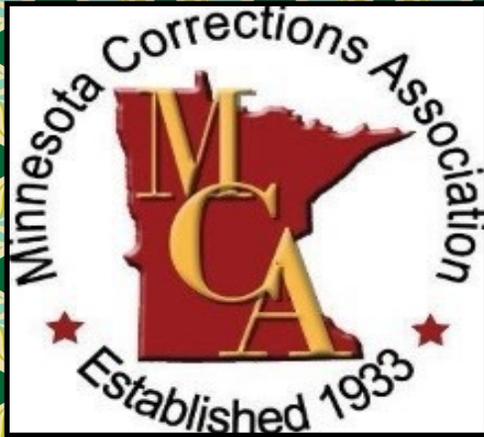


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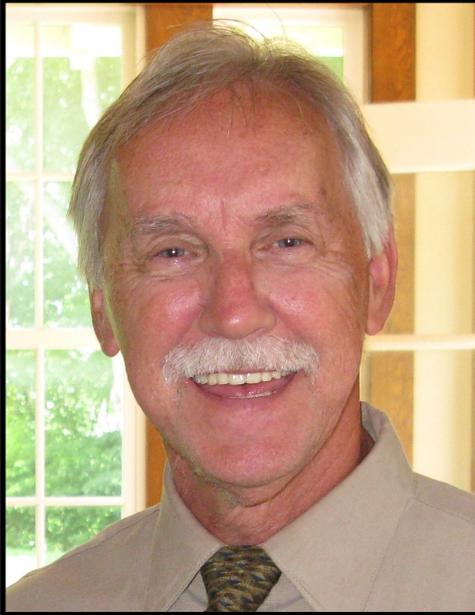
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President's Message

Mark Groves, 2023 MCA President

I am exceptionally honored to address you as the 2023 President of this tremendous association.

Of course, I would not be here if not for the great efforts and countless hours contributed by all of our terrific volunteers. The strength of our Association is our uniquely diverse membership.

We are not a homogenous population doing the same things year after year. We are an ever-growing collection of corrections, community corrections and human services professionals from around Minnesota. *Our diversity is our strength!*

While you may find yourself only occasionally attending MCA events, there are many opportunities to get even more involved with our association. Join a committee, attend one of our monthly education & training events, or connect with us to share your knowledge as a presenter at our monthly workshops or Annual Conferences.

This year's **Corrections Capitol Day** was a great success. We had eight Legislators present, including:

Senators Warren Limmer and Ron Latz; Representatives Paul Novotny, Walter Hudson, Sandra Feist, Kelly Moller, Dave Pinto, and Jeff Witte along with Commissioner Paul Schnell.

We had 80 pre-registered attendees with another 20 individuals joining us. Thank you, Cal, and our MCA Legislative Committee, for developing and hosting this annual MCA event!

We are looking forward to our **4th Annual MCA/MACPO Juvenile Justice Conference** titled:

"Thinking Outside the Box" – Innovative ways to work with Justice Involved Juveniles

This training will be held on April 20, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Maplewood YMCA Community Center and will be in-person. A sneak peek at a couple of the sessions we are developing:

- Washington County Juvenile Probation Intake Process.
- "Healing: Intervention by Another Name."
- Olmsted County Family Violence Review Team.

President's Message Continued

We are excited to announce our **2023 MCA Annual Spring Workshop** on May 23, 2023 at the Willmar Assembly of God Church. Our plan is to have presentations including:

Panel Presentation on The Journey of Justice Involved Individuals.

- Kandiyohi County Probation
- Kandiyohi County Jail Program and/or Wright County Jail Program.
- Health Services Reentry (MH, SUD, SO, OUD & Medical—including DOC initiatives for opioid use disorders)
- DOC Transitions Program Coordinator
- Hearings and Release Unit (HRU) regarding changes to the restructure and revocation processes over the last three years and participation in the panel presentation.

Our **DOC/MCA/MARRCH Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Responsivity Work Group** is led by Allen Godfrey, DOC Corrections Field Services Director. The Work Group membership includes individuals, both metro and greater Minnesota from DOC, Community Corrections, Field Service Agents, both state and county, SUD treatment programs, etc.

The Work Group has defined our vision for change (medium- to high-risk for SUD and recidivism). The deliverable of this working committee is defining best practices for enhancing SUD treatment success and pilot in a CCA, CPO and DOC county to test out effectiveness.

The Work Group has been focusing on specific areas of SUD treatment and making recommendations on enhancements in our collaboration, and approach to services. The Work Group has a focus on client readiness prior to treatment and referral information.

As you can see, MCA has a lot of initiatives occurring simultaneously. I am certainly having fun working with our fine assortment of corrections, community corrections professionals.

Feel free to drop me a line if you have suggestions, comments, etc.: mark.groves@state.mn.us.



Scholarship Time!

Attention High School Seniors!

Time to Submit Your Scholarship
Application for MCA's 2023 Educational
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~ Deadline April 15th ~

The first scholarship will be awarded to a current high school senior graduating in 2023.

