



MCCA HAPPENINGS

A MINNESOTA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION PUBLICATION to share ideas and resources

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Washington County Enters Community Corrections Act

On July 1, 1978, Washington County became one of over 20 counties in the state to enter the Community Corrections Act since its passage by the Minnesota Legislature in '73.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners gave their approval to apply for admission into the Act at their May meeting, after receiving the comprehensive plan and recommendations submitted by the Community Corrections Advisory Board. The Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan was the product of one years work by the Advisory Board. The Comprehensive Plan provides for the following:

1. Washington County Department of Court Services was renamed Department of Community Corrections.
2. Bodo Suenig, MCCA member and Court Services Director, became the Director of the Department of Community Corrections. The County will receive \$257,000 as a state Community Corrections subsidy from the state for the remainder of 1978.
3. Under the Act, Washington County will pay per diem costs for commitments of juveniles to state institutions and the commitments of adults whose offenses carry confinement sentences under five years.
4. The County will also be expected to provide parole and probation services to adults. State parole agents will be transferred to County employment to fulfill this function for adults.
5. Of the total state subsidy, 5% must be allocated for evaluation and 5% must be allocated for training.
6. The Community Corrections Advisory Board is responsible for developing the annual comprehensive plan. Each year the plan will be presented to the board of County Commissioner for review and approval. After the plan has been accepted, it is further reviewed by the Department of Corrections and when approved, moneys will be allocated to Washington County.

The Community Corrections Act provides that any county can withdraw from the Act upon 90 days notice to the Department of Corrections.

Washington County now can allocate funds for clients to be diverted to more community-based programs.

Program Happenings

The SELF-CONCEPT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM is beginning its Effective Living Workshop at the Shakopee Institution for Women on 8-29-78. Also, by 9-18-78, SCIP will be offering a Community Effective Living Workshop and an Anger Workshop. Community Corrections persons interested in referring clients to either or both of these workshops or needing additional information should contact Vic McCoy or Gloria VonDohren at 721-6311.

THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL is beginning action to revise their Law and Justice Developmental Guide Chapter which was originally developed in 1973. Recognizing that there have been many changes in the Criminal Justice System in the last five years, the revision will be looking at new long-range plans and implementation strategy. In July, the Metropolitan Council held a seminar to look at several of their human services policies. The Corrections Policy group was led by MCCA member, Doctor Barbara Chester. The Metropolitan Council now hopes to have a preliminary long-range policy plan by December of this year. Already, the Council has recognized the need to respond to jail projects since the courts are using the jails more and more and there is an obvious lack of social services to meet their increased use. Other areas to be considered will be long-term legislative proposals to continue to upgrade the Criminal Justice System in Minnesota. The Council is also looking at annual meetings to keep their implementation strategies up-to-date and to maintain their effectiveness. For those wishing further information such as the existing Law and Justice Development Guide Chapter or those wishing input to the Council's new directions, contact: John McGough, telephone - 291-6388.

THE MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS has four vacancies. Native American residents of the City of Minneapolis and suburbs who are at least 16 years of age are eligible to apply. You may submit your name in writing to the administrative office, 1530 E. Franklin Ave. Mpls, 55404; Plan to attend the next board meeting on August 16.

CHEMICAL ABUSE SERVICE AGENCY (CASA) has recently added the following groups to their bilingual/bicultural program: Every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m., Pre-teen Chemical Awareness. Every Saturday night from 7-8 p.m., Open House, Community Night.

The CRIME VICTIM CRISIS CENTERS sponsored by the Correctional Service of Minnesota has been awarded \$84,296.00 from the Minn. Department of Corrections.

The VETERANS INCARCERATED PROGRAMS announces the relocation of the University of Minnesota Veterans Resource Center. Effective September 1, 1978 the new location will be 2020 Minnehaha Ave., Mpls, MN 55404. We expect the phone number to remain the same: 376-5085. The new facilities will house Veterans Incarcerated Programs, the Employment and Manpower office and the Discharge Review Service. The educational element of the Veterans Resource Center will remain in Williamson Hall, room 240, on the Minneapolis campus, University of Minnesota. We remind MCCA members our services are available to all veteran clients and cover all veteran related concerns.

The child care program at PROJECT ELAN was fully implemented in September 1977. When women reach the latter part of 2nd phase or 3rd phase, their children may join them in residence at Project Elan. Exceptions are made for new born infants, who may be allowed to reside at Elan prior to a mother's reaching the end of second phase. A total of 18 adults and 6 children may reside at Elan at any one time. For further information, contact Sue Provo, child care coordinator, or Marilyn Martinson, director, at 331-4110.

THE ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, COURT AND FIELD SERVICES STAFF, VOLUNTEERS IN CORRECTIONS, AND WARREN PETERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS will now be located at 404 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55802.

