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MCCA

Minnesota Community Corrections Association

Programs to be Upgraded

One of the Federal Prison System's major goals in community corrections for the next five years is to increase the quality of community programs provided to inmates, according to Gerals M. Farkas, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Prisons.

Farkas spoke at the June 1 National Training Institute's Management seminar at Gaithersburg, Maryland. The Institute is sponsored by the International Halfway House Association and led by LEAA.

Measures being taken by the Bureau of Prisons to improve these programs involve revising contracting procedures and statements of work for contract community treatment centers, increased emphasis on monitoring contracts and better training both for contractors and for Bureau Community Program officers.

The Bureau also has become

Crime Rises

Reported crime increased a great deal in Minnesota last year, according to the Department of Public Safety of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Violent crimes saw the greatest increase from 1978. Robbery increased 10 percent, aggravated assault went up by 29 percent and rape increased 9 percent.

More than \$39 million in property was lost due to robbery, larceny or burglary in 1979. More than \$2.5 million was lost as a result of arson.

For more information on the rate of crime, you may call Stephen Gustafson at the Crime Control Planning Board. His number is: 296-7822.

involved in the formation of the Forum on Community Corrections. Organized in April, the Forum consists of representatives of the Federal Prison System's Community Program branch, the International Halfway House Association and the community at large.

Meetings of the Forum will be

held semi-annually to coincide with the American Correctional Association's annual and mid-Winter meetings.

The Forum's first action will be to send a survey questionnaire to community corrections workers to gather information on issues, problems, training needs and similar concerns.

Welcome, Myrle

MCCA has a new business manager -- Myrle Mackenzie.

She comes to MCCA with experience in a wide range of fields. Mackenzie has been director of a community correctional program in North Minneapolis and a trainer for women's education programs with Anoka County.

Among many other things, Mackenzie has owned and operated a restaurant and has chaired the Board of the Blaisdell Women's Health Club for three years.

"I feel the organization was very fortunate to be able to hire someone with Myrle's background," said Jim Brown, Chair of the MCCA Board of Director's. "I'm positive that her background will be invaluable in helping MCCA carry out its goals."

Mackenzie has been in the job since the middle of June and said she feels it's a very worthwhile endeavor. "I think that MCCA is a viable organization and there's a real need in the professional community for an organization that actively supports the needs of the programs and professionals working in the programs," she said. "There have been many other associations that have tried to address



MYRLE MACKENZIE

the needs of the corrections profession and MCCA is succeeding."

Her biggest plan as business manager of the MCCA? "To get more professionals involved and to actively make available to the programs more information on MCCA's activities to enable each program to take full advantage of the MCCA," she said.

LETTERS

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR YOU!!!

The Happenings is beginning a new "Letters to the Editor" column.

If you have any good things to say about corrections or if you have any gripes you've always wanted known, write us a letter!

Letters will be printed subject to availability of space.

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The opinions expressed in the Happenings are those of the contributing writers. Readers are encouraged to respond to the contents of this newsletter and to write on topics of interest to its readers. The staff reserves the right to edit submitted articles. Copy deadline is the 25th of odd-numbered months.

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It's Here... MCCA Directory

The new MCCA Corrections Directory/ State Guide to Community Based Correctional Services, is now being mailed out.

The directory contains a list of community-based correctional services and their offerings as well as lists of Victim Resources, Correctional Institutions, Adult Probation and Parole Offices and Corrections Organizations.

If you'd like one, send a check or money order to MCCA. The cost is \$5 for MCCA members and \$7.50 for nonmembers. An individual MCCA membership is \$10 so you can get both for \$15!!

Correction

The article concerning the new Petit theft therapy program (Remand Offers Petit Theft Therapy) in the May/June issue of the Happenings, may have been misleading. The headline should have read "Ramsey County Probation and Project Remand Offer Petit Theft Therapy Program.)

Although the program is sponsored by Ramsey County Probation, it is a joint effort of Probation and Project Remand. Ramsey County Probation is responsible for the major financial support of the program other than staff.

New Policy

The MCCA has instituted a new policy. Unless you've renewed your membership, you won't be receiving the Happenings again.

