compiled by staff.

Questions: For questions or to add an agenda item, please contact Kellen Lemos at kellen.lemos@state.co.us or Wendy Bacchi at wendy.bacchi@state.co.us or (303) 919-9655.