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HOSTED BY THE 21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN GRAND JUNCTION, CO SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 16 & 17, 2008

Conference Registration Deadline: April 30, 2008

Hotel Registration Deadline: April 16, 2008

Featuring:

- GAC Community Corrections Service Award
- Meth Statistics & Meth Task Force Information - Dr. Mike Gizzi & Angela Wickersham
- Understanding Methamphetamine: The Problem & Treatment - Panel
- Mesa County Community Corrections – Tour & Lunch (REMEMBER TO PRE-REGISTER)
- Dinner with the "Cowboy Poet"

2008 Nominees for the CACCB Executive Committee:

BOARD VACANCIES:

Vice President

&

2 Citizen At-Large Positions

Ted P. McNeilsmith (Secretary)

CACCB Secretary Ted P. McNeilsmith is from the 12th Judicial District (San Luis Valley), has been a member of CACCB since 1994, and previously served a term as CACCB Treasurer.

Ted's educational background includes a Ph.D. from the University of Washington - Seattle, a master's from New Mexico University - Las Cruces, and an undergraduate degree from East Central State College in Ada, Oklahoma. He has been at Adams State College in Alamosa since 1992 where he is a Professor of Sociology. He previously taught for eleven years at Green River Community College in Washington and for ten years at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Ted is active in the community, serving on the following boards and committees: the Alamosa Live Music Association (A.L.M.A.), San Luis Valley Community Corrections Board, Community Corrections Board Screening Committee, San Luis Valley Hispanic League, and Valley-Wide Health Systems (1995 - 2003). He also belongs to the National Organization for Women and the Southern Poverty Law Center. He most recently served on the Citizen Interview Panel for candidates for Alamosa's new Chief of Police.

Steve Reynolds (nominated for VP)

Steve graduated from Central Missouri State University in 1982 with a BSBA degree with Double Majors in Accounting and in Finance. While there he played football and ran track at the NCAA level and participated in a number of academic clubs.

After graduating, he worked in mid-size and large Fortune 500 corporations as an accountant and Jr. Executive. In 1991, he purchased a small business in Glenwood Springs (which he still owns and operates) with his wife, Virginie.

Steve is currently the Chairman of the 9th JD Community Corrections Board and has served on the Executive Committee for CACCB for the past 3 years.

Janelle Shaver (President)

Janelle Shaver has been active in CACCB since joining her local Jefferson County board in 1996. She served two years as Vice-President before becoming President in 2006. She spent some years as a classroom teacher, but has been a piano teacher and church organist for over 35 years. She served two terms on the Wheat Ridge City Council and is a board member of the Wheat Ridge Historical Society and secretary of the Arts Council of Wheat Ridge. In her spare time she enjoys history, U.S. travel, and is an admitted news/politics junkie. She and her husband live in Wheat Ridge and have two grown children.

Marlene Hiller (Treasurer)

Marlene is a citizen member of the Jefferson County Corrections Board and has served as Treasurer for the CACCB since 2003. She was founding director of The Haven, a model therapeutic community and community corrections program for women. She "retired" in 2000, but is back at work for Addiction Research and Treatment Services, University of Colorado as a Grant Proposal Specialist. She has an MPA from the University of Colorado at Denver. Marlene frequently indulges her passion for travel.

New Re-entry Book Helps Community Corrections Clients

When it comes to helping people start over after prison, community corrections programs have a full plate. Clients need to find a job, get an ID, get clothes for work, learn to manage their money (including restitution and child support), get treatment, *and* learn how to get along within the community corrections system.

That's a lot of information to cover, but it's only part of what's inside *Getting On After Getting Out: A Re-entry Guide for Colorado*. Recently released by Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition (CCJRC), the 200-page book provides information for people transitioning from prison to society, including those who are transitioning through community corrections. Written for people leaving incarceration, the book is also helpful for community corrections case managers and other service agency staff who work with the re-entry population.