HELP US OUT!

The MCCA is interested in having better communications with and about activities of Community Corrections Act counties, specifically those related to planning, training, research and funding.

If you are an MCCA member -- or intend to become one -- and you have information about the activities of the CAB in your area, we would be interested in hearing from you on a regular basis.

Please send your comments to: Maggie Kaeter, MCCA, 1025 Portland Ave. So., 55404.

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Membership Drive Kick-Off

August 1st was the kick-off for the MCCA Membership Drive. All current members are encouraged to promote new members and to renew their 1980 memberships.

MCCA operating as a professional organization is essential for the community corrections field.

MCCA is able to:

- 1) Provide a network to identify the needs of programs and professionals;
- 2) Provide legislators and public agencies information on program needs directly from service providers;
- 3) Promote community corrections as an integral and continuing part of the human service process wherever it functions in the Criminal Justice system.

MCCA's philosophy is one of sharing information, providing access to resources, and actively working with programs to offer positive alternatives to incarceration.

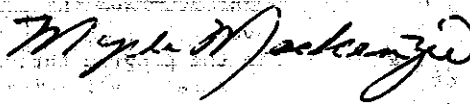
MCCA's professional organization offers the professionals a place to work together and acts as a forum to explore and test new ideas.

- Training programs are available
- Conferences are being planned
- Group insurance plans are available
- Technical assistance is available

These services are available to members and I encourage you to utilize MCCA's resources.

For further information, call 375-9788.

"Sharing Information & Working Together"



Myrle Mackenzie
Business Manager, MCCA

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NAME: _____
PROGRAM/AGENCY: _____
WORK ROLE: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
ADDRESS SHOWN IS: _____ HOME _____ WORK _____ ZIP: _____

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$10 _____ new _____ renewed
INDIVIDUAL SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP: \$25
INDIVIDUAL PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50
PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP: \$100
PROGRAM SPONSORING MEMBERSHIP: \$300

Hired Initiates PJP

Minneapolis H.I.R.E.D. initiated a Partners for Jobs Program (PJP) on June 16, 1980, with financial assistance from the Minneapolis Private Industry Council.

Rather than provide training for a new career, PJP assists CETA-eligible clients in obtaining employment by upgrading present and past career skills.

PJP can assist up to 60 clients with 15 people per three-week workshop.

The workshop is divided into two parts. In the first half, participants learn work-coping skills such as an orientation to the world of work, occupational self-assessment, organizing for a job search, interviewing skills and resume writing.

During the last week of the workshop clients contact prospective employers, arrange their own interviews, and hopefully end up employed.

For more information, contact Jane Foster at 348-8560.

Newbridge Ends First Year

The Newbridge program soon will celebrate its first year of existence.

The program, which opened in August 1979, has seen nearly 60 clients in its safe shelter and residential programs.

Newbridge is a program for young women involved in prostitution. Any woman between the ages of 14 and 20 may enter the program at any time on a 48-hour crisis basis. She is given food, clothing and safe shelter for 48 hours. Only vital information such as medical problems, is given to the staff.

At the end of the 48 hours, each young woman has the choice of remaining in the program for the residential segment. This lasts approximately three months.

If the woman decides to leave no questions are asked and she is told she may return whenever she likes.

Those who choose to remain in the program make a commitment to examine the alternative behaviors to prostitution. This is done through learning daily living skills, vocational and educational training, household responsibilities, self-esteem work, group and individual therapy, family counseling, and a

Video Library Planned

The Alcohol/Drug Abuse program at the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility is planning to develop a videotape library of community resources for presentation to ACF inmates. The first step of this effort will be to videotape in-patient alcohol/drug treatment facilities with a large number of referrals from the Adult Corrections Facility. For more information, contact Jonathon Williams, Supervisor of ADA/PT at 473-7001.

warm, supportive work environment.

At the end of the three months (the average stay), the young woman may leave the facility. However, she remains deeply involved in the program through aftercare.

Aftercare involves frequent contact with a member of the Outreach team, with help developing living skills and support systems.

Former clients are always welcome to return to Newbridge for a visit, a crisis stay or reentry into the residential program.