[Click here](#) for the scholarship application.

The second scholarship announcement will be sent out this summer and will be awarded to a current post-secondary student.





4th Annual MCA/MACPO Juvenile Justice Conference



“Thinking Outside the Box”

Innovative ways to work with Justice Involved Juveniles

April 20, 2023

9am-4pm

Maplewood YMCA Community Center

[Click here](#) for more details and Attendee Registration link

[Click here](#) for Exhibitor Registration link

Attendee Registration: \$45 for members

Attendee Registration: \$65 for non-members (includes a complementary one-year membership)

Resource Fair Exhibitors—\$200 (includes two complementary one-year memberships)

Lunch is included with registration!

Here’s a preview of some of the sessions:

Washington County Juvenile Probation Intake Process

In 2019 the Juvenile Unit in Washington County completed a system review with the Robert R. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice which led to the development of a dedicated Juvenile Intake Unit.

This presentation reviews the how and the why they “do business” in the intake unit. The presentation covers the process overall starting from the detention hearings or new petitions to disposition, assessments pre-disposition, specialization in EJJ and Certification studies and a snapshot of their supervision. This presentation will also briefly identify the positive outcomes that this change has led to.

“Healing: Intervention by Another Name”

A Community-centered healing-based approach to Violence Prevention, Intervention, & Healing group/gun violence in Ramsey County. Centered in the narratives and lived experiences of those most impacted by group/gun violence, The Healing Streets Project began its efforts to reduce group/gun violence in Ramsey County through 4 key direct service areas of Community Based Violence Prevention and Intervention, School Based intervention and Impacted Peer Advocacy, Hospital-based Violence Prevention, and Healing/Grief Services for Survivors of group/gun violence.

Olmsted County Family Violence Response Team

Over the past several years, Olmsted County probation noticed an upward trend with juvenile arrests and incarceration for domestic assault. Most of these incidents were parent/child conflict, some being sibling conflict. It was important to redefine these incidents as family violence and not the traditional domestic assault/intimate partner violence. To address this issue, a group was assembled to discuss an alternative system response that did not include the juvenile being immediately incarcerated and charged with a crime.

The object of the Family Violence Response Team was to provide an immediate contact from the system and offer or enhance wrap around services to prevent further harm. The intervention would include a multi-system approach, efforts to de-criminalize the youth and also reduce iatrogenic harm to the youth.

See you in April

at

“Thinking Outside the Box”

Innovative ways to work with Justice Involved Juveniles

April 20, 2023

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MN Statute 152.18 Frequently Asked Questions

How does a 152.18 Discharge and Dismissal Order affect the individual's criminal history record at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA)?

Upon discharge and dismissal of cases sentenced pursuant to MN Statutes Section 152.18, BCA records related to the applicable offenses are **sealed** as required by law (152.18.1.c).

What is the BCA's process when a 152.18 Discharge and Dismissal Order is received?

To ensure records are sealed only when the individual meets eligibility requirements, the BCA reviews the court file and ensures the subject's sentence was a Statutory Stay of Adjudication, prior criminal history (Minnesota and National) don't include prior stays of adjudication/diversions, and there are no felony drug convictions (unless 10 years have elapsed since their discharge from sentence).

Why does the BCA send a letter to the Judge, Prosecutor and Department of Corrections in regards to a 152.18 Discharge and Dismissal Order?

The BCA sends a letter when they find information in a subject's criminal history record that indicates the individual does not meet the eligibility criteria pursuant to MN Statute 152.18.

What drug offenses does the BCA look for?

152.023, sub 2, 152.024, sub 2, 152.025, sub 2 and 152.027, sub 2. The BCA reviews the court file and ensures the subject was found or pled guilty of one these statutes. Only these statutes qualify under MN Statutes 152.18. Drug offenses not included in this statute are not eligible for sentencing pursuant to MN Statutes 152.18.

What does the BCA look for when reviewing a subject's criminal history record to determine if the eligibility pursuant to MN Statute 152.18.

- Have they previously participated in or completed a diversion program authorized under section 401.65;
- Have they previously been sentenced under Statute 152.18 and had the charges been discharged and dismissed;
- Have they been convicted of Chapter 152 felony drug conviction (MN or National), unless 10 years have elapsed since discharge from sentence.

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RAIN opened new locations in October (St. Louis County), November (Sherburne County), December (Stearns County), and January (Anoka County).

