

Mason City Sex Offender Review Committee
Conference Room 'A'
City Hall, Mason City
Tuesday, September 13, 2006
6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. Committee members present included Dan Courtney, Lisa Hugi, and Tonya Kantaris. Members having given notice of their inability to make the evening's meeting were Jon Pedersen, Joey Van Zomeren and Candi Schickel.

Also present were invited guests who had presented last week and offered to return for further presentation: Dr. Michael Ryan, Della Weaver, Mark Hendrickson (all of the Dept. of Corrections), Police Officer Tiffany Creekmur and Deputy Sheriff Joe Hunt. The public audience was Mr. Lloyd Knapp.

Courtney motioned to accept the minutes of both Aug 29th and Sept. 6 with one clarification: that in the minutes of Sept 6th the electronic monitoring of sex offenders that is being implemented be specified as only those offenders currently under court supervision, (Mark Hendrickson reported later that the total number anticipated for the 9 county area covered by the Mason City office of the 2nd Judicial district is 25-27). Seconded by Hugi.

Dr. Ryan presented two Power Point programs and all other invited guests commented as warranted throughout. Copies of one of the presentations: Myths and Facts about Sex Offenders: along with copies of another presentation not given tonight but planned for the November Public Forum: A Stop-It Now facts and concerns presentation, were provided. Also provided was a copy of a Spring 2006 article by Leanne Buell appearing in the Iowa Dept of Corrections Victim Advisory Council Newsletter entitled: "Victim: 2000-foot Rule Doesn't address Abuse at Home." Dr. Ryan's second presentation was Sex Offender Specific Treatment.

Information presented in the course of these presentations, not found on the hard copies of the Power Point presentations included that only 7% of

reported cases are prosecuted, a figure on numbers charged and taking a plea are being sought, as well as the number of referrals from Protective Services. Courtney suggested that at some point we invite a representative of Juvenile Corrections to present some info on juvenile offender numbers and procedures.

The Group Treatment is a minimum of 18 to 24 months; most are in treatment for longer. The cost per week to the offender for the treatment is \$20.00 which includes the cost of the periodic polygraphs that are required. It is likely that the offender will have to cover some of the cost of the new GPS monitoring though that has yet to be decided. The law requiring the GPS specifies that all offenders of minors (under 18) after July 1, 2005 are required to be so monitored, the 2nd district however has developed the policy that all offenders with minor victims who are under correctional supervision will be monitored with GPS. (Offenders receiving treatment by Parent's United pay for their treatment and are assessed the cost of the required polygraphs separately). A number of offenders also have court ordered restitution costs to cover (e.g. cost of treatment for the victim and his/her family).

Group Treatment follows a prescribed sequence of 8 stages starting with fully delineating the offense and reconciling the offender account with the documented official one and then covering such tasks as victim empathy, understanding of one's personal history and origins of impulse/deviancy problems, collateral harm, processing of emotion and proper affect-regulation, relapse prevention and plans for the future. Treatment tends to focus on understanding of one's motives, level of impulse control and processing of obstacles to improvement of that control – including willingness to do so, and understanding risk factors including high risk situations and opportunities

Dr Ryan noted that the 2nd district is anticipating more use of the Abel assessment system (measure of sexual interests) and the Static-99 (actuarial risk instrument) in helping to understand individual offender needs profiles for treatment and monitoring. Nichols and Molinder's Multiphasic Sex Inventory is currently employed in this process. A pretreatment required psychosexual evaluation is conducted and includes considerable interviewing regarding personal history and analysis of the offense. The cost to the offender is \$300.00. Collection success is relatively high and

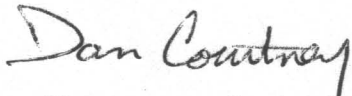
there are some measures available to garnish tax rebates and perhaps other types of government payments.

Committee members present discussed the format for next week's public forum. The sole agenda for the meeting will be to hear the public's concerns and comments. No upfront time limits will be announced but if someone talks continuously for much more than 5 minutes they will be encouraged to wrap up and monopolizing of the discussion will be actively discouraged/prevented.

Mark Hendrickson reported that his office (street supervision Mason City region of 2nd judicial district dept of corrections) will be available for consultation and advice but will not be able to provide the text of a specific ordinance as was requested of him last meeting since that would require the approval of multiple levels of district and state administration in the Dept. of Corrections.

Meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Courtney".

Dan Courtney, substituting for Secretary Candi Schickel