Dear Community Corrections Co-workers:

We have confirmed a meeting with the Sentencing Guidelines Commission representatives for August 23 at 1 p.m. at 2414 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, the Centrum Room. Flyers have been mailed out for you to post.

The MCA Fall Conference is October 24-26 at the Minneapolis Downtown Holiday Inn. MCCA is co-chairing the resource fair display. Any program wishing to have a table to display brochures, pictures, etc. give me a call (871-0221 Ext. 218). We will be putting on two workshops at the conference.

The University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Management had to change their time for coming to work with the MCCA. They will now be in town August 30-31. If you want to help us develop ideas on our state-wide plan, join us.

The International Halfway House Association is featuring Dr. Margaret Mead at its pre ACA conference workshop August 17-20 in Portland, Oregon.

We are now in contact with the Halfway House Federation of Wisconsin and exchange newsletters with them. We have also been asked by programs in Ohio to give them information on the MCCA because they are interested in starting an association.

Congratulations to Corrections Commissioner Kenneth F. Schoen on his appointment by President Carter to the National Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The Minneapolis Star newspaper articles on Halfway houses August 2, 1978, drew a fairly objective picture of some of our programs. The two lead articles were well done. The two articles in the second section were poor and made average neighborhood residents look like they are not informed, involved, or knowledgeable. The reports were shallow in program depth and weak in assessing community involvement.

The Hennepin County Conference on Sentencing Alternatives for Minority Offenders is scheduled for November 16-17. Planning meetings are now taking place. If you are interested in working on this call Richard Draves (296-3557) or Tom Christian (871-0221 Ext. 218).

See you on the 23rd!

Tom

Tom Christian,
Director, MCCA

MCCA UPDATE

William Henschel has volunteered to represent MCCA, on September 5, 1978, before the Minnesota State Supreme Court as a friend of the court on an equal protection case being presented by the Wilder Foundation against Washington County.

Briefly, Washington County Board of Commissioners refused to pay for a client the court ordered to a residential program because they were not in the Community Corrections Act. Our position was described in detail in the March/April 1978 MCCA newsletter. We believe that corrections clients be given an equal opportunity to be diverted to available community based resources and that counties should take responsibility for payment. This is the reason for the Community Corrections Act.

People Happenings

DAVID WHITNEY, Education Division Director at Correctional Service of Minnesota, has accepted a new position for West Publishing Company. During the past eight years, David has developed a library of over 1300 films, teaching units, cassette tapes, a newsletter, and a program of teacher training.

EDEN HOUSE is in desperate need of an operable van or station wagon for the program. Any donation, however, will be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible. Please call Dan Cain at 338-0723.

LORRAINE TEEL, Director of Eden Rehabilitation and Treatment Facility, Inc., was recently elected to the Board of Directors of THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES OF AMERICA, an international organization which represents many therapeutic communities.

DAN CAIN was granted a pardon extraordinary by the Governor at the July pardon hearings.

DIANE AISENBRAV, who has contributed to the growth of community corrections in the twin cities area for the past several years, will be leaving the area and moving to Kenyon, Minnesota. Most recently, Diane worked with Enablers. We will miss Diane, but extend to her our best wishes for her future.

STAN HUBER of Anoka County Court Services recently underwent a triple coronary bypass. He is recovering well but has not returned to work yet.

RONALD HUNTER is the researcher and administrative analyst for the OMBUDSMAN for the Department of Corrections replacing Randall Halverson. He can be reached at 296-4500.

JOHN POUPART has been unanimously elected as chairperson of the Minneapolis Community Action Agency Administering Board.

CAROL SKRADSKI has left the Metropolitan Council and is now working as an adult P.O. for Henn. County Court Services.

BRENDA KEITH has resigned her position as Senior Counselor with the GENESIS II project for women to enter graduate school in California. She will be replaced by IRENE ANDERSSON, a TWIN CITIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM exchange professional. Ms. Andersson, a probation officer from Stockholm, Sweden, has just completed an internship with Hennepin County Adult Court Services and will remain with GENESIS II through June, 1979.

KATHY CONNOLLY will also be returning to school for her MSW at the University of Minnesota. She will remain at GENESIS II half time sharing her counseling responsibilities with CONNIE CLAWSON, currently a counselor and welfare advocate with the University of Minnesota Help Center. Ms. Clawson will join the GENESIS II staff October 1, 1978.

DALE HANSON, formerly St. Paul Regional Director of the American Heart Association, is the new coordinator of the MINNEAPOLIS CRIME VICTIM CRISIS CENTER.

RICHARD WILLIAMS, Executive Director of ReEntry Services, was recently re-elected Chairman and President of PRODIGAL HOUSE, INC. Prodigal House is a therapeutic community serving veterans. Dick is a MCCA board member.