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KEY POINTS:

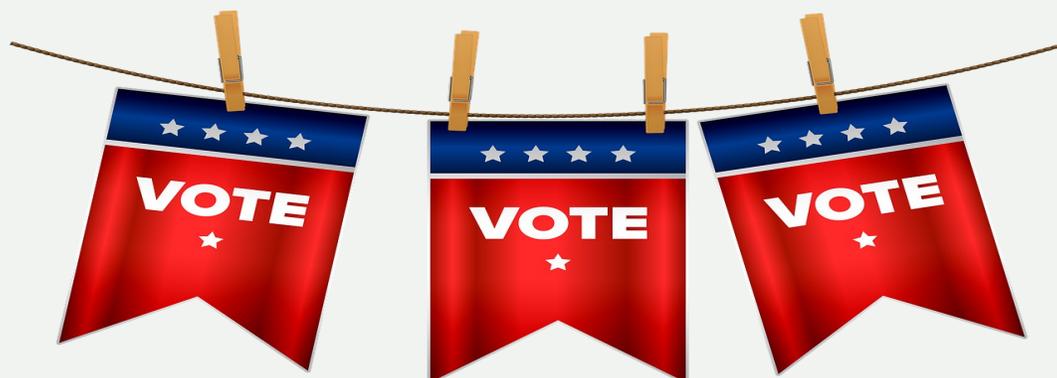
- ◆ The Senate passed this bill by a vote of 35-30.
- ◆ Governor Tim Walz has said he will sign the bill.
- ◆ The ACLU of MN estimates 50,000 to 55,000 as being ineligible to vote.
 - ◆ Voting Rights will start for impacted individuals on July 1, 2023.
 - ◆ Individuals in jail or prison are ineligible to vote until they are released.



To learn more about the movement behind voting rights restoration, go to the ACLU of MN website by [clicking here](#).



For a link to the MPR News article on this historic legislation, [click here](#).



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MCA Technology Committee

Jason Mereness, MCA Technology Committee Chair

jason.mereness@co.ramsey.mn.us

Greetings to all my MCA friends, fellow change makers, and technology enthusiasts!

I am happy to share that the 2023 MCA Technology Committee, met for the first-time in February 2023. It was a blast to reacquaint, meet, and interact with the “technology people” that we were in search of. I had joked at the December 2022 MCA Board Meeting that I was hoping to assemble MCA’s “technology avengers”. Those who have agreed to serve on the 2023 MCA Technology Committee, fit that bill! Each committee member brings their own unique set of talents, experiences, and technology specialties. It is the kind of committee I was hoping to build and the kind of “room” anyone would benefit from being in.

In this installment of the MCA Forum, I want to introduce you to some of our 2023 MCA Technology Committee members, while also showcasing (in their own words) some of the amazing efforts happening in their spaces. Take it away!

Dan Traun | Minnesota Department of Corrections

“The pandemic pushed us along quicker in the direction we were already heading. A more mobile and flexible workforce by utilizing laptops, smartphones, and VPN. We are really examining our office space needs as well given the ability of our staff to telework and rotate office days. This whole situation really necessitated a less-paper initiative that will eventually turn into a completely paperless workflow. We’ve upgraded all our Internet communication circuits across all our offices to be a minimum of 100/100mb ethernet.”

Andrew Reed | Minnesota IT Services – Partnering with the Minnesota Department of Corrections

“The Minnesota Department of Corrections is getting a new system to deliver content straight to the incarcerated persons in their cells. CableCast is being installed at most of the correctional facilities. This system has a server located on-site and allows videos and other content such as memos to be uploaded to a user interface. From this user interface, content can be modified and scheduled for viewing by the incarcerated person in their cells through the cable system coming through their television. Each facility getting this system will receive six channels with content intended for movies, religious services, health services, education, and general facility information.”

Jonathan Kemp | Kempsecure

“I am noticing more AI features in the security technologies arena. For example, name brand commercial cameras now are capable of running video analytics using the cameras own processing resources. In the early days of video analytics, processing load was endured by servers somewhere onsite. Security Technology manufacturers are constantly adding more advanced features with every new release. There seems to be momentum to migrate “to the cloud.” That could be convenient as demand for systems integration continues to grow. Hence, cyber challenges seem to be trending up while also getting more impactful and expensive. I wouldn’t be surprised to see a mandatory requirement trend (unless regulated) for each board member of a company to have a certain level of cyber competency.”

MCA Technology Committee - Continued

Brent Tilley | Minnesota Monitoring

“From the traditional RF house arrest monitor to the wearable GPS tracking watch, Electronic Home Monitoring options evolve as time goes by. Here at Minnesota Monitoring we have recently added the Smartlink App to our options list. The Smartlink App is installed on the client’s cell phone and has 8 modules to help agents verify program compliance. The most important module is the Check-in. This allows the client to check in randomly throughout the day and night to verify the client’s location. It can be used to verify attendance at work, appointments, treatment, AA, etc. A self-report module is used to ask the client a series of questions where if “yes” is the answer, an alert goes to the agent. A question could be, “have you had any contact with law enforcement since your last check-in.” There is a calendar module to store important appointments on the app and a supervision module to store important documents the client can view at any time. The messages module allows the agent to text message back and forth with the client from agent computer to client phone. There is also a Video Chat option where the agent can setup meetings with the client on the app. We have been using this in several agencies mostly to verify work and other location compliance. This is a cheaper way to monitor low risk caseloads as the client does not need any equipment other than a cell phone.”

