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Dear Community Corrections Co-Workers:

We have accomplished much in 1977. We look forward to the challenges of 1978.

In 1977 we developed a uniform evaluation system and implemented it in three projects; have five programs on the University of Minnesota data collection program; developed a number of workshops, conferences and training opportunities; have membership and responsible roles in over ten boards, councils and associations; developed a number of position papers and participated in public education and public relations ventures; worked on developing standards and accreditation procedures; published regular newsletters; mediated in crisis intervention areas for the counties and state; lobbied at the legislature for community corrections programs; became a tax-exempt non-profit association; reviewed and screened new corrections programs; promoted ex-offender employment; organized a group health plan; developed a corrections library; served as a clearing house for program information; gave technical assistance; created a job bank for corrections workers; and served as a unifying voice for community corrections programs.

In 1978 our goals include uniform evaluation for five more programs; more involvement with Ramsey County programs and Native American Issues; continued training opportunities; a state wide association; work with prison industries and private industry; develop a resource manual on community corrections; regular meetings with the parole board; expansion of committee work; finalizing of program standards and accreditation; and a continuation of our 1977 work.

We welcome your ideas, participation and energy. We have a long way to go. But we have begun.

Tom Christian

Tom Christian,
Director, MCCA

1978 BOARD ELECTIONS

On January 25, 1978, the MCCA membership elected the following Board of Directors:	
<i>James Martinson</i> , Alpha House (Chairperson)	<i>James Brown</i> , Bremer House (Vice Chairperson)
<i>Farris Bell</i> , Women Helping Offenders (Secretary)	<i>Matt Smrekar</i> , Drug Unit, DOC (Treasurer)
<i>Richard Draves</i> , Minneapolis Regional Native American Center	<i>Harry Kramer</i> , Ramsey County Community Corrections
<i>David Sonney Gainey</i> , 180° Degrees, Inc.	<i>Tom Lawson</i> , Minnesota Dept. of Corrections
<i>Gail Johnson</i> , Freedom House	<i>Gary Meitz</i> , Southside Neighborhood Probation
	<i>Richard Williams</i> , Reentry Services

The membership voted to expand the board from nine to eleven members. They also voted to move to a state wide organization in 1978 and become the Minnesota Community Corrections Association. The Board of Directors will study just how to go about this expansion and incorporate proper representation from the state wide membership.

The membership approved the new membership categories. There was general consensus that MCCA must work towards self sufficiency through individual and program memberships.

What's Happening

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MAWCJ) held it's monthly meeting at the Metro Community College on 1/18. Guest speaker, Cheryl Hoium, Council for Economic Status of Women, reviewed past & upcoming legislation impacting women in Minnesota. Dorothy Skwierka, member of the Minnesota Corrections Board, has been appointed chairperson of Advisory Task Force on the Future of Women Offenders in the Minnesota Correctional System. Other appointees to the Task Force include MCCA members Kathy Dyhr of Project Elan, Julie Shaw of Genesis II, Barbara Knutson, professor of Criminal Justice at University of Minnesota. Other members include LaVonne Berg, Minnesota Home School; Jackie Fleming, MCIW; Susan Flinsch, Assistant Ramsey County Public Defender; Gail Hanson, Hennepin County Attorney's Office; Arlene Lehto, State Representative from Duluth; Sharon Sayles, State parole agent; Emily Ann Staples, State Senator from Wayzata; and Rosemary Trihey, manager of women's section for Adult Corrections.

MAWCJ now has 57 members! Dues are \$10 per year. Contact Jackie Fleming 445-3717 for membership information.

PROJECT NEWGATE is no longer providing higher education classes at St. Cloud Reformatory. A college program for inmates is now available in cooperation with ST. CLOUD UNIVERSITY.

WOMEN HELPING OFFENDERS, has become more actively involved in helping ex-offenders find employment. Claudia Byrd, is working as job developer for the project. Referrals from other agencies are welcome. Ms. Byrd, may be contacted at 824-0741.

As of January 1978, NEXUS, has initiated a SLBP education program. A SLBP specialist has been hired on a consultant basis to do testing, evaluation and tutoring of those program residents with special learning or behavior problems.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL/REHABILITATION CENTER'S CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT UNIT is instituting a program of out-patient therapy to operate between the hours of 9:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., in addition to their evening program. Arrangements can be made by contacting the admitting desk at 332-8111, ext. 481 or 482.