For more information about the program and its services, call 824-0711 at any time of the day.

Indian Center Completes Drug Education

The St. Paul Indian Center recently completed a 12-week drug education and prevention session at the St. Cloud Correctional Facility.

The turn out was excellent and a follow-up is tentatively planned. For more information contact Don Goodwin at 776-8592.

Southside Services

Services are available for mentally retarded offenders in Minneapolis. Southside Services offers such services as advocacy, information and referral, crisis intervention, short term non-therapeutic counseling, recreational activities and group counseling.

Current groups also include chemical dependency and rape and sexual assault counseling.

Fall classes will include driver's education for low level or non-readers and an adult low-level reading program.

Support services include making application to appropriate financial assistance programs, housing and referral for vocational training.

Southside Services was set up because the rights of the retarded offender are often non-intentionally violated when they don't understand the process or choices available to them. Southside Services assists the client to ensure that he or she understands what is required before, during and after the court process.

All of the services are tailored to fit the intellectual functioning of the mentally retarded person.

For more information and a more complete list of their services, call or write Southside Services, Inc, 2830 Cedar Ave., Mpls., MN 55407. Phone 721-1696.

ADAPT Continues

Although Project Intercept under Granville House will now be doing adolescent assessments, ADAPT will continue to perform Chemical Dependency assessments for adults referred by family court in Ramsey County.

Breakaway

Breakaway is the name of the after-care group for alcoholics who are caught in the system of welfare/ crime/ poor living conditions and find it hard to change life styles.

Separate groups are held for men and women on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at 1800 Chicago Ave. South, Minneapolis. For more information contact Dean Lattin at 347-6169.

Program Happenings

MEET...

Lad Sledz

I have been employed by Hennepin County as the Chemical Dependency Placement Coordinator for the past year.

In essence, I function as a resource person regarding chemical dependency treatment programs. This includes inpatient as well as outpatient programs; short-term and long-term programs; therapeutic communities, halfway houses, and other ancillary services such as diagnosis, interventions, treatment for "concerned others," aftercare, etc.

I also refer to chemical dependency treatment programs for individuals with special needs such as those for Blacks, American Indians, Chicanos, the mentally retarded, the mentally ill, the brain damaged, lesbians, gays, Christian-oriented programs, etc.

For the most part, the programs I am familiar with (over 90) are located around Minneapolis and St. Paul and their surrounding suburbs. I do visit a handful of programs outside this area as well, though.

To stay familiar with programs and keep updated regarding any changes that may occur, I visit them, talk with staff and residents, and if permitted, will sit in on portions of the programs. I make these site visits from two to four times per year, depending on the program.

I do not get involved in the diagnosis or evaluation of clients and their needs. This is done by AID (in Hennepin County) or a variety of other sources.

When I am consulted, it already has been determined that the individual is chemically dependent and there is at least some idea of the type of treatment that would be appropriate (be that inpatient, out-patient, short-term, long-term, etc.). At that point I will try to fit the appropriate program to the client's needs.

I handle referrals for children as well as adults and I am available to anyone for consultation. I work out of the Adult and Child Placement Unit in the Community Services Department.

If you have any questions, you can call me at 348-2268.

LEAA Unclear

from the CCPB NETWORK

Congressional budget conferees have met and compromised on a \$613.3 billion budget, but the fate of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) is still unclear.

Included in that figure is authorization for the expenditure of \$4.2 billion for law enforcement and justice.

This category is comprised of the budgets for the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Federal Court System, Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Legal Services Corp.

Despite House and Senate agreement on the overall budget figure, a difference of interpretation exists on whether funds for the juvenile justice and LEAA programs were included.

Even if the conferees have agreed on a \$4.2 billion ceiling for law enforcement and justice, it is the appropriations committees of both bodies that actually decide the level of funding for specific programs.

The House and Senate must pass a budget resolution that reconciles appropriations actually made with the federal budget. This will occur by Sept. 15.

Dances

Teamhouse has a chemically free dance and open house the third Saturday of every month. Special rates are available to other halfway houses for these dances if arrangements are made ahead of time. Call 291-2800.