Michael Noel | Precision Kiosk Technologies

“Precision Kiosk Technologies’ AB Kiosk System is a standalone automated kiosk with a built-in breathalyzer module. The AB Kiosk System is designed for check-ins, alcohol screening, drug test communication, scheduling management, and fee collection. The system comprises two integrated components: an interactive kiosk and a client management software program. The Kiosk uses biometric fingerprint authentication to verify the individual’s identity, captures photos and video while administering a probation check-in or breathalyzer test, and automatically uploads the results to the client’s file. Operating without supervision, the Kiosk can screen and monitor up to 30 individuals per hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The system’s cloud-based Offender Management software coordinates regular and random scheduling and handles all client test notifications. The AB kiosk system allows you to manage a large participant population efficiently, allowing program flexibility while maintaining record security and integrity.”

Junior Salguero-Solis | Ramsey County Community Corrections

“The Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) has recently been taking strides in going paperless and moving towards keeping all daily juvenile records digital. For as long as the JDC had been operational, all daily records had been written down and stored into binders the following day. In the last 6-9 months the juvenile detention center has made the transition from writing down daily checks, pod material records, daily schedules, juvenile behavioral records, and recreational activity to storing them digitally using the CSTS FA (Facility Admissions) program. This has optimized technology at the JDC while developing staff to the new era of technology in detention facilities.”

That brings it back to me, Jason Mereness | Ramsey County Community Corrections. Our department continues to evolve our flexible workplace model for field services. Many of the unexpected technology wins from the pandemic have evolved our supervision model from a traditional “bricks and mortar” operation to a true community supervision model. Agents are optimizing the use of laptops, smartphones, docking stations, fleet, and communication/supervision software to do their work. Video visits are now considered a client contact in our contact standards policy, and agents are also in the community meeting clients at any number of locations. Attention is being paid to digital inclusion and assisting our clients in understanding and accessing technology as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read about some of the wonderful corrections technology efforts currently happening in Minnesota! Our committee hopes to continue bringing you “real-world” and applicable corrections technology information in the months to come.

The MCA Technology Committee remains on the look-out for the “technology people” in your agencies and spaces. If that’s you, or if you want to provide us with feedback on this write-up, please email MCA Technology Committee Chair, Jason Mereness at jason.mereness@co.ramsey.mn.us. Please let us know about any corrections technology happenings, needs, or ideas that other MCA members may currently have as well!



DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR ALL

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ The Senate passed this bill by a vote of 24-31.
 - ◆ The house passed this bill by a vote of 69-60
- ◆ Governor Tim Walz signed the bill on March 7, 2023
- ◆ There are an estimated 81,000 unauthorized immigrants in Minnesota who will be eligible for driver's licenses.
 - ◆ Driver's licenses for all means fewer accidents, insured driver's and a boost to Minnesota's economy.
- ◆ People who meet the criteria are not eligible for a REAL ID and cannot use their driver's license to vote.

To learn more about the movement behind driver's licenses for all, go to the Freedom to Drive website by [clicking here](#).



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| New Beginnings Men's Program – Waverly | New Beginnings Woman's Program – Waverly |
| Tapestry Women's Program – St Paul | Meadow Creek Women's Program – Pine City |
| Latitudes LGBTQ Program – St Paul | Bridge Recovery Men's Program – Sauk Rapids |
| Beauterre Recovery Institute – Owatonna | New Beginnings of MN IOP Program – 8 locations |

7 Men's Programs, 4 Women's Programs, 1 LGBTQ Program, 1 Professional's Program

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Even as we develop a treatment plan appropriate for an individual situation, we apply the lessons learned helping others reach their goal to find long-term recovery. Clinical practices are scientifically based upon the evidence established by the effective treatment of previous patients. Our evidence-based approach to drug and alcohol treatment also considers the specific social conditions contributing to addiction. Experience has taught us that this can bring healing not only to the afflicted individual, but to their family and the broader community as well.

