

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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Community Correction Coalition Public Forum Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday July 29, 2021 (Public Forum)

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00pm

Location: Virtual

- I. Recognition of members in attendance-** Opened with introduction and member check-in:
Attendance – Anna Bloomstrand, Joe Deckenbach, Richard Cousins, Kristin Martin (Phone), Larry Posey, Valerie Estrada, Catherine Johnson, Stacey Walls, Taska Welters, and Danette Buskovich.

Guest presenters- Connie Meyer & Joshua Walker
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- II. Overview and Purpose-** Focus of meeting is provide an overview of Alternatives to Incarceration: EHM (Electronic Home Monitoring); REAM (Remote Electronic Alcohol Monitoring); and STS (Sentence to Service)

(Please see PowerPoint for details)

III. Presentation points

- a. STS:
 - o Serves adult and juvenile.
 - o Clients may choose to work either a 4 hour or 8 hour shift option
 - o Clients unable to perform physical labor have alternative options such as light work duty Community Work Service
 - o STS has 2 community gardens that clients and staff maintain. All produce grown is donated to the North Point Food Bank.
 - o Collaboration with Hennepin County Forestry in the removal of invasive species
- b. EHM: court ordered post sentencing
 - o Clients are allowed to continue to work or go to school; Monitored 24 hours, 7 days a week
- c. REAM: Conditional release
 - o Implemented a step-down progress to move clients through the system faster-program is showing promise (positive outcomes) with participants returning to in custody status

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Highlights

- CCR staff demonstrated strong commitment to keep clients and community safe during COVID shut down, providing communities and organizations with personal protection supplies.
- Clarified the differences between EHM (post sentencing) and REAM (conditional release)
- CCR discussed collaborations with surrounding counties and community organizations
- Discussed how statues determine eligibility for EHM
- Members were surprised at the accommodating nature of CCR in response to clients' needs related to work schedules, childcare or educational needs or work attire.

Post presentation highlights

- CCC members discussed desire to launch a reform or restorative group project. The group further discussed an example for a project that promotes restorative justice in areas where clients have offended, maybe targeted neighborhoods impacted by crime and possibly victims.
- Proposed devoting a portion of next month's meeting to identifying or deciding on ideas for project(s). What should the project look like?
- Thank you, Larry Posey, for participating in proposal reviews for BIPOC.

IV. Adjourn: Next Meeting **August 31, 2021 -Member's Only**