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Dear Community Corrections Co-Workers:

The letters have been sent out to a number of programs inviting you to become program members of the MCCA. Each dollar given by individual members and programs will be matched by the St. Paul Foundation up to \$5,000.00. Our goal is to be a self sufficient association. Lets show people we are organized and willing to commit ourselves to self improvement through the MCCA.

The MCCA was the host to the National Training Institute April 6 - 13 in Minneapolis. We conducted tours and dialogued with fifty residential program people from eight states.

The March issue of Corrections Magazine has a full length feature article entitled "Minnesota's Community Corrections Act Takes Hold." MCCA participated in the initial interviews.

Our group insurance plan is underway and programs interested in joining should call Brenda Benton (546-2111). We are wondering how many programs are interested in a professional liability policy. Also we are considering a group blood bank. Call our MCCA office (871-0221, Ext. 218) if either of these areas interest you.

MCCA will participate in the National Jail Conference in Minneapolis May 17 - 19.

Mark May 23 - from 1 to 4 p.m. - on your calendar for the next general MCCA membership meeting. Our topic will be training needs and our state wide plan.

Richard Mulcrone, the director of the Minnesota Corrections Board met with the MCCA Board April 5 and regular meetings between the parole board and MCCA are now a reality. We are encouraged by the close communication and cooperative effort between our two groups.

MCCA has written to the Urban League and pledged our support to efforts to develop resources to serve as alternatives to sentencing minorities to incarceration. Lets keep up our good work. Community Corrections in Minnesota is going places because of all of us working together.

Tom Christian

Tom Christian,
Director, MCCA

SUMMER COURSE ON COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - Mankato State University has asked MCCA Director, Tom Christian, Ph. D., to teach Sociology 485 Community Corrections for the second summer session in St. Louis Park. If you are interested in signing up, leave your name and number at the MCCA office (871-0221, Ext. 218).

OUR SYMPATHY to Chris Bray, former MCCA editor, at the death of her father.

H.I.R.E.D. has developed a new youth employment and training program under C.E.T.A. Title III which services youths from ages 19-24. For more information contact Tom Tremo, 348-8935.

KENNETH F. SCHOEN, Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner, was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of AMICUS.

As of August 1, 1978, the Legislature has provided for the establishment of a psychiatric unit in one of the adult correctional institutions.

JAMES R. DUMPSON, President of the Council on Social Work Education will speak at the Conference on Social Work Education's annual meeting April 20, 21 at Dunrovan Christian Brother's Retreat House, Marine on the St. Croix. For additional information: Nancy Wiggins, 332-5181.

THE FOURTH NATIONAL VICTIM SERVICES CONFERENCE will be held at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Minneapolis on August 27 through 30. For information: Correctional Service of Minnesota, 1427 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis. Tel: 339-7227.

The Self Concept Improvement Program (SCIP) will be holding an Anger Workshop beginning the last week of May and will be run by Gloria VanDoren. Any referrals from correctional personnel or their clients are welcome. Please contact Gloria or Vic McCoy: 721-6311.

SCIP also will be holding an Effective Living Skills Workshop at Genesis II on a quarterly basis with the first session to begin in late May.

THE NORTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE sponsored by the Minnesota Corrections Association will be held at Maddins near Brainerd on April 25 and 26. Pre-registration forms can be obtained from MCA, 784 Kenwood Lane, St. Paul, Minnesota 55117. For further information on the Conference, contact: Ray Haiden, Box 1143, 120 - 9th Ave. No., St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301. Tel: 255-4273.

LEAA has made thirty million dollars available during the next three years to support restitution programs for juvenile offenders. Further information contact: John McLagen, Department of Corrections, 430 Metro Square Building. Tel: 296-1295.

THE HELPING PROCESS: A CONTEXT FOR THE USE OF GROUPS will be held on April 20 at the St. Paul-Ramsey Arts and Science Center, 30 East 10th Street, St. Paul. Sponsored by National Association of Social Workers (NASW). The Institute will be conducted by James Garland of the Boston University School of Social Work. Deadline for registration is April 17. For additional information contact: NASW, Minnesota Chapter, 22 North Dale Street, St. Paul. Tel: 226-8835.

April 28 and 29 are the dates for the THIRD ANNUAL CORRECTIONS SYMPOSIUM, Perspectives on Sentencing; Purposes and Practices, to be held at Mankato State University. Speakers include: Dr. David Fogel, Dr. Raymond Parnas and Dr. John Kramer. For additional information: Sociology Department, Mankato State University, 389-1724 or the Public Information Office, 430 Metro Square Building, St. Paul. Tel: 296-5693.