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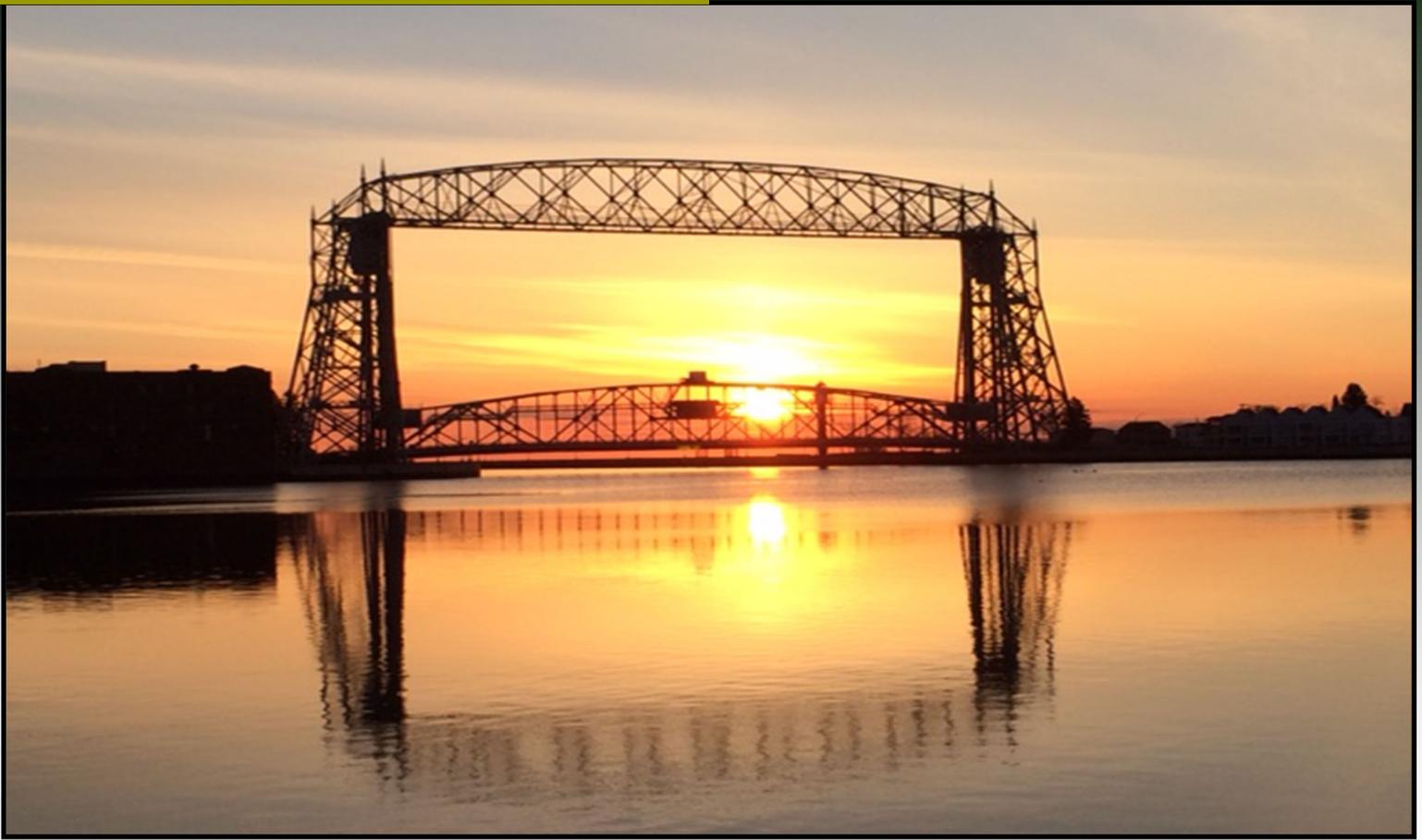
The scope of Meridian's network of affiliates provides a variety of disciplines and types of expertise to ensure patients get care appropriate to their needs. Our comprehensive array of services and specialties reach all levels and intensity of care, from residential inpatient to outpatient, from medically assisted treatment to group-based counseling. Our mental illness/ chemical dependency (MICD) care model is versatile enough to adapt along with our patients throughout their recovery.

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At Meridian Behavioral Health, we utilize a holistic approach to recovery, as drug and alcohol addiction affects both mental and physical health. We believe all are born with an innate state of mental health and wisdom that once lost, can be accessed, and reclaimed. By embracing this concept of innate well-being, we pull upon the power of inner strength and re-establish a sense of self-pride and self-worth. The result is positive thinking which leads to healthy choices and, therefore, positive behavior. We listen, we respect, we understand, and above all, we help make a lasting change. Our staff whole-heartedly believes in the power of personal touch and their passion helps transform lives every day.

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Be sure to mark your calendar for the
2023 Conference in Duluth
MCA will be celebrating their
90th Anniversary!

October 24th will be the kick-off event with the
Awards Ceremony in the evening and the
training sessions will take place October 25th-27th.



See you in Duluth
October 2023

Calling All Presenters!

***MCA is Now Accepting Presenter Proposals
for the Annual Training Institute
October 25-27, 2023 in Duluth, MN
as MCA Celebrates 90 Years!
1933 ~ 2023***

Minnesota Corrections Association is pleased to announce a Call for Presenter Proposals for our 2023 Annual Training Institute being held October 25-27 in Duluth, Minnesota.

MCA provides a learning opportunity for attendees at the Annual Training Institute. Our attendees include individuals in all aspects of corrections across the State of Minnesota including but not limited to those in the courts, pretrial, probation, parole, facilities, reentry, programs, treatment, as well as those who provide various services and support.

MCA celebrates it's 90th Anniversary this year! The mission of the Minnesota Corrections Association is to promote the professional development of individuals working in all aspects of the corrections field and to promote ethical and just correctional practices. The philosophy of Corrections is to provide services, which will promote the rehabilitation of offenders and provide safety for the public, keeping in mind the principles of Restorative Justice.