MARQUETTA ORIGER, R.N., Department of Corrections Medical Services Coordinator, is the program committee chair for the AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES ASSOCIATION. She will be responsible for the content of their annual national conference held in conjunction with the American Corrections Association Congress this summer. The Department of Corrections training academy has moved from Lino Lakes to 804 - 2nd St. N.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413.

THE SUPREME COURT COMMISSION ON THE MENTALLY DISABLED AND COURTS has been awarded \$85,000 to support a year long study of the special needs of the mentally disabled and protection of their legal and human rights in Minnesota courts. Research Director will be Elizabeth J. Nudell and the commission will be chaired by Richard C. Allen, Dean of Hamline University School of Law.

THE CRIME CONTROL PLANNING BOARD gave \$3.7 million dollars to the Criminal Justice System improvements. More than 90 projects sponsored by local government were approve

DON TOMSCHE is the new superintendent of the MINNESOTA METROPOLITAN TRAINING CENTER at Lino Lakes.

State of Minnesota was presented with THE SCALES OF JUSTICE, an award given in recognition of State leadership in new, imaginative, and innovative crime control in Corrections programs. The award was presented on December 7, 1977, at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency Awards luncheon.

The DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS has analyzed four major criminal justice proposals pending before the Federal Government: S.1393/HR9400, which gives the U.S. Attorney General the right to sue in states where there is a practice of deprivations of rights of confined persons; S1245, which would provide \$500,000,000 for construction, renovation or acquisition of Corrections facilities; S.1437/HR6869, a complete revision of Title 18 of the U.S. Criminal Code; and the reorganization of LEAA. Abbreviated copies of the Department's analysis of these proposals a available from BETSY BUCKLEY, 430 Metro Square, 296-3559.

MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN

CENTER has a number of services which should be used by Community Corrections Programs with Native American clients. Services include:

A CETA component which is specifically aimed at Native Americans. Staff is willing to work with clients on a walk-in basis or call Pat Sayers - 348-5644.

A housing assistance component to identify individuals' housing needs and then to assist in finding suitable housing. For further information contact - Ernie Drift, 348-5609.

An education component offering GED classes and assistance for Native Americans. For assistance contact Nancy Weston, 348-5620.

The Chemical Dependency component which will be holding five all day seminars over the next four months entitled The American Indian and Chemical Dependency. These all day seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Native American Center, 1530 East Franklin, Mpls., They will be led by Dennis Hisgun. The dates are: February 27, March 20, April 17, and May 10 & 11 (part of the Indian Awareness week beginning May 7). These seminars are designed to educate the community

and professionals about chemical dependency as it relates to the American Indian. There is a \$2.00 donation requested for each session which also pays for your lunch. For further information, contact Dennis Hisgun, 348-5617.

There are weekly AA meetings at the Native American Center on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

The art department not only can provide recreation, but the staff are welcoming volunteers with artistic skills to share with neighborhood youth. Correctional clients are encouraged to participate. Contact Chris Spotted Eagle, 348-5607.

THE 1978 ANNUAL CENTRAL STATES CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 11-14. Direct inquiries to Alfred R. Bennett, General Chairman, P.O. Box 211, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. (317)839-7751.

There is a NEED FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the newsletter, legislation, continuum of services (Community Corrections Act), training, and standards and evaluation committees. Call MCCA office and join the action!

THERE IS A FLYER attached to this issue on a PERSONAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR opportunity. For more information call the MCCA office, 871-0221, Ext. 218.

MCCA COMMITTEE REPORTS

The first meeting of the MCCA TRAINING COMMITTEE was February 6, 1978. To continue developing goals and direction, the Committee needs a contact person in EACH Community Corrections Program to contact Gary Meitz, 348-4166 or Tom Christian, 871-0221, to establish training needs and publicize any upcoming training programs. Will the Director and/or a designated staff person who is interested in training PULEEZE contact us.

Several purposes of the Committee include: (1) Getting personal feedback on general and specific training needs of community corrections personnel; (2) Either identify resources where these needs may be met, and (3) Create training resources that do not exist to meet additional training needs.