DAN O'BRIEN is now the director of the Public Information Office for the Department of Corrections, 430 Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Tel: 296-2827.

SHARON SAYLES is the new assistant director for the Program for Victims of Sexual Assault, 430 Metro Square Building, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101. Tel: 296-7084.

MCCA congratulates ELIZABETH BUCKLEY who Commissioner Schoen has just appointed a Deputy Commissioner in charge of Management for the Department of Corrections replacing Tom Foley who is resigning to seek Elective office.

EDEN HOUSE has an open house every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. For the month of May the dates are the 6th & 20th. Everyone is welcome. Please, no drugs on you or in you.

TURNING POINT INC. is going to be holding it's second annual "SOUL SOBERING GET DOWN", a fund raising dance to be held May 6th, from 8 P.M. to midnight at the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center, 919 Fremont Ave. No. For ticket information call Willie - 588-0884.

CONTINUUM OF SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tom Lawson, Chairperson

The Continuum of Services Committee is attempting to determine the extent to which community corrections programs do represent a continuum of services for our clients. To that end, we are beginning by collecting information about programs and will be sending out a brief one-page survey to learn about programs, the types of services offered, populations and geography, etc. This will help us begin our work of identifying gaps if there are some and overlap if that exists. It will also enable us to do some classifying of programs and we will likely be moving in the direction of providing a directory of community corrections programs statewide. The Committee would appreciate feedback from the membership as to specific kinds of information that should be gathered from programs that would be useful to programs, clients, referral sources, and possible funding sources. Any members having suggestions regarding this material, please call Tom Lawson at 296-7019 or Tom Christian at the MCCA Office, 871-0221.

The Committee is also open to other interested members who would like to have a part in this activity.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee has studied the sentencing guidelines SF 65 bill passed and awaiting Governor Perpich's signature. The Committee has sent a letter to the Governor recommending two names, Richard Draves and Tom Christian for appointment to the Commission. The nine member commission is to draw up sentencing guidelines by January 1, 1980. Judges would be allowed to deviate from these guidelines by 15 percent of the time allowed by the guidelines. The bill contains a "good time" provision whereby a sentence could be reduced by one day for every two days of good behavior. The bill was passed by the Senate 45 - 0 and the House 129 - 1.

The MCCA wishes to congratulate BOB SCARLET who is the new Director for the Public Safety Department for the Metropolitan Council. It is this Department that encompasses Community Corrections. CAROL SKRADSKI is the Corrections Planner for the Public Safety Department.

Congratulations to GARY MEITZ for the publication of his article in the latest Federal Probation Magazine on the Bakery, the Southside Neighborhood Probation Office.

On Wednesday, March 8, 1978, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Community Corrections Association, passed the following resolution unanimously:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS community based correctional programs serve as a resource to the citizens of the State of Minnesota, the Metropolitan Community Corrections Association takes the position that alternatives to incarceration should be available to all citizens who qualify for entry. Every citizen given due process has an equal right and protection under the law to receive treatment for anti-social behavior when the sentencing court so orders.

The Association requests that a proper assessment be made to determine the appropriateness of the program for the client, the readiness of the client to accept treatment and the program to accept the client and proper payment by the client or the county that sentences the candidate.

The Association believes counties in the Community Corrections Act and counties not into the Act should take responsibility to insure payment for treatment for its citizens if so ordered by the court.

THE PROBLEM

The Metropolitan Community Corrections Association works with over forty correctional programs in the seven county metropolitan region. Many of these programs were begun through Law Enforcement Assistance Administration three year funding. During the time the federal funding was available programs in Hennepin and Ramsey County accepted clients from outside the county at no expense to the counties.

A problem arose, however, when federal funding was completed and residents from other counties had not completed treatment or new clients were sent to treatment centers under court order. Counties in the Community Corrections Act, such as Anoka, paid the required per diem costs. Counties not into the Community Corrections Act did not always pay for the treatment given to one of their citizens.

The programs operate on a per diem basis and have to exist on these payments for survival. The dilemma of the situation endangers the existence of effective programming, equal protection under the law and a confusion between right to treatment and responsibility for payments.

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Kenneth Schoen, Commissioner of Corrections, in responding to the MCCA resolution, stated that the Department of Corrections "has supported the notion of alternatives to incarceration for appropriate offenders both in its Mission Statement and in its practice over the past several years. We remain committed to a correctional system which relies heavily on community based alternatives. An important ingredient of a good community corrections system, of course, is the assurance that sentencing judges are aware of alternatives and able to use them.