MCA Annual Training Institute Presenter Proposals can be submitted with any topic and some popular topics include: Community Supervision, EBP, Gender Issues, Diversity, Health and Wellness, Judicial Systems, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Reentry Services, Release Services, Safety, Technology, Victim Issues....
Just to name a few.

MCA is interested in reviewing your presenter proposal!

[Click here](#) for proposal form.

Deadline to Submit is May 31, 2023

***E-mail your proposals to Christine Schweich
christine.schweich@co.ramsey.mn.us**

In your e-mail Subject line put - "Presenter Proposal"

Call for Nominations: 2023 MCA Awards

Submitted by Jane Schmid

MCA Past President



MCA is currently accepting nominations for the 2023 MCA Awards. If you would like to nominate a corrections person who has achieved distinction in their career, demonstrated outstanding leadership, or has shown exceptional volunteer services in their community – we welcome you to submit their name for consideration.

[Click here for form.](#)

Corrections Person of the Year

Corrections Officer of the Year

President's Award

Technology Award

Professional Achievement Award: Correctional Facility

Professional Achievement Award: Field Services

Board of Directors' Award

Contact Jane Schmid, MCA Past President for Questions
& Nomination Form Submission: jane.schmid@co.brown.mn.us

Juvenile Justice

Committee Co-Chair



Jane Schmid

My current position is an ISP (Intensive Supervised Probation) Juvenile Agent, for Brown County Probation.

Juvenile Justice Committee is comprised of corrections agents, case workers, and community-based service providers who are passionate about Juvenile Justice. JJC follows legislation relating to Juvenile Justice issues, including exchange with legislators. This committee has proven to be a critical resource for professionals in Juvenile Justice.

What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten for breakfast that is not a breakfast food?

Leftover Chinese food

What's the worst job you've ever had?

Babysitting rich people's kids during college.

What's your favorite part of a county fair?

Food.....and people watching.

If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you and why?

Music and a deck of cards

What are 2 truths and a lie about you? *

1. I got kicked out of high school.
2. I have OCD tendencies.
3. I played Lacrosse in High School

***Tune in to the next Forum to find out which are the 2 truths and which is the lie about Jane!**

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Juvenile Justice Committee Co-Chair



Kari Boser

I am a Caseworker at MCF-Red Wing and the Juvenile Justice Committee Chair.

The Juvenile Justice Committee (JJC) has set out to be a collaborative voice for justice involved juveniles in all delivery systems throughout the state. We strive to promote transformation in the system and focus on being a rejuvenating and positive force within this environment.

This committee works in collaboration with MCA's Legislative Committee to provide input and feedback on legislative initiatives related to justice involved youth. In addition, this group works to stay current with best practices in the field of juvenile justice, as well as educated on programs and services available to this population to best serve them. The JJC in collaboration with MACPO also hosts an annual training event for professionals working in juvenile justice.

The JJ committee is not currently in need of additional members, but are open to reviewing applications from people who seek out membership on this committee and feel like they would be a good fit

What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten for breakfast that is not a breakfast food?

Does cold pizza count as weird?

What's the worst job you've ever had?

Beverage cart driver at a golf course.

What's your favorite part of a county fair?

The food of course!

If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you and why?

My husband and kids...

What are 2 truths and a lie about you?

1. My favorite color is purple.
2. I have owned seven vehicles in my lifetime.
3. I have four kids.

***Tune in to the next Forum to find out which are the 2 truths and which is the lie about Kari!**



Ron Solheid

I am retired from Mn DOC and now doing some volunteer work as Executive Director of the R3 Network

Community Supports Committee - one of the newest MCA committees. The purpose of the committee is to engage with community organizations providing supports and services to persons leaving incarceration and/or in need of treatment and other community based care.

We are always looking for new members for the committee.

What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten for breakfast that is not a breakfast food?

Chili

What's the worst job you've ever had?

Frankly, I have never had a bad job.

What's your favorite part of a county fair?

The food is always the best part of a fair.

If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you and why?

Friends and Family

What are 2 truths and a lie about you? *

1. Cucumbers are the one food I really love.
2. I served as commissioner of corrections under Gov. Mark Dayton.
3. I brought twice the allowed number of cigars from Havana Cuba when returning to the US in 2015.

***Tune in to the next Forum to find out which are the 2 truths and which is the lie about Ron!**

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JoAnn M. Brown, Project Supervisor,
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What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten for breakfast that is not a breakfast food?

Lasagna

What's the worst job you've ever had?

When I was in high school as a telemarketer selling AAA car insurance.

What's your favorite part of a county fair?

The exhibits

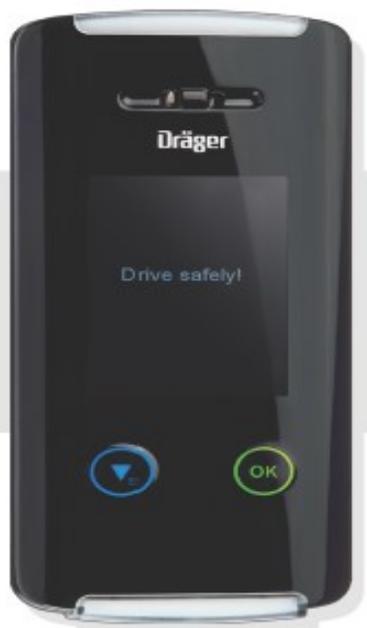
If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you and why?