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE of the MCCA met on February 2, 1978, at Portland House. The following concerns were discussed:

(S.F. 65) The Determinate Sentencing bill has again surfaced, and has been referred to a Conference Committee consisting of the following members: Senate - B. McCutcheon, J. Davies, B. Lewis, J. Keefe, J. Sikorski; House - A. Kempe, D. Moe, J. Arlandson, P. McCarron, R. Searle.

There are two bills dealing with battered women. (S.F. 1689 & H.S. 1904) and one which would empower police to step into a domestic situation with much more authority than they now possess.

Thomas Stoa has presented a bill which would extend work release to include education and treatment. The intent seems to be merely to extend the law to include what is already the practice. However, the bill does not define the population it is aimed toward, nor does it define education or treatment.

A bill the Department of Corrections may present, would change the wording of MN Statutes 1976, Section 241.021, Subdivision 1. The present law requires the Commissioner of Corrections to inspect all Correctional Facilities. The proposed revision would require the Commissioner to license and inspect all Correctional Facilities.

No date has been established for the next meeting of the Legislative Committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee contact Norbert J. Gernes at 331-1087.

STILL MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING

NOTES FROM THE SELF-CONCEPT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SKIP) -- A new workshop on guilt and anger for correctional clients will be conducted February 27, 1978, at the Bakery, 2603 Bloomington Avenue South. Any community corrections person interested in referring a client to the Guilt and Anger Workshop, contact Gloria VonDoehren - 721-6311. SKIP will be starting its regular Effective Living Workshop which runs for 18 weeks on or about March 1. If you are interested in referring a client to the Effective Living Workshop, contact Vic McCoy. 721-6311. SKIP will also be beginning a 10 session mini workshop on Effective Living at Portland House. Finally, SKIP has an invitation to all community corrections persons -- if any program or counselor desires a specific workshop designed for their clients, please contact one of the SKIP staff.

The Know Book is available at \$5.00 each from Ms. Cindy Drevlow, COMMUNITY PLANNING ORGANIZATION, 333 Sibley Street, St. Paul, MN. Phone: 291-8323. This book is a directory of 450 human service agencies in Ramsey, Dakota, and Washington counties.

If you are interested in being a member of the AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION (APPA) contact James O'Neill, Courthouse, Crookston, Minnesota 56716. Membership: \$5.00.

The MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF NASW is sponsoring a workshop, "Whatever Happened to Supervision?" on February 24, 1978, at the Minnesota Church Center, 122 West Franklin, Minneapolis. For further information including costs, contact NASW, Minnesota Chapter, 22 North Dale Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. Phone 226-8835.

MCCA is developing a group health plan through Mehus and Associates. The more programs that participate the lower our rates. Call Brenda Benton at 546-2111.

EVALUATION - Five more programs will participate in the MCCA evaluation system this year. Cost to the programs is \$500.00. Interested people call Tom Christian.

THE HENNEPIN COUNTY ADULT DETENTION FACILITY (Jail), COURT SERVICES and MCCA have a joint effort to screen potential community corrections resources.

The NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY is attempting to organize against the upsurge in certification of juveniles and adults in order to send them to adult correctional institutions. The Native American Community wishes to emphasize that this is contrary to Community Corrections philosophy and that it will result most frequently in certification of Native American youth. Already the institutions are over-represented by Native Americans: both adult and juvenile institutions. If you are interested in supporting this movement against certification, please contact BERYL BLOOM of the United Indian Group Homes, 2525 Park Avenue, Minneapolis. Phone: 371-4783.

ANISHINABE LONGHOUSE is offering a film slide and accompanying sound track for those programs which wish to use it for staff development.

The University of Minnesota VETERANS INCARCERATED PROGRAMS, 1633 Eustis Street, St. Paul, MN 55108, directed by Robert Sanko, have contacted veterans confined to local, state, and federal correctional institutions throughout Minnesota since 1975. This group of veterans represent nearly 40% of those confined within our state and now have access to assistance with discharge review, employment, educational counseling, chemical dependency, and other veteran related concerns. For information or assistance, call 376-5085.

THE ANOKA COUNTY HUBER PROGRAM has moved into recently remodeled space in the jail.

THE ANOKA COUNTY JAIL TREATMENT PROGRAM has moved into the second year of operation. Each inmate in the past year has become gainfully employed or enrolled as full time students.

THE TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM has professional people available from 71 countries who may work up to one year in our corrections programs. It is a great experience for staff and clients. For more information call -- Marilyn Belgum 373-4607.