The question of who has a legal authority and responsibility to order payment for placement in these alternative programs are most appropriately resolved in a legal forum. The petition involving Washington County currently under study by the State Supreme Court should help to clarify that issue.

In any case, one of the major purposes of the Community Corrections Act was both to provide counties with additional resources for developing and utilizing alternatives as well as a structured forum in which this kind of local issue can be reasonably and fruitfully resolved."

The MCCA stands ready as a friend of the Court to testify before the State Supreme Court on this matter.

DEVELOPMENT OF OUT PATIENT CD TREATMENT PROGRAMS

The State Alcohol and Drug Authority invites programs to submit grant proposals for up to \$22,000 for the development of outpatient treatment programs. For information contact Richard Neuner, 296-4614 or Chris Heath at 296-4615.

BUSH FOUNDATION

The Bush Foundation has awarded the MCCA a two year grant, \$15,000 for 1978 and \$10,000 for 1979. We would like to thank the Bush Foundation for their generosity and confidence in the MCCA.

BOOKLET AVAILABLE

The Center for Death Education and Research Department of Sociology, U of M, has a booklet summarizing counseling and supportive services for people affected by death and life-threatening illness. It is free of charge through the Center, Room 203, 2000-5th Street, Minneapolis (373-3683).

Volunteer Recognition Week is April 16 to 22. AMICUS will be having their own campaign to promote the week.

EVALUATION 1978

Seven programs have begun work on implementing the MCCA evaluation system with Walker and Associates. Programs involved are Alpha House, Freedom House, Operation DeNovo, Women Helping Offenders, Reentry Services, Project Elan and The Bakery.

The MCCA goal is to average five programs per year to install the uniform evaluation process. You might consider your program for '79.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM MEETING - The MCCA met April 13 at the Native American Center with over ten programs who work with Native American clients in the correctional system. Richard Draves, MCCA board member, and staff person for the Minneapolis Regional Native American Center, facilitated the meeting. Issues raised were what can the MCCA do as an organization to work with Native American programs, sentencing guidelines commission representation, the Grams study, unique Native American concerns in the area of treatment and existing program resources.

RAMSEY COUNTY PROGRAM MEETING - Ramsey County programs came together at the Martin Luther Center, February 7 to talk over mutual concerns. Jim Brown, Dick Williams and Harry Kramer, Ramsey County representatives from the MCCA board facilitated the meeting and the major goal was to step up the communication between the MCCA and Ramsey County Community Corrections.

The programs felt the MCCA could play an important role in the planning and developing the long-term corrections plan. Other concerns were education, lobbying, research and evaluation.

THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE, 333 Sibley Street, #202, St. Paul, encompasses all counties that have gone Community Corrections. Therefore, as of January 1, 1978, persons in the Corrections system in Hennepin County have access to the Ombudsman. At the Workhouse, primary contact person is Mary Jo Reiter and at the Juvenile Center the primary contact person is Cheryl Weium. Because of a resignation the primary contact person at the County Home School has not yet been assigned. All initial requests for assistance by the Ombudsman should be made to T. Williams. For further information: 296-4500.

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IRATION DE NOVO'S restitution segment of their program, formally begun in 1976 has reported having a total of 259 clients participating in the 1977 program which was responsible for returning \$34,849.32 to the community. Juvenile cases were responsible for repaying \$1,461.82. A new aspect of DeNovo's Program in dealing with their juvenile clients is the action of the courts, in making it mandatory for parents of clients to attend a minimum of 20 parenting sessions at which the skills taught and the goals of the group are aimed at regaining control of and accepting responsibility for their own children.

DeNovo also has added an interim-education segment to their program and have added a full time certified teacher to the staff. Adult Basic Education and GED preparation are offered to clients when necessary in order to upgrade their skills and help to make them more employable.

PROJECT NEWGATE has developed a new "youth employment program" which will begin in June. This program will have the capacity to serve 40 State clients under age 20, most of which are referred from Red Wing. The program has already received 20 referrals and will guarantee clients wages from \$2.75 to \$3.00 an hour, working at miscellaneous tasks. For more information call Ron Severson 376-5250.

KATHY DYHR will be leaving PROJECT ELAN to journey to Africa in June. Ms. Dyhr has been the director of Project Elan since its beginning in 1974. Kathy will work as a comprehensive community nutritionist in Ijede, a village in Nigeria. She will be working primarily with maternal and child development. She will be in Nigeria for one to two years, sponsored by the Human Development Projects. A new director for Project Elan will be named by May 1, 1978.

BEN STOREY, JR., an AMICUS volunteer will be serving as the St. Paul National Alliance of Businessmen's Ex-Offender Employment Manager. His position will require him to match the ex-offender to one of 60 employers, and urge the employer to hire the ex-offender.