My bible and a comb to keep my hair up.

What are 2 truths and a lie about you?

1. I have three grandchildren
2. Dogs are my favorite pet
3. I'm from Wisconsin

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Committee Member



Shannon Olean

I am an Evidence Based Practices Coordinator with Dakota County Corrections. I train everything EBP and focus on cognitive behavioral programming.

The Sponsorship Committee consists of the powerful team of JoAnn Brown and myself. We work to partner with organizations and businesses both within and outside of the criminal justice system. This partnership highlights these organizations and businesses to all of our association members.

What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten for breakfast that is not a breakfast food?

Anything is free game for breakfast, I would probably say sushi from the night before.

What's the worst job you've ever had?

In college I had a job working in a factory packaging orders for 8 hours a day. My boss would not give us breaks and I would bring a can of Spaghetti O's to eat cold for lunch at my packaging station. I was let go when my boss found out I was writing things like "help me" on the inside of the boxes I was sending out.

What's your favorite part of a county fair?

Fairs are the best and the people watching is hands down the very best part!

If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you and why?

Okay, so Chapstick and my Keurig machine. But if those are included in human needs my two dogs would be the two things I absolutely could not live without.

What are 2 truths and a lie about you?

1. I am the granddaughter of a major league baseball player
2. I once wore a cast on my leg for two months, for money
3. I have an identical twin sister named Sharon

***Tune in to the next Forum to find out which are the 2 truths and which is the lie about Shannon!**

Vice President

2023



Laura Anderson

Juvenile Transition Coordinator, MCF-Red Wing

I'm currently the Vice President of MCA and have been re-elected for 3 terms since 2019. The Vice President's role is assist the President so the association runs smoothly, track and update the operations manual, and support the Communications Chair. The VP also represents MCA's purpose and objectives as an association.

What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten for breakfast that is not a breakfast food?

Beef jerky and pickles. I guess I really love salt

What's the worst job you've ever had?

Molly Maid – House Cleaner - I thought I seen a lot in the field of corrections, but being a house cleaner opened up my eyes to a whole new place - people's homes. The work was very physical and exhausting and I didn't get paid very well. It was seasonal employment as I only worked there in between a summer college break. The summer employment experience was all I needed to never go back!

What's your favorite part of a county fair?

The animals, the events, and the food! I don't really have one specific thing, I like it all!

If you had to be shipwrecked on a deserted island, but all your human needs were taken care of, what two items would you want to have with you and why?

Sunscreen, I burn easily and a deck of cards, I need something to do, so I guess I'll play solitaire.

What are 2 truths and a lie about you?

1. In the summer I camp, boat, and spend time outdoors
2. I have 2 dogs and a cat because I like having pets
3. Softball and volleyball are my favorite sports to play

***Tune in to the next Forum to find out which are the 2 truths and which is the lie about Laura!**



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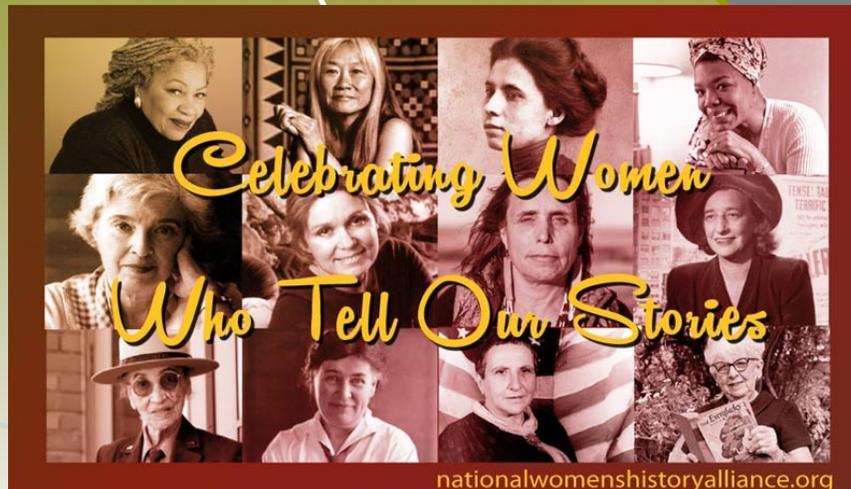
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Proclamation 5619 -- Women's History Month, 1987

March 16, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

From earliest times, women have helped shape our Nation. Historians today stress all that women have meant to our national life, but the rest of us too should remember, with pride and gratitude, the achievements of women throughout American history.

