

AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING THE COMMISSION ON SENSITIVE CRIMES

The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Dane does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, all references to section and chapter numbers are to those of the Dane County Code of Ordinances.

ARTICLE 2. Section 15.23 is amended to read as follows:

15.23 COMMISSION ON SENSITIVE CRIMES. (1) The commission on sensitive crimes shall consist of fourteen members, appointed by the county executive and approved by the county board, as follows: one citizen member of the Madison Public Safety Review Board and one member each from the Public Protection & Judiciary committee, the Health & Human Needs committee, the District Attorney's office, the Sheriff's Department, the Madison Police Department, the Department of Human Services; four representatives of providers of service to victims of sensitive crimes each representing the disciplines of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse/neglect and elder abuse; two citizens who are informed about matters relating to the commission's areas of concern; and a designee of the University of Wisconsin Chancellor. The Chair (or designee) of each of the Community Coordinated Response (CCR) teams may serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission.

(2) The county supervisor members shall serve two-year terms ending on the third Tuesday of April of even-numbered years. All other members shall serve staggered, three-year terms ending on June 30.

(3) The commission shall concern itself with the activities of Dane County and associated agencies relating to sensitive crimes including, but not limited to, sexual assault, domestic/family violence, the abuse/exploitation of children and elder abuse with particular attention to the impact on and issues affecting members of traditionally underserved communities. Duties of the commission include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) serve as a forum for the coordination of services related to sensitive crimes;

(b) assist Dane County in developing and coordinating policies relating to the prevention, treatment, investigation and prosecution of sensitive crimes;

(c) maintain resources (such as a website) for the collection and dissemination of information relating to sensitive crimes;

(d) respond to issues identified by Dane County, including conducting studies and making recommendations;

(e) propose and analyze legislation and administrative procedures relating to sensitive crimes; and

(f) recommend procedures to gather, analyze and present statistical data concerning the incidence of sensitive crimes in Dane County.

(4) The commission shall report at least annually to the Public Protection & Judiciary committee, which shall be the policy oversight committee for the commission and be advisory to the Health and Human Needs committee of the county board on major issues and with respect to budget and policy matters.

(5) The members of the commission shall receive a per diem and mileage as paid county board supervisors for attendance at standing committee meetings.

(6) In making her or his appointments, the County Executive shall give due consideration to a membership which reflects the gender, racial, sexual orientation, and ethnic characteristics of the Dane County community.