Passage Changes

Passage, the Hennepin County treatment program for families with youth who have drug-related problems, is establishing a unique approach to treatment.

Rather than labeling the adolescent as dependent, the focus is on the family as a system. By restructuring family dynamics, the coach hopes to reduce acting out drug use and prevent similar problems in other children in the family.

The program currently is working on a video tape of the approach for training purposes.

VRC Offers OJT

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) would like community corrections workers to be aware of a program available to veteran clients.

Those who are ready for entry into employment often need training and the VRC deals quite effectively with that need. While not a new program, on-the-job training is useful for veterans having an interest and ability in a particular field.

Because the veteran's wages are partially paid by the VA, employers are especially receptive to this program.

For more information, call job developer Dick Houde at 376-5084.

Copier for Sale: 3-M 209 automatic copier -- \$600. Call Farris Bell, Women Helping Offenders at 824-0741.

Walt Retires

Walt Thompson retired from his job as a counselor at the Hennepin County Residential Treatment Center on July 16.

Walt started with the "Pioneer House" program in 1970 and made the switch when the program moved into Minneapolis.

RTC staff will miss "the man with the screwdrivers" who could fix anything around the building.

SORRY

Dave Conde wrote the article about Project Remand (Project Remand Offers Petit Theft Therapy Group) in the May/June issue of the Happenings.

Dave is a counselor II at Project Remand and we greatly appreciated his addition to the newsletter.

Again, thank you Dave and we're sorry about the mix up.

In-service Luncheon Successful



by CHRIS PETERSON

An in-service luncheon for adult and juvenile probation officers was held May 28. The event, sponsored by the Exchange Program, attracted more than 65 probation officers as well as several judges.

A panel made a presentation to the audience stressing the fine services the Exchange Program offers chemically dependent corrections clients. The key to effective casework, the panel members stressed, is the concerted efforts of all members of the treatment team.

With the high cost of inpatient chemical dependency treatment, low cost, effective outpatient treatment is becoming more of a necessity rather than just an option, the panel concluded.

The Exchange Program provides just such a resource, the panel members concurred.

EMPLOYMENT HAPPENINGS

An opening is available for a full-time corrections counselor experienced in working with ex-offenders or the chemically dependent. Possibly, education may be substituted for experience.

If chemically dependent, a minimum of one year of being chemically free is required. Contact Robbie Robinson or Barb Emer at 180 Degrees. Phone 870-7227.

The Lino Lakes Sex Offender Treatment Program has an opening for a Senior Corrections Agent.

The person in this position will provide individual and group counseling.

Interested senior corrections agents should contact Bert Mohs at Lino Lakes, as soon as possible. 786-2800.

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MCA Schedules Annual Event

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) will hold its annual conference at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Minneapolis from Wednesday, November 5 to Friday, November 7, 1980.

The theme of the conference is: "The 1980's -- A Challenge to Tradition in Corrections."

There will be workshops concerning chemical dependency, crime victims and treatment of juvenile offenders as well as many others. Keynote speakers include Jim Clauseen, Anthony Bouze and Alex Schauss who will speak on the interrelationship of biochemistry and criminology.

Anyone interested in attending the conference may call Gene Glass at 721-6327.

National CJ Volunteers to Meet

The National Association on Volunteers in Criminal Justice will present its tenth annual forum in Minneapolis on Oct. 12 - 15, 1980.

Four major nationally based volunteer organizations will

Training Happenings

meet simultaneously for training seminars, workshops and to hear speakers.

For more information, contact Angelo Rulli, 740 American Center Building, 150 E/ Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101.

Victimology Conference

The First World Congress of Victimology will be offered in Washington D.C. on August 20 - 24, 1980 at the Shoreham Hotel.

Registration is \$175 or \$75 for one day.

The Congress is open to all persons working in the field of victimology. Papers will be presented and awards will be given.

For more information, contact the Organizing Committee at 108A Columbus St., Alexandria VA 22314 or phone 703/549-7694.

Training for Trainers

MCCA will be sponsoring a training for trainers workshop for the Chemical Dependency/ Criminal Justice interface, on August 22, 1980 at Augsburg College.