Those achievements span the wide range of human endeavor. They have not been attained without the quiet courage and sacrifice of millions of women, some famed, most not. Women have established themselves in business and the professions, and today women outnumber men as undergraduates at our colleges and universities. Women have fought for moral and social reform and have taken part in and led many great social and political movements of our land. Women have founded many of our philanthropic, cultural, educational, and charitable institutions. Women have served our Nation with valor and distinction during wartime, nursing the wounded, piloting airplanes, performing vital jobs in defense plants. Women have forged a place for themselves in public life, serving on the Supreme Court, in the Congress, and in Cabinet posts; becoming Ambassadors; and holding Federal Executive posts that affect the lives of every citizen.

Most importantly, as women take part in the world of work, they also continue to embrace and nurture the family as they have always done. All Americans can be truly grateful for the role of women as the heart of the family and for their every accomplishment today and throughout our history.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 20, has designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 1987 as Women's History Month. I call upon all Americans to mark this month with appropriate observances to honor the achievements of American women.

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CAPITOL DAY 2023

Submitted by Adult Justice / Legislative Committee Co-Char Mary Cardinal



The annual Capitol Day sponsored by MCA, MACPO and MACCAC took place on February 8th via a Zoom meeting. It was the highest turn out for Capitol Day we've had in a long time, if ever! 92 people plus DOC Commissioner Paul Schnell and 8 legislators!

Commissioner Schnell started the morning off with opening remarks and highlights of the DOC's legislative initiatives. We heard from Representatives Paul Novotny, Sandra Feist, Kelly Moller, Dave Pinto, Jeff Witte, Walter Hudson and Jeff Witte plus Senators Warren Limmer and Ron Latz. Unfortunately, Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn had to cancel due to the fact that a bill she is chief author of was scheduled at the same time she was scheduled to join us.

Thank you to all of you that attended and asked great questions. The discussions were wonderful and having dialog from many of you with the legislators is very valuable.

Thank you!





Legislative Affairs

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This update article is being prepared for you as the Minnesota Legislature continues to aggressively present new proposals for Committee consideration.

There have now been approximately 4650 bills presented between the Senate and the House, and most will never get a hearing. The Committee Chair has discretion on what bills they want to hear in their committee. Another analogy, the House Committee on Public Safety has 194 bills assigned to it, and the Senate Judiciary Division now has 323 bills that have been placed in that Committee's jurisdiction. It is likely that only 25 - 30 % of those proposals will get a hearing this Session. As time flies by, the Legislature is feeling the pressure at this point of really setting priorities as the self-imposed first deadline for bill approval is March 14th, less than two weeks away. Bills must receive a positive response from the Committee of jurisdiction by that first deadline or it is most likely that the proposal is dead for this Session.

With this pressing deadline, Committees are setting up extra meetings in the evenings and even some on week-end schedules. There are always many bills placed on the daily agenda and seldom do they get through their prescribed agenda before time runs out. Large numbers of advocates and opponents sign up to address the legislative committees and those who are fortunate to be called to speak will now be given just a few minutes to address the Committee, not a real effective way of fully vetting proposed legislation.

As we see bills that directly relate to our agenda priorities that may be controversial, we always try to submit written comments for the Committee members to review, not the best way of doing business but at least getting some positions to them for consideration.

Because of where we're now at in timing of the Session, you'll now be seeing the Legislature turning its focus to working on the budget for this biennium and lots of talk around Bonding. Because the Legislature did nothing last year, and with the significant budget surplus, it appears most Legislators now advocate for a major bonding bill this year, and another bonding bill next year, which would be your typical bonding year. They are already working on introducing the 2022 bonding bill as a top priority in this Session to put some projects in place that were lost last year. There is also talk about possibly two bonding bills being passed this Session, but I think that will be decided when the leadership and Governor have an agreement on how to deal with the current surplus.

I am tracking all the Corrections/Criminal Justice bills in Committees and will update on those receiving some action from the Committee members. Several bills have had Committee hearings and have been placed on the General Register, which means they can be called the House Speaker for Floor action at any time. My Legislative update report will reference those bills. This update should be available to you by early next week, as we're now researching the status of those bills now. It will be a very busy and confusing time for the next several weeks as the Legislature works to get as much as possible done before their Easter break starting April 1st through April 10th. The Legislature will be back in Session on April 11th. Continue to seek updates through our tracker system on the MCA website. I always welcome questions or comments from our membership.



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Jolene Rebertus and CPD Lauren Webber, MN DOC Central Office

DOC Health Services Release Planning Overview and breakout session on Opioid Use Disorder Reentry Initiatives and MAT at DOC

Elizabeth Kirk - Transition Coordinator, MN DOC

Facility Transition Resource Centers and their function with incarcerated persons.

Andrew Karlsen - Program Director, Hearings and Release

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TamiJo Lieberg - CCA Director, Kandiyohi County

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any ideas.

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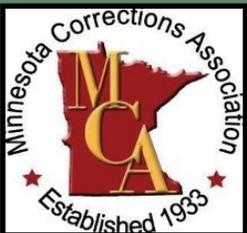
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