MCCA would like to thank Chris Bray for serving as editor for the 1977 newsletter.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of BLACKS in CRIMINAL JUSTICE WILL BE held in Washington, D.C. at the Capital Hilton Hotel March 29-April 1, 1978. The theme is "Understanding, Consensus and Strategy for Change." For more information contact: Hallem H. Williams, Assistant Conference Coordinator, 1522 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. (202) 393-6040.

THE NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE is putting on a workshop on community residential treatment centers in Minneapolis, April 6-13, 1978. Address inquiries to Marty Frank, National Training Institute, P.O. Box 18258, Seattle, Washington 98118. (206) 722-2439. Expenses are paid by the Department of Justice.

MANKATO STATE UNIVERSITY is planning a five week community corrections credit course to be held this summer in the Twin Cities. For more information call Tom Christian at 871-0221, Ext. 218.

THE WHARTON SCHOOL OF STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT in CORRECTIONS in Philadelphia has invited Tom Christian to work with its staff in the development and effectiveness of the MCCA.

THE ENABLERS are holding workshops on Grantsmanship March 9 and 16 and Getting Groups to Work, March 22, 23, 24. To register, call Enablers 871-4994.

FUNDING TO DATE: The MCCA McKnight Grant was completed October 1, 1977. Since that time MCCA has received \$1,000 from the American Lutheran Church through the recommendation of Stan Kano from HIRED, \$2,000 from General Mills, \$5,000 from the Minneapolis Foundation, \$30,000 spread over 3 years from the Northwest Area Foundation and \$10,000 over 2 years on a to-be-matched grant from the St. Paul Foundation. This final grant means the programs have a real incentive to become program members because in 1978 the match is one dollar for every dollar raised and 1979 it is one dollar for every two dollars raised.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS will emphasize women's roles in Criminal Justice and special problems of women in its quarterly workshop Tuesday, March 21, at the Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Fee is \$6.00 payable to Corrections Seminar Fund, Jan Schwartz, Training Academy, 830 N.E. 2nd St., Mpls, MN 55413.

The 1978 MINNESOTA SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION Annual Conference will be held April 9-12 in Duluth.

MCCA Welcomes the following NEW MEMBERS

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| <i>Robert Sanko</i> - Veterans Incarcerated Program | <i>Judy Edwards</i> - Reentry Services |
| <i>Kenneth Schoen</i> - Commissioner of Corrections | <i>Sue Soller</i> , -) |
| <i>Marilyn Sanchey</i> - Hennepin County Court Services | <i>Richard Rye</i> -) Alpha House |
| <i>Derek Batley</i> - House of Icarus | <i>Steve Hesse</i> -) |
| <i>Spike Moss</i> - The New Way | <i>Dean Jensen</i> - Freedom House |
| <i>Sharen Southard</i> - Reachout Today | <i>Daniel Papin</i> - |
| <i>Roland Sullivan</i> - Minnesota Training Laboratories | <i>Bob Tift</i> - |
| <i>Barbara Knudson</i> - University of Minnesota | <i>Robert Roosen</i> - Brian Ruud International |
| <i>Daniel Cain</i> - Eden House | <i>Bonita Sibley</i> - |
| <i>Mark Sorenson</i> - Portland House | <i>Barbara Knudson</i> - University of Minnesota |

PATRON MEMBERSHIPS - \$50.00 or more

- Stan Kano*, HIRED
- Tom Christian*, MCCA

A MEMBERSHIP SLIP IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. If you are already a member of MCCA.

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THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER is putting on a SPRING CLINIC at the Miller Hospital - College Hall Amphitheater on March 9, at 7:00 P.M. on Juvenile Prostitution and Safe House and Juvenile Court. On March 23, at 7:00 P.M., the Clinic will put on workshops on Learning Disabilities and Street Drugs and Self Conflict. For more information call 291-8772.

The 1978 NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE CONFERENCE will be in Seattle, Washington April 3-8. For further information write NDAC '78, 200 Broadway, Seattle, Washington 98122 or call (206) 623-2466.

IMPRISONMENT AND THE DEATH PENALTY. March 31 - April 1, in Richmond, VA. Speakers will include Tom Wicker, Dr. Jerome Miller, William Nagel, Milton Rector, Rep. John Conyers and others. Contact: The National Moratorium on Prison Construction, 324 C St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003 (202/547-3633).

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