THE TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF WOMEN OFFENDERS IN THE MINNESOTA CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM has recommended that the Dept. of Corrections provide a full range of services to women offenders at state and local levels. Also that a permanent advisory board for women offenders be established, and a high level position be developed in the Department which would be responsible for planning, programming and advocacy on behalf of women offenders. Commissioner Schoen is reviewing the proposal.

MCCA GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM: For Group Health Insurance contact Brenda Benton; 861-2206. For Tax Annuity Plan call Steve Burk; 546-2111.

Committee Reports

CONTINUUM OF SERVICES COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - TOM LAWSON

The Continuum of Services Committee has met on several occasions to complete work on a questionnaire to be used in developing a list of community programs state-wide. The plan is to use the data to develop a directory for use by members, referring agencies, individuals and funding organizations.

At its last meeting the committee decided to recommend to the Board of Directors that grant funds be sought so that costs and personnel time do not come from our limited budget and to assure a high quality product.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - DICK KAUFMAN

We hope the readers notice our name, layout and format change and approve.

Our next issue of MCCA HAPPENINGS will be distributed Oct. 15. Therefore, all articles and "happenings" should be submitted no later than Oct. 4. To facilitate communication with the Newsletter, a committee member has been assigned each community program. If your program has not been contacted, please call Dick Kaufman at 339-1165 and arrangements can be made.

Also, in each issue we are looking to highlight a program and/or problem of interest to us in Community Corrections. Primarily we will be emphasizing programs that are new, redeveloped or underexposed.

Special acclaim is in order for KAROLE WILLIAMS who designed the newsletter banner and was instrumental in doing the layout.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN - NORB GERNES

The chairman met with the MCA Legislative Committee. Norb will be bringing information from the meeting to the MCCA Legislative Committee for coordination of MCA and MCCA legislative strategies.

MCCA Takes a Stand

The Hennepin County Public Defenders office's Dispositional Advisor Program was given special preference before the Corrections Advisory Board. The CAB is developing a process and procedure for programs wishing to receive county funding. This was bypassed in this instance. MCCA feels the Dispositional Advisor Program is a good program but is it as high a priority as GENESIS II, Freedom House, 180 Degrees and others? We don't think so. These programs have proven themselves as valuable Hennepin County resources. MCCA feels all programs should be given equal opportunity to present a proposal and seek a county contract. This position was stated at the CAB meetings on July 26 and August 2, but board members chose to ignore the MCCA stand and voted the program high priority. We hope this is not a sign of future CAB action.

EVALUATION AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: JIM BROWN

Five programs are presently working on a one to one basis with Mike McKinney of Walker & Associates Evaluation Systems. The programs are developing the uniform, three-part MCCA evaluation system.

MCCA is working with Dick Sherman of Hennepin County in finalizing standards for its community corrections programs.

MCCA is ready to work with the Department of Corrections in the process of developing rules for licensing residential facilities.

The General Accounting Office has just issued a bruising critique of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's efforts to evaluate the programs it funds. Its overall conclusion is that LEAA and the states are not clear whether they are any further along in knowing which specific program and project strategies have been successful and which have not.

- (C.J. Newsletter 7-31-78)

TRAINING/CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS

THE FOURTH NATIONAL VICTIM SERVICES CONFERENCE is to be held August 27-30 at the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis. Designed to bring together scholars, service providers, agents of the criminal justice system, human service personnel, volunteers, and other interested persons. The purpose of the conference is to provide a national forum within which to exchange ideas and information concerning victim assistance. The conference hopes to promote better understanding and firmer commitments from the involved citizens and the disciplinary community.

A sidelight of victim services: a national crime victim compensation program would cost anywhere from \$144 to \$261 million dollars per year depending on the eligibility requirements and the extent of benefits.

THE PERSONAL (self) MANAGEMENT SEMINAR will again be offered to MCCA members at a reduced rate. The course is normally \$85.00 but to MCCA members it is \$55.00. This includes all materials. Topics covered are: Stress Awareness; Respiration/Awareness; Relaxation/Meditation; Programming Your Mind and Stretchersizes. The next class will be September 16 and 17. Registration deadline is September 8. To register and for additional information call 871-0221, Ext. 218. (A free introduction (information) meeting is at 7:45 p.m. on September 6 at 640 East Grant Street.)

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MAWCJ) will host its second annual membership meeting at the Thunderbird Motel on Wednesday, September 20. MAWCJ member Rosalie Wahl, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice, will be the guest speaker. Social hour begins at 5:00 with a dinner at 6:30. Contact Myrna Mauer at 296-3820 or (612) 352-2296 for reservations.

MAWCJ will present a workshop on "Women Behind Bars - the Impact in Minnesota" at the MCA conference on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Panelists will discuss the impact of the rise in female crime on our local jails and penal institutions. (See MCA bulletin)

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE STAFF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM is offering courses: for undergraduates, graduates at adult special status, graduates accepted into a graduate program, and for continuing education or non-degree purposes. For further information: call 373-9921 and ask for Pat.