VETERANS- Planning to go to School? Resident of Mpls? Unemployed? Want part-time job related to Studies? If YES - call Jim Cook at 376-5084 for details.

ENABLERS will be offering the following workshops in April and May:

"Boards of Directors", April 19, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 (lunch included). This workshop covers the purposes and functions of boards, board and agency interface, planning and decision making as a group. This is designed for non-profit agencies and boards.

"Data Management", April 25, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost - \$25.00. Topics include: determining agency information needs, streamlining record keeping, turning numbers into useful information, confidentiality of client data.

"Program Planning: Getting Ready for Evaluation", May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$20.00 Participants will take a look at the preparatory process in order to make the most of an evaluation.

"Team Building", May 25, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$20.00. This workshop explores the concept of the team approach, observing and analyzing group process, group decision making, dealing with conflict in a group and peer consultation.

Call ENABLERS, 871-4994, for registration forms. All workshops will be held at the Minnesota Church Center, 122 West Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis.

The "Bureau of Prisons" has put together a COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TASK FORCE to study the general nature of correctional treatment centers and also to compare Federal vs. Contract Community Residential Treatment Centers.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MAWCJ) is holding a meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 1978, at 5:00 p.m. in the Minnesota Church Center, 122 W. Franklin Avenue. Carlos Espejo from the Department of Public Welfare will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "Interface Between Chemical Dependency and Community Corrections."

The Lino Lakes Medium Security Institution will provide a pilot sex offender "aggressive" group counseling program for up to 30 adult male offenders.

RETREAT HOUSE EXPANDS SERVICES

The RETREAT CORPORATION has undergone some major changes and considerable expansion the past year and a half. The programs expansion has taken many new directions. Executive Director/program administrator, Frank Johnson, expresses his appreciation to the city of St. Paul and in particular to the Division of Manpower Services, for their continued support and backing in the many new areas of programing.

The Retreat Corporation offers their clients one or more of the following programs in addition to the basic treatment setting. THE OFFENDER TRANSITIONAL WORK PROGRAM headed by an employment specialist, who has gone about creating jobs in the community for the ex-offender enabling the clients to earn a salary and develop some good work habits while still in the program. THE HALF-WAY IN PROGRAM provides guidance and supervision for clients out on parole who are having problems and are in danger of being returned to the institution. These clients are referred by parole agents in an effort to prevent the return of the client to the correctional facility. THE WOMENS PROGRAM provides services for the female client coming back into the community as well as providing structure and supervision to those in danger of returning to the institution. There is also a RESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR TRAINING PROGRAM which operates out of Retreat House, providing jobs and training for hard core unemployed persons.

Retreat Corporation has also implemented a SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM funded by the division of manpower services, which is a computer program for the research and collection of data of Retreat Corporation clients. The program while providing evaluation data to the Retreat Corporation itself, also plans to offer similar services to other community corrections facilities and some community businesses.

THE RETREAT ASKLEPIEION THERAPUTIC COMMUNITY (RATC) is scheduled to open in July 1978 at the medium security unit at Lino Lakes. The program was developed by Grover Zulu Bell, program director of training and treatment in the Retreat Corporation, and will operate as a pure Asklepieion Culture. The program was funded through the Governor's Crime Commission. And staffing will be done through a quality control committee headed by, Dr. Martin Groder, psychiatrist and founder of the Asklepieion Foundation.

Also operating out of the RATC will be a Correctional Counselor work and training program.

TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Training Committee has sent letters out to establish contact persons for evaluating and setting up training in MCCA agencies. So far, the response has been excellent in two weeks since the letters have been sent out, over half the agencies have responded with a contact person. The Committee hopes that any agency participating in the MCCA which has not received a letter, contact Gary Meitz.

The Training Committee reported its progress to the total MCCA Board. Included in this was a training proposal to outline the needs of MCCA agencies which would then be turned over to the counties for potential implementation. The Committee is also hoping to eventually create a slot for a technical training assistant who would go to a program requesting assistance, help evaluate some of the program's training needs, and refer the program to appropriate, existing, training opportunities.

If you are interested in being on the Training Committee, contact Gary Meitz, 348-4166.

THE FREMONT PAROLE AND PROBATION UNIT IS doing something very innovative for field services operation. They have moved to a 3 person team concept. Of course, the team approach has been around for a long time in many residential settings, but it is very experimental in a field agency. Consider: each agent must know 100 clients. Given the Department of Corrections management system, someone has to be designated as "accountable". Communication is of the essence. But, Dennis Avery, Supervisor for the unit has developed a system and a report explaining the system along with David Flotten, who will be the agent of record for all adult cases assigned to the north office. Jud Young, and Mary Simmons complete the team.

