

LIAISON REPORT

AGENCY: CCJ

LIAISON: Sue Draper

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1. Need for Program. Describe who the target population is and whether their numbers are increasing or decreasing. Indicate the source of this information. Also, indicate how the program/service is different and how it is similar to others and what would happen if the program/service ceased to exist. List the priorities established by ASSET Funders, which the programming addresses.

Target population are Offenders assigned by the Court who need rehabilitation to make positive change in our Ames community. This is a unique non-profit service that has been in business since 1974.

Without this service by CCJ, Offenders would simply receive a fine or jail sentence with little or no rehabilitative effort & absolutely no supervision. Annual cost for Jail/Prison is \$30,000 which is paid by taxpayers. CCJ's probation cost is only 1% of that at \$300-575 which is paid by Probationer.

2. Program Strengths. Pick two to four factors that contribute most importantly to the program/service outcomes. Do not list everything that is satisfactory. We will assume that things not mentioned are okay. For each strength describe some supporting evidence.

The 89% Client completion rate of CCJ probation program is impressive. This means there is significant impact on our community, they may be our neighbors and this has a ripple effect on their families/children when Client successfully completes the program they could be sober, children may eat better and be more engaged in basic necessities of parenting/shelter/family life. CCJ provides the tools and skills needed to become better.

Centrally located in ISU campus and do utilize ISU Student Interns too. In business for 42 years now.

3. Program Weaknesses. Select factors that detract most from the program/service achieving its outcomes. Present details as described above. Recommendations for reducing these weaknesses should follow the discussion of each weakness.

They are down the Director position with Craig Evans coming out of retirement stepping in as Interim Director while he also has a case load. All on the CCJ team has caseloads at present.

4. Financial Outlook. Current funding concerns should be described. In addition, the assessment of the program's plan to cope with shrinking resources should be given.

ASSET Funds pay for roughly 1/4 of this much needed program. Work on sliding fee too.

They don't control the caseloads so usage of program has recently been downward and that is because they rely on all referrals coming from the Court.

They do project usage to go up in near future as historically usage has been cyclical. Examples shared was that usage used to be higher when VEISHA was occurring and can be up when there are a lot of ISU home games.

Note: They do have a new computer system that was implemented and there will be a need for some expenses to aid in developing custom usable reports with database.

5. Internal Management Practices. Summarize your assessment of the management of the agency, and the role of the Board. If there are deficiencies, details should be provided. Conclude with recommendations when appropriate.

Craig and team appeared to be a close knit group, compassionate and very knowledgeable in what needs to be done to hold their impressive outcome of 89% of CCJ's clients have successfully completed their probation.

6. Agency Suggestions/Comments. Make note of any suggestions, comments or questions agencies may have with regard to the ASSET process, budget forms and or anything else that relates to the process.

GENERAL ASSESSMENT:

Great program and very much needed for our community.

See attached impactful snippets from actual letters that Clients are required to write to their Judges at the end of their rehabilitation.