If you'd like to attend, call or write the MCCA offices as soon as possible. There's limited space but MCCA members will be given first priority.

EXCHANGE EXPANDS

The Exchange Out-Patient services of Granville House Inc. has again expanded its services.

The program now offers an intensive Drugs and Youth (D.A.Y.) program for adolescents experiencing alcohol and drug related problems.

Focus: Needs Of Female Offender

The First International Training Conference to Meet the Needs of the Female Offender will be conducted from October 12 - 14, 1980 in Pittsburgh.

The conference is designed to focus solely on the female offender, her needs and how community programmers and correctional officers can better meet those needs.

The conference will be divided into two tracks. The purpose of the Community Programmer's Track is to help professionals develop programs that encourage independence and self-sufficiency in women offenders.

The purpose of the Correctional Officer's Track is to explore the role of the correctional officer in a prison for women. Effective

communication and the ability to avoid a potential crisis are central skills to the correctional officer's effective performance.

For more information on the conference, contact the Training Conference Coordinator, 1318 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15219. Phone 412/281-7380.

CD/CJ Interface

MCCA will be sponsoring two more Chemical Dependency/ Criminal Justice workshops.

The workshops are three-day interfaces between the two sectors. A 433 page manual with much valuable information is provided.

The interface structure recently has been made more Minnesota specific and has received very good comments from past participants. The trainers are Dan Cain and Reed Vings.

In St. Cloud, it will be offered September 9 - 11. In Anoka, it will be offered Oct. 7 - 9.

For more information or if you'd like to attend either, write or call the MCCA office.

Remember...

**We're at 1025 Portland Ave. S.
375-9788**

"THE PLANNING FOR A NEW CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE DEFEAT OF THE BONDING BILL."

"WE DO NOT HAVE EQUAL PROGRAMMING FOR WOMEN--WE NEED TO DEVELOP MORE."

Commissioner Jack Young
MCA Conference 5/6/80

NEWSLETTER

Dale Fisher (348-4293)

New people seem to bring new excitement and interest to any group or endeavor. The Happenings staff welcomes Gene Glass to our committee. Gene joined the staff at the Volunteers of America as a case manager on June 2. (We again thank VOA director Bill Nelson for his continuing support of the MCCA by making time available for his staff.)

Gene comes with experience in VISTA and a half-way house for adult felons in Georgia. He also has worked in the St. Paul schools.

There is room on the newsletter crew for anyone interested in working with a group of neat people and stretching their journalistic wings -- no experience necessary.

For those of you who have some exciting ideas or controversial beefs, the Happenings is your outlet. Submit any letters or articles to the MCCA office.

PLANNING

A planning committee has been formed to review the MCCA's by-laws and articles of incorporation. They are working on redefining the Board structure, the duties of the officers, the types of boards and the election and replacement of members.

Committee Happenings

STANDARDS AND EVALUATION

Barb Chester (255-4101)

A copy of Diane Harrington's report on the data collection and evaluation systems within six adult community corrections programs, is available for a minimal charge. If you'd like a copy, call the MCCA office.

LEGISLATIVE

Norb Gernes (331-1087)

The legislative committee is working on the issues defined in the May/June Happenings. If anyone is interested in these issues and would like to join the committee, call Gail Johnson at 823-6610.

TRAINING

Tom Schmid (724-6718)

The training committee will work with Jim Hass to insure that community corrections issues will be included in MCCA's yearly plan.

All training has been successfully completed so the committee is temporarily suspended.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions for future training events, they should call the MCCA office.

The committee will continue to work with Hennepin County training to insure that community corrections issues are included in the county's yearly plan.

ADULT EDUCATION

Julie Shaw (348-2762)

Since the adult education project began at Freedom House, Portland House and Genesis II in March of this year, it has served more than 80 men and women and has resulted in 12 participants receiving their highschool equivalency certificates.

"The program has been a great success -- I only wish I had more time," said Mia Olsen, the instructor for the three programs.

MINNESOTA SENTENCING GUIDELINES

The committee met late in July to determine what they would work on.

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