The Fremont Unit sees the primary value of the team approach in always having an agent available to a client given the individual agent's need to travel, participate in meetings, and other blocks of time out of office. All major decisions such as progress reports will be made on a team basis.

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There are two CRIME VICTIM CRISIS CENTERS directed by Carole Schneider of Correctional Service. The Minneapolis Center, 3801 Nicollet, is coordinated by Paul Heffron. The Minneapolis Center has had about 500 victim contacts. The St. Paul Center, 175 So. Western is coordinated by David Bredemus and has had about 200 victim contacts.

THE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA RESIDENTIAL CENTER is a pre-release facility which primarily serves federal offenders during their last three months of incarceration, located at 2825 E. Lake St. Two self-help groups meet once each week in the VOARC Community Room. Narcotics Anonymous meets 8:00 p.m. Monday; Alcoholics Anonymous meets 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. All are welcome. The VOARC is also expecting its first woman resident in the near future.

THE HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD has set up a sub-committee which will be reviewing the County's current programming efforts for the purpose of possibly expanding and/or revising its 1979 Community Corrections Plan.

GENESIS II has recently added an Adult Special Education Program and a G.E.D. Preparation Program for their clients. These programs are put on by University of Minnesota Graduate students every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

MINNEAPOLIS INDIAN WEEK will be from May 7 through May 14 and will be opened with a Pow Wow May 4, 5 and 6, at the Native American Center. Anashinabe Lone House will be holding an open house during the week. Also, of particular interest to corrections people working with a Native American population with chemical dependency problems is Dennis Hisgun's Program on May 10 and 11, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Native American Center.

HENNEPIN COUNTY'S ALCOHOL AND DRUG INTERVENTION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (A.I.D.) is sponsoring a correction project headed by Don Tilseth, Senior Counselor Coordinator. Mr. Tilseth visits inmates within corrections facilities to assess inmates chemical dependency in order to plan for appropriate pre-release placement and chemical treatment.

The Community Action Council - Burnsville, is beginning a program on SEXUAL ASSAULT to serve Dakota County. Sue Runte designed and wrote the program, which is patterned after similar programs in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The Minnesota Program for Victims of Sexual Assault has supplied funding for a part-time coordinator, Linda Peterson. Volunteers to work as advocates with victims of rape are now being sought. Training programs will be available.

FREEDOM HOUSE will be celebrating their fifth anniversary on Friday, June 2, 1978. All MCCA members are invited to share in the celebration by attending an open house on June 2, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FREEDOM HOUSE has added Norman James, a psychologist consultant from St. John's University, to their staff.

The VETERANS INCARCERATED PROGRAMS extends an invitation to all MCCA followers to utilize the University of Minnesota's Veterans Programs. Any veteran client needing assistance with discharge review, employment, or educational guidance should call 376-5085.

The juvenile prostitution research project funded by LEAA and conducted by ENABLERS will be completed in the spring. The final research report will be available in early July from Enablers, 871-4994.

PHARM HOUSE has rooms available until June or July for chemically dependent persons (18-30 years of age) requiring long term chemical treatment. For referral or information, contact Jack Mills, 378-0832.

Harry Kramer, Ramsey County Probation Officer and MCCA Board Member, recently attended a national conference sponsored by the American Personnel and Guidance Association in Washington, D.C. The A.P.G.A. is an umbrella organization encompassing several other related associations and interest groups. One workshop dealt with the Androgynous Therapy model and Transpersonal therapy model. If you have further questions about the conference, feel free to contact Harry Kramer at 298-4791.

MCCA Welcomes the following NEW MEMBERS

Eugene Burns, Director, Court Services, Ramsey County
Anne Lewis, Ramsey County Community Corrections
Shirley R. Carter, Project Elan
Maxine Walters, Hennepin County Court Services
Ed Sedio, Hennepin County Court Services
Pauline Liesenfeld, Hennepin County Court Services
Richard "Skitch" Sononblum, Project Elan
Donald Stuhlman, Progress Valley
Mary Dwyer, Juel Fairbanks
Donna Jones, Winaki House
G. Dean Hinkle, 180° Degrees, Inc.
Jeff Nye, Community Family Counseling Clinic
Carol Skradski, Metropolitan Council
John G. Heubach, Veterans Incarcerated Program
Carole H. McNeill, MCDA

We have enclosed a membership application (yellow) 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.

Remember your membership is tax deductible!

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