A workshop entitled "ORGANIZING FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT" will be offered on August 31, 9-5 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church. This will explore the pressures and trends affecting community organizing efforts for human services programs and issues. Cost: \$25.00. Call ENABLERS at 871-4994 for registration.

Happenings Continued

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA Board of Directors has issued a position paper based on a staff report by Dr. Lance R. Wilson and a committee chaired by Helen S. Rusten. Ten recommendations were made concluding that: our community must respond more effectively to the sex offender. Several recommendations were for increased communication and coordination between agencies working with sex offenders; a demonstration program for the treatment of incarcerated sex offenders; improved data collection; systematic program evaluation; and further research efforts to study the nature of sex offenders and the causes of their behavior.

COMMITTEES NEED HELP!

Turnovers on committees each year create a need for new committee participation. If you would like to become more involved call our office (871-0221 Ext. 21) and we can assign you to a committee of your choice. Our effectiveness depends on your interest.

Project New Day

PROJECT NEW DAY, a non-residential community program for adult male offenders, opens September 1st, at the Minnesota Church Center Building, 122 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis. New Day will provide education and assistance with living skills, such as money management, food purchasing and preparation, use of the city's resources, use of leisure time, and other survival skills.

MCCA members Blanche Stalvig and Janet Court are administrators of the program. Referrals to New Day can be made by the probation department, corrections agents and officials, and halfway houses.

A special component for the minority offender will be in operation and receive special assistance from minority community members in business and professional fields. This component will help the minority clients to better overcome and encounter the effects of individual and institutional racism that they face in addition to their label of "offender".

New Day is based on the concept that community corrections is effective only when the community is involved with the offender and is working together with the offender and the criminal justice professionals in providing services from the business and professional community.

Father Stan Sledz and Dr. Thomas Schmid, also MCCA members, are on the Board of Directors of New Day.

Watch for details on a benefit theater party at the Cricket Theater for New Day, Tuesday, October 24th, in future MCCA publications.

THE WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM'S (WIN) PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PLAN (PSE) - AVAILABLE TO HELP PROVIDE EXTENDED SERVICES TO PUBLIC OR NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

The Work Incentive Program (WIN) is a specialized job service component of the Minn. Dept. of Economic Security. Its objective is to help people on Aid to Families with Dependent Children get jobs. As a result of WIN/PSE unemployed workers get jobs and public agencies get additional staff at no initial salary cost to them. An agency is eligible if it is a governmental agency or a private non-profit organization. The WIN/PSE program will provide 100% funding for each job, up to \$12,000 of wages and fringe benefits, per year. These jobs which usually are funded for 6-12 months, must be new positions. The salary must be similar to other jobs of like duties and offer equal working conditions as other salaried employees enjoy, also the new position must conform with merit system or union agreement which may cover your agency. To insure continuation of the expanded services provided by the new employee, the employer must also agree to provide permanent employment after the WIN funding ends, unless circumstances beyond the control of the employer occur. This requires that there be a definite plan for funding the position from another source upon termination of the contract.

In the metro area the following persons specialize in assisting employers with WIN/PSE jobs: Anoka, Hennepin, Scott and Carver Counties call, Judie Wicka 348-8146; Dakota County call, Nancy Stoffel 455-2271; Ramsey County call, Laura Turner 298-5162; Washington County call, John Hennem 439-6886.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS -
Individual members

Douglas Victor, Bremer House

Marilyn L. Ulik, M & R IV

Kyle A. Maser, Correctional Counselor

Hee Kwan Lee, Community Corrections-
Research

Barbara Emer, 180 Degrees, Inc.

Rita G. Bagley, Ramsey County Communit,
Corrections

Cheryl Upton, 180 Degrees, Inc.

Lance R. Wilson, Correctional Service of
Minnesota

Lemuel Brown III, 180 Degrees, Inc.

Sharon Clark Nielsen, Northside Court
Services

Jean Thews, 6W Community Corrections

Rev. John Gilmore, St. Paul Area Council
of Churches

Janet Court, New Day

Rev. Fred Hueners, St. Paul Area Council
of Churches

Rev. Joan Conrad, St. Paul Area Council
of Churches

PROGRAM MEMBERS

SPONSORING MEMBER

Prodigal House Inc.

Hennepin County Court Services

Nexus, Inc.

We have enclosed a membership application with this newsletter. If you are NOT a member of MCCA - or have NOT RENEWED for 1978 - we encourage you to do so. If you already are a member, please share the application with someone who is not. Your membership is tax deductible.

REMEMBER, the St. Paul Foundation is matching our dues dollar for dollar.

JOIN US NOW!

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