



# Sherburne County Community Corrections Advisory Board

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## Meeting Minutes 02-19-19

*To enhance  
public  
safety and  
facilitate  
offender  
change  
through  
Evidence  
Based and  
Restorative  
Practices*

### Members:

Citizen:	Kenneth Asangwe John Barr
Commissioner:	Barbara Burandt, Sherburne County Commissioner
Corrections:	Deb Anderson, DOC District Supervisor J. Hancuch, Director, Sherburne County Community Corrections
Education:	Angie Folch, Big Lake High School Assistant Principal
Judiciary:	Honorable Mary Yunker, Judge 10 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District
Law Enforcement:	Joel Brott, Sherburne County Sheriff Don Starry, Chief Deputy (alternate)
Prosecution:	Sam Wertheimer, Sherburne County Chief Deputy Kathy Heaney, Sherburne County Attorney (alternate)
Public Defense:	Lisa Hallberg, Sherburne County Chief Managing Attorney
Social Services:	Mary Jo Cobb, Director Sherburne County HHS Amanda Larson, Manager (alternate)

### Meeting Minutes:

*The following members were present: Kenneth Asangwe, John Barr, Sheriff Brott, Barbara Burandt, Mary Jo Cobb, Angie Folch, J. Hancuch, Judge Yunker*

*Also present: Nicole Brummer, Corey Mabis-Rowe, Bobbie Shafer*

1. Welcome: J. welcomed the group.
2. Board Memberships: All membership renewals have been approved by the County Board for a two year term.
3. Department Stats/Updates:

Staff Updates: Department was approved for a new Assistant Probation Officer (APO). Sam Widman started with department at the beginning of February. Sam will be assisting with pre-trial services including alcohol/drug testing, alcohol monitoring, bail evaluations and court report preparation.

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Department also has one Probation Officer on an extended FMLA. Her caseload of medium and high risk adult offenders has been reassigned to other Probation Officers within the department. J. is working closely with Human Resources (HR) and Administration on possible options during this extended leave of absence.

Stats/Monitoring: J. discussed benefit of having court security close by during normal business hours and during afterhours alcohol/drug testing. Staff are also willing and able to hookup monitors after the former 4:00 p.m. cutoff. Judge Yunker discussed situation when a defendant was in need of a monitor hookup after 4:00 p.m. and the Probation Officer returned to the office to hook him up on the monitor. Bobbie discussed and distributed pre-trial statistics comparing 2016-2018 numbers. Judge Yunker said there is a statute that mandates pretrial monitoring for certain DWI offenses if it is available in the county. Bobbie discussed REAM Grant, the department just re-applied and requested additional funding from the grant. Community Corrections has seen a 10% increase in the number of Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI) ordered from 2016 to 2018. Judge Yunker asked if department was able to determine the number of PSIs that were completed on defendants that were committed to the commissioner of corrections. Department will look into possible reports for tracking/reporting this scenario. Judge Yunker would like to track this and determine if resources could be better used elsewhere. Juvenile numbers have been static over the past several years. Out of Home Placements are also low compared to surrounding counties. Group discussed trends with juvenile delinquency files and potential changes to drug laws. Corey discussed adult supervision numbers and lowering those over the past couple of years. Caseloads were extremely high when department transitioned to CCA in 2015, currently caseloads are within professional standards. Corey discussed Supervised Release (SR) cases that are determined to be Intensive Supervised Release (ISR) are typically supervised by the Department of Corrections (DOC). Community Corrections is currently supervising a few ISR cases due to DOC caseload limitations. Corey is on a committee comprised of members from all three probation delivery systems to discuss the implementation of the MNSTARR-C, an assessment tool used to determine risk and recidivism. J. discussed moving people out of the institution and back into the community and what that supervision looks like. Community Corrections will need additional resources (staff) to adequately supervise ISR offenders. Judge Yunker would like to discuss at a future meeting what resources Community Corrections would need to adequately supervise ISR offenders. In 2019 the department requested one APO and one PO, the department was approved for the APO and J. will again be requesting the additional Probation Officer position in 2020. This person would likely supervise a specialized domestic violence caseload. Sex Offender caseloads have remained relatively static over the past couple of years. Corey provided a more in-depth explanation of the MNSTARR and LS/CMI risk assessments.

Pre-Trial Scale: Anoka, Sherburne and Wright counties opted out of the state format and are awaiting validation from Hennepin County researchers.

Scoring elements are the same between the state version and the one Sherburne is currently using. Data has been sent and preliminary results look good so far. Bobbie will follow up at next meeting with any additional information. Judge Yunker discussed those opposed to the bail process and disparity. There are two things to consider when determining bail amount, public safety and the defendant appearing for future court hearings. Judge Yunker said legislative changes are likely coming. Legislature has been

asked to look at length and conditions of probation to bring consistency across the state. Judge Yunker discussed concerns with losing local control and determining guidelines across the state. Discussed Wright County case, 40 year probation sentence with anticipation of early discharge. Judge Yunker discussed public perception that bail is (or should be) punitive. Discussed process and also reiterated that bail is there for two reasons: public safety and reappearance in court.

4. "Untouchables" Documentary: Group discussed thoughts/reactions to the film. John discussed that the victim no longer agreed with what was being done. Kenneth discussed punitive vs corrective measures and thinks community education is key. Kenneth also noted the power of lobbyist. John discussed the role of corrections: punishment, rehabilitation or a combination of both. Judge Yunker said there are more resources within the community and judges typically do not anticipate rehabilitation within the prison. The film does not discuss the professional side of this nor does it depict what occurs in Sherburne County. Group decided not to present/share the film with others.
5. Residential Facility: Discussion within Elk River for a Mental Health Facility, adamant community objection from those that live in the area. Mary Jo discussed restoring people to competency/capacity. Judge Yunker explained system and that human services no longer has funding to support this so they have stopped this program.
6. Next Meeting: Bobbie – Pre-Trial/Bail Evaluation

**Next Meeting Date: April 16, 2019, 12pm, Community Corrections Conference Room**

**Future Meeting Dates:**

April 16, 2019

August 20, 2019

October 15, 2019

December 17, 2019

**Submitted by:** Nicole Brummer