

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Member

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Patricia Munoz, Chief Probation Officer

Attendees: Jim Conlogue, Superior Court Presiding Judge
Brian McIntyre, County Attorney
Mark Suagee, County Public Defender
Eric Silverberg, Court Administrator
Amy Hunley, Indigent Defense Coordinator
Dany Hernandez, Treatment Coordinator, Probation Services
Bob Pilcher, Veterans Services Social Worker
Tim Wachtel, Corporal, Sierra Vista Police Department
Debra Ash, Clinical Associate, SEABHS
Margee Stansbury, Court Liaison, ACTS
Fiona de Young, Community Outreach Representative, Martha McSally's Office
Sarah Darragh, Cenpatico
Jeremy A. Upham, Court Liaison, Cenpatico
Deanna Bellinger, Chief Executive Officer, Wellness Connections

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the CARE Court.

Ms. Patricia Munoz, Probation Director, presented this topic by using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Munoz introduced the current problem, went over statistics, shared the history and description of the program, and discussed the goals of CARE Court.

Ms. Dany Hernandez, Treatment Coordinator for Probation Services, went over the participation numbers and noted that substance abusers seem to have the highest number of cases in CARE Court. She added that veterans are also included in this court and they have a high success rate. She also said that the total program success rate is 67%.

Ms. Munoz thanked the team of community partners and said they would share their mission as related to CARE Court.

Judge Timothy Dickerson, Justice Precinct 5 said that his goal in CARE Court is to achieve positive results for troubled participants, which is crucial for a positive impact on the community.

Mr. Mark Suagee, County Public Defender, said that the most important focus is to stabilize behavior and he shared a client's success story.

Ms. Munoz thanked Mr. Suagee for obtaining grants to fund this program.

Mr. Brian McIntyre, County Attorney, said CARE Court success cases save the County money and reduce the number of cases across the system. He noted that this program also improves public safety. He added that in the future this program might need to be funded by the County and he hoped the Board will support the program by committing funding. He also stated that he would like to see this program initiated in other justice courts.

Several attendees from different community organizations voiced their support for the CARE Court program.

Ms. Hernandez covered recidivism rates and stated that the numbers show the success of the program.

Judge Dickerson shared two success stories.

Ms. Munoz reiterated that CARE Court works and is critical for the community as a whole. She added she hoped that this program would be expanded countywide.

The Board thanked staff for the presentation and said that funding is limited at this time, but would like to hear proposals on how to implement this program countywide.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlathe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board