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Dear Community Corrections Co-Workers,

Interesting items are developing in our work everyday.

- *The International Halfway House Association has invited me to be the State Director of their organization. They informed us that this decision was made because of the progress in our own MCCA.
- *Our September 22 General Membership meeting is on the Operational Standards for Residential Adult and Juvenile Corrections Projects (see special article) and our January meeting will deal with the Determinate Sentencing Bill and the Matrix System.
- *Our Association is concerned about the cutback in services by HIRE (Helping Industry Recruit Ex-Offenders) because they have expanded their intake services to include most handicapped people. We hope this does not mean that the former offender is going to receive less emphasis.
- *The annual MCA Conference is scheduled this year for November 4 and 5 at the Radisson Hotel in St. Paul. The Neighborhood Involvement Committee of the MCCA has been asked to plan several workshops and activities for the conference to represent community corrections. We would appreciate any ideas, suggestions and/or time you could offer to help us make community corrections a significant part of the MCA Conference. If you are interested in offering ideas or time, contact Gary Meitz at 348-4266.
- *I am involved with the Minnesota Association of Community Corrections Act Counties and communicating our concerns to this new organization. I have also met with some of the members of the Hennepin County Task Force to encourage Hennepin County's entering the Act.
- *The MCCA, in conjunction with Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, has submitted a grant to the McKnight Foundation to free up some of my time to work exclusively with our Association.

All of us need to be active and involved so that corrections continues to be a viable and vital part of our communities. Our Association, the MCCA, is your opportunity for being involved.

Cordially yours,

Tom Christian

Tom Christian, Chairperson
Metropolitan Community Corrections Association

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FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TOPIC OF THE DAY

OPERATIONAL STANDARDS

FOR RESIDENTIAL, ADULT AND JUVENILE CORRECTIONS PROJECTS

This is your opportunity to influence your program's future!

The Hennepin County Standards Committee has prepared guidelines for operational standards which will affect all adult and juvenile correctional programs in Hennepin County.

The MCCA is officially represented on the Hennepin County Committee by Tom Christian and has received input from our Standards Committee.

Before the operational standards are approved by the Criminal Justice Council and adopted by the County Commissioners, MCCA members have an opportunity to review and influence the final draft.

SPEAK UP NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE

Members lose their right to complain about the standards unless they make their voices heard. Silence is consent.

come to the carriage house

2120 PARK AVE. SOUTH in minneapolis

(CATHOLIC YOUTH CENTER)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

1:00 pm TO 4:00 pm

MEMBERS, BRING INTERESTED GUESTS!

Got any questions? Call Gary Meitz 348-4166



Maintenance

The MCCA Standards Committee has been working on the Hennepin County standards that will be adopted for community projects. This committee is sponsoring the next general membership meeting for MCCA members. Chairperson: Ron Johnson (338-0743).

The MCCA Neighborhood Involvement Committee has been coordinating and publishing the newsletter, THE HOUSEKEEPER. Future projects include planning the MCCA's involvement in the MN Corrections Association regional conference scheduled for November and working up a brochure representing the MCCA. Chairperson: Jacqui Wong (338-0743).

The MCCA Legislative Committee has been gathering information about legislation that was passed and proposed during the sessions of the MN State Legislature. Included in the material gathered is information of determinate sentencing. Anyone interested in attending committee meetings is welcome. Chairperson: Norb Gernes (331-1087).

The MCCA Board would like to invite any interested persons to attend our board meetings. We meet every third week. Call Pat Saleen (348-4166) for time & date.

A NEW COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM IN MINNEAPOLIS -- GENESIS II is a 6 month, non-residential learning center program for adult female offenders focusing on developing new living skills. Genesis II is funded through an LEAA grant and is a project of the Multi-Resource Centers Inc. For more information call 871-6103 or stop by the facility at 1035 East Franklin in Minneapolis.

WELCOME NEW MCCA MEMBERS

- Russ Stricker - Genesis II Project
- Hon. Allen Oleisky - Henn. Cty. District Ct.
- Ken Young, Director - Henn. Cty. Ct. Services
- Richard Ericson - Correctional Service of MN
- Ida Mae Elam - Nat'l. Assn. of W.H.O.
- Karen Bleecker - Project Remand
- Robert H. Robinson - 180 Degrees, Inc.
- Harold G. Lee - Mpls. Public Schools
- Ronald Jensen - Team House

A preliminary ordinance was introduced to the Mpls. City Council by Alderman Lee Munnich to regulate the spacing of group homes and halfway houses. This ordinance was referred back to committee in order to be incorporated into a more comprehensive ordinance with the report being published by the Citizens Advisory Group on Halfway Houses.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Project Newgate - 430 Oak Grove, Suite 402, Minneapolis 55403
- Community Corrections Training Center - 430 Oak Grove, Suite B-4, Minneapolis 55403.

WANTED!!!! YOUR MEMBERSHIP

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION
2603 Bloomington Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____
 PROGRAM/AGENCY _____ WORK PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
 WORK ROLE _____

- VOTING MEMBER Working in Community Corrections
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER Interested in Community Corrections

Membership Dues: \$5.00 (Please enclose check)

UPCOMING EVENTS. . . .

Panel Discussion Half-Way Houses - Reformation Lutheran Church, Laurel & Oxford, St. Paul. Pot Luck Supper starting at 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. For information call: Carol Truitt - 222-1101 or Reformation Lutheran Church - 224-3371.

Workshop on "Alcoholism Program Evaluation Training" to be held on September 27, 28, 29, at 321 Nolte Center at the University of Minnesota. Registration is through Larry Burzinski or Jean Carr at the State Alcohol & Drug Authority (296-3991 or 296-4608). Cost is \$15.00.

Persons interested in the Department of Public Welfare's revision of Rule 35 (chemically dependent), who would like to serve on an Advisory Group contact Gail Johnson at Freedom House (827-3300).

The annual MCDA Conference, "New Frontiers in Post-Treatment Care", is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 1976 at the Midway YMCA in St. Paul. For more information on topics to be covered, or to register, call the MCDA office at 646-7231.

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