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Dear Community Corrections Co-Workers,

Community corrections programs are for real. We are uniting, working together and becoming a vital link in the criminal justice system. Through the voice of our newsletter we hope to reach you with our work and communicate to each other about our mutual concerns.

The private and public agencies and the State Department of Corrections have recognized our organization as a necessary vehicle in their work. They have invited our association to serve on various committees and we are able to convey our "grass roots" feelings to the people in the system. Our potential is limited only by our own interest and energy.

Our accomplishments include serving on the Hennepin County Criminal Justice Council Committee on Operational Standards for Residential Corrections Projects. This report is now completed and will be the topic for review at our Fall membership meeting September 15, 1976.

The Association also has done work on establishing good relationships with the Minnesota Corrections Association, the Minnesota Chemical Dependency Association, and the Association of Community Corrections Act Counties.

Many things are happening as you can read in this newsletter. We encourage all of you to send the \$5.00 membership fee to the M.C.C.A. Most of that money goes for mailing so that we can reach more people and spread the word about community corrections. We need your membership, your participation on one of our committees and your work in the field. Join us now and grow with us. Minnesota is being watched by other states in this area of community corrections. Pioneer with us in this Bicentennial year. The best is yet to come in corrections.

Cordially yours,

Tom Christian

Tom Christian, Chairperson
Metropolitan Community Corrections Association



Maintenance

HI!!

This is the first issue of the HOUSEKEEPER, and hopefully, it is the beginning of some on going communications between the various community programs and people in the criminal justice system.

We look forward to covering topics in this newsletter such as pending legislation, new programs and current activities.

Our newsletter can be a vital link among our programs and a key to the continuous growth and development of community corrections.

This newsletter is published by the Neighborhood Involvement Committee of the MCCA. We hope to be coming to you each and every month from here on in. You should anticipate receiving your issue of HOUSEKEEPER around the middle of each month.

We seek assistance in putting out a good newsletter. We would like suggestions on what you would like included in your newsletter. We are seeking additional persons to work on this newsletter with us, and would like feedback and information from all of you involved in community corrections.

Remember, this is your newsletter, so please feel free to submit entries that you would like to share with those of us in community corrections.

Please send all information to the HOUSEKEEPER by the Fifth (5th) of each month. The committee does reserve the right to edit any articles.

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WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

Condensed Mission Statement

The MCCA is composed of programs that function in the community as alternatives to incarceration for adult offenders. Our mission is to establish ethical and professional standards of performance for programs and workers in the field; promote specialized education and training for community corrections workers; provide the means for communication, self criticism, public education and have a voice in the legislative process; and develop consistent and uniform evaluations.

Our concern is for a progressive and law abiding society. Our obligation is to provide for humane and effective programs for people who have come into conflict with the criminal justice system. To insure that we work towards these goals for the best interests of the community we have joined in this association.

MCCA POSITION PAPER # 1

On June 1, 1976, the MCCA Board of Directors, on behalf of its membership, submitted a position paper to the National LEAA office in Washington, D.C.

The LEAA policy for the disbursement of LEEP funds has been interpreted of late to EXCLUDE from the eligibility list for educational loans and grants, those community corrections workers not employed directly by the State or County.

The MCCA position is that LEAA policy be interpreted to INCLUDE community corrections workers as eligible for LEEP funds as they are providing services to correctional clients within counties and the State of Minnesota, and are an integral part of the corrections system in Minnesota.

For more information about Position Paper # 1, contact Diane Aisenbrey, Community Corrections Training Center (612) 871-3701

REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS?

LOOKING BACK.

The general membership meeting of the M.C.C.A. took place June 9, 1976, at the Catholic Youth Center, 2120 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis. All Association Members and guests were welcome.

The M.C.C.A. is involved in all aspects of community corrections. At this meeting areas of involvement were summarized by Chairperson Tom Christian.

Exploring and being aware of topical issues is also a concern of the M.C.C.A. "Client Rights and Community Corrections" was the topic of a panel discussion with the audience. Leading the discussion were Mel Golberg, LAMP, Mary, resident Eden House, Jim Krieger, Legal Rights Center, Murray Illies, resident Portland House, and Tom Rowe, Neighborhood Justice Center. The panel stated that generally lawyers will advise their clients to enter a program as an alternative to incarceration provided that a responsible approach to therapy is used. It was also stressed that cooperation is needed among program staff, lawyers and probation/parole officers to make treatment plans more effective.

Active participants spent the remainder of the afternoon in committees with focus on the specific areas of M.C.C.A. involvement.

GET INVOLVED

Included in this column is a list of the existing committees of the MCCA. All of these committees are functioning and are in need of your assistance. If you feel the need for any additional committees, please let us know. The committees listed below are only a beginning---GET INVOLVED.

STANDARDS/EVALUATION COMMITTEE:

This Committee has been working on the standards that all community corrections programs will be operating under.

CHAIRPERSON: RON JOHNSON 338-0743

NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE:

This committee is serving the function of publicizing and promoting the MCCA to all neighborhood groups, and people in the field of corrections.

CHAIRPERSON: Jacqui Wong 338-0743

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

The upcoming Legislative session is important to community corrections, get involved with the laws that can make the difference.

CHAIRPERSON: NORB GERNES 331-1087

CONTINUUM OF SERVICES:

Study the needs of the clients and try to encourage programs to meet the needs of all clients.

CHAIRPERSON: Tom Lawson 296-7019

LEGAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE:

To uphold the legal rights of clients and community programs.

CHAIRPERSON: TOMMY WILLIAMS 222-8583

WANTED!!!! YOUR MEMBERSHIP

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION

2603 Bloomington Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55407

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____
PROGRAM/AGENCY _____ WORK PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____
WORK ROLE _____

VOTING MEMBER Working in Community Corrections
ASSOCIATE MEMBER Interested in Community Corrections

Membership Dues: \$5.00 (Please enclose check)

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F E E D B A C K

As this newsletter belongs to all of us in community corrections, why are four of us doing all the work? We need your input, so give us a call, or drop us a few lines and help the HOUSEKEEPER become a vital link between community corrections programs in the metropolitan area.

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