

## LIAISON REPORT

**AGENCY: CCJ**

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### **1. Need for Program.**

Target population are adult low risk offenders assigned by the Court who need probation rehabilitation services to make positive change in our Ames community. This is a unique non-profit service that has been in business since 1974 Craig shared in my recent visit.

Activity is up this year compared to last year. Centrally located in ISU campus and do utilize ISU Student Interns. In business for 42 years now and they truly appreciate ASSET's support. .

Without this service by CCJ, Offenders would simply receive a fine or jail sentence with little or no rehabilitative effort & absolutely no supervision which could impact our community. Annual cost for Jail/Prison is \$30,000 which is paid by taxpayers. CCJ's probation cost is roughly 1% of that at \$300-575 which is paid by Probationer. CCJ compliments the state funded Office of Probations who serve high-risk offenders.

### **2. Program Strengths.**

The 94% Client non-recidivism rate this year of CCJ probation program is very successful in that participants of this program did not re-offend within their first year of program completion. This has a positive ripple effect in our community as they may be our neighbors. This program can have an impact on their families/children when a client successfully completes the program where they can 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 guide one to become a better person.

New this year and a great staff satisfier is that CCJ can now provide health insurance. This was approved by their Board in last year and much appreciated. CCJ has 3 full time staff.

### **3. Program Weaknesses.**

This new program isn't considered a weakness but I wanted to make mention of it. CCJ team is piloting a new Anger Management Program this year with the intention to break even in year one and continue with service.

### **4. Financial Outlook.**

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

They don't control the caseloads so usage of program is cyclical because they rely on all referrals coming from the Court. Since their clients are mandated to CCJ from the court system, there is an ongoing challenge to work with them because they are not always motivated.

Their newer computer system is working well this year with learnings over past year and providing useful data reports.

**5. Internal Management Practices.**

Craig and team are a close knit group, compassionate and very knowledgeable in what needs to be done to hold their impressive and high non-recidivism rate with clients.

They are grateful for the new health insurance and their Board's support to implement it.

**6. Agency Suggestions/Comments.**

**GENERAL ASSESSMENT:**

Great program and very much needed for our community.