Margaret Arnett, who is a member of the Boulder County Community Corrections Board, said of the book: "*Getting On After Getting Out* is a printed resource that speaks to the immediate needs of a released offender who must fight the stigma of his/her crime and the paralyzing experience of institutionalization while facing a new life outside the walls." Arnett believes it is "imperative" that someone leaving prison or jail have a resource guide "to assist in navigating the choices, decisions and demands of living in the real world."

Carol Peeples, re-entry coordinator at CCJRC, and Christie Donner, executive director of CCJRC, spent three years researching and writing the guide. In addition to the chapter explaining community corrections, the book also includes chapters about planning for release, finding a job and a place to live, contacting community organizations for help, getting identification documents, applying for benefits, and much more.

Grants from The Piton Foundation, The Denver Foundation, Daniels Fund, and The Annie E. Casey Foundation supported the distribution of 20,000 copies of the re-entry guide for free to people in prison and on parole. Ari Zavaras, director of the Colorado Department of Corrections, calls the re-entry guide "a much needed tool in the effort to reduce recidivism and impact the revolving door."

CCJRC wishes the book could have been distributed to all 30,000 of the people in prison and on parole, not to mention the transition and diversion clients in community corrections facilities. Since this group, as well as community corrections staff, have found the book helpful, CCJRC hopes that facilities will purchase multiple copies. "I support all efforts to get the books out to our clients," said Gregg Kildow, executive director of Intervention Community Corrections Services.

Carol Peeples is available to provide training about the guide's contents to community corrections staff and clients. The paperback guide is \$10 (plus \$2.50 shipping & handling) and available online at www.ccjrc.org or call (303) 825-0122. The book's table of contents may be viewed online at www.ccjrc.org. Bulk purchase discounts are available.



Getting On After Getting Out includes an extensive chapter on understanding community corrections. Besides providing an overview of community corrections, the chapter includes:

- Community corrections boards
- The referral process
- Criteria for acceptance
- How might community corrections help?
- Fifteen ways to succeed
- Program rules and policies
- Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate
- Reasons for getting kicked out
- Disciplinary procedures
- Financial obligations
- Complaints and grievance procedure
- DOC liaison
- Stress
- Medical care
- Social Security benefits

Colorado CURE & CDOC

A meeting has been scheduled between Colorado CURE & CDOC for **Wednesday, May 28, 2008 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.** at the **Denver Women's Correctional Facility, 3600 Havana Street, Denver.** CDOC's Executive Director, Aristedes Zavaras, as well as other DOC personnel, will be in attendance to hear your concerns & answer your questions. All citizens are welcome to attend.

Questions?

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UPDATE: COLORADO PAROLE BOARD MEMBERS

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THANK YOU
to the 8th Judicial District for
hosting the August CACCB
meeting

More details to come!

UPDATE: Governor's Community Corrections Advisory Council

Governor Ritter recently appointed the following people to serve on the council for terms expiring at his pleasure:

Larry Abrahamson, Christopher Cross, Frank Dubofsky, Charles F. Garcia, Thomas A. Giacinti, Paul M. Isenstadt, Harriet Hall, Kailash Jaitly, Ken Kester, John Kuenhold, Jeffrey T. Mannix, Ernest Marquez, Lawrence "Alex" Marquez, Cecelia Mascarenas, Liane McFadyen, David L. Michaud, Jeaneene E. Miller, John M. Riley, Charles Smith, Dianne Tramutola-Lawson, Peter A. Weir, Ari Zavaras

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

This newsletter will be distributed via e-mail to all community corrections board contacts throughout the State of Colorado, to the DOC and the DPS-DCJ, to CCCC and to legislators via snail mail. It is expected that board contacts will, in turn, distribute it to their board members, service providers and other interested parties. It will also be available on the Association's website at coaccb.org. If you cannot access any of these methods, please contact CACCB Administrative Coordinator Lori Lucero-