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... and so much more!

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Stay rooted in MCA this year through all things MCA!!

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President's Message

Mark Groves, 2023 MCA President

THANK YOU for visiting MCA's website. Our website has proven to be user-friendly and provides an opportunity to access your membership information, view MCA leadership and committee membership, register for a conference, review monthly workshops, and many more features. A complete list of our committee chairs and volunteers is included, so it is easy for you to contact any of us at any time.

We invite you to browse our website and ask that you reach out to us if you have questions or if we can assist you in any way. Hopefully, you will find everything you need and are looking for as you explore our site.

Thank you to all who attended our April 20, 2023 Juvenile Justice Conference in Maplewood. During the conference, attendees learned the latest in correctional techniques and research at workshops including:

Minnesota Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (MN JDAI) presented by Katrinna Dexter and Curtis Shanklin.

Olmsted County Family Violence Response Team presented by Julie Duff, Kari Hohn, Amber Myers, and Jenny Strahl.

Washington County's Juvenile Probation Intake Process presented by Mike McGrath.

MCF-Red Wing Programming and Services presented by Jim Schaffer and Adam Blaschko.

The day was a very educational, enriching event for the presenters, sponsors and participants. The presenters did a great job providing great learning experiences. We enjoy focusing on and effecting juvenile justice issues as a centerpiece of MCA.

President's Message Continued

MCA has partnered with MACPO, MACCAC to explore the *Retirement Option 60-30*. Retirement Option 60-30 will allow all Probation Officers across the State of Minnesota to retire at the age of 60, or after completing 30 years of service. Right now, all probation officers hired after July 1st 1989 will have to work until age 66 to receive a fully unreduced retirement benefit. Those probation officers that were hired before 1989 benefit from the Rule of 90, meaning they can retire when their age plus years of service equals 90. Early Retirement Option 60-30 is intended for all probation officers in the State of Minnesota regardless of county, state, or union affiliations.

MCA is also requesting your assistance and your support with the Justice Reinvestment Initiative in Minnesota: a 2-year effort to regain equitable funding for counties from the State. As part of this initiative, a Community Supervision Work Group (CSWG) was created, involving AMC (Association of MN Counties), DOC, MACCAC, MACPO and MCA.

AMC took on the task of contracting with APPA (American Probation and Parole Association) to conduct a workload study in MN, with funding from MACCAC and MCA. Out of this study, a formula was determined with the focus on making all 87 counties financially whole again with adequate and equitable funding. Corrections in Minnesota deserves full-funding and has suffered with inadequate and inequitable funding in Minnesota, which has led to poor outcomes, increased revocations, and has created racial and geographic disparities.

Mark your calendars for our 90th MCA, Annual Training Institute, October 24-27, 2023, at the DECC in Duluth. Check back on our website www.mn-ca.org for updated information about the conference. Lastly, workshop proposals for the Training Institute are now being accepted – please visit [here](#) if you are interested in submitting a proposal. We look forward to seeing you in Duluth!

As you can see, MCA has a lot of initiatives occurring simultaneously. I am certainly having fun working with our fine assortment of corrections, community corrections professionals.

Feel free to drop me a line if you have suggestions, comments, etc.: mark.groves@state.mn.us.

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”

National Correctional Officer's Week: May 7th - 13th



By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Correctional officers have the difficult and often dangerous assignment of ensuring the custody, safety and well-being of the over 600,000 inmates in our Nation's prisons and jails. Their position is essential to the day-to-day operations of these institutions; without them it would be impossible to achieve the foremost institutional goals of security and control.

Historically, correctional officers have been viewed as "guards," occupying isolated and misunderstood positions in prisons and jails. In recent years, the duties of these officers have become increasingly complex and demanding. They are called upon to fill, simultaneously, custodial, supervisory and counseling roles. The professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding and often conflicting roles deserve our utmost respect. The important work of correctional Officers often does not receive the recognition from the public it deserves. It is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who are a vital component of the field of corrections.

In recognition of the contributions of correctional officers to our Nation, the Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 132, has designated the week beginning May 6, 1984, as "National Correctional Officers Week," and authorized and requested the President to issue an appropriate proclamation.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 6, 1984, as National Correctional Officers Week. I call upon officials of State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighth.

RONALD REAGAN



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Recognitions in the month of May

**Teacher Appreciation
Week**

Nurses Week

Corrections Employees Week

**National Women's
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**Brain Injury
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4th Annual Juvenile Justice Conference

April 20, 2023

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Jane Schmid, MCA Past President, Co-Chair Juv. Justice Committee
Mike Schommer, MACPO President

MN Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (MN JDAI)

Katrinna Dexter, MN JDAI Coordinator
Curtis Shanklin, MN DOC Deputy Commissioner

Olmsted County Family Violence Response Team

Amber Myers, Olmsted County Corrections Program Manager
Kari Hohn, Child and Family Services Project Manager
Julie Duff, Olmsted County Juvenile Probation Officer
Jenny Strahl, Olmsted County Attorney's Office Paralegal

Washington County's Juvenile Probation Intake Process

Mike McGrath, Washington County Community Corrections

MCF-Red Wing Programming and Services

Jim Schaffer, Assoc. Warden of Operations, MCF-Red Wing
Adam Blaschko, Program Lieutenant, MCF-Red Wing



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SUBMITTED BY: Submitted by: Diana Dalsin, [952.888.0746/diana.dalsin@bridging.org](tel:952.888.0746) and Beth Schultz-Smith

Bridging: We Furnish Homes with Hope

Bridging, a Twin Cities-based nonprofit and vital community resource, empowers people to thrive in their homes by providing quality furniture and household goods for individuals and families transitioning to housing stability from many different paths. With locations in Bloomington and Roseville, Bridging serves more than 100 households per week, primarily in the Twin Cities metro area.

Connecting to Bridging through Bridging Agency Partnerships

Community members may secure a referral to Bridging's services through more than 260 [registered agency partners](#). Caseworkers at agency partner organizations provide assistance with scheduling a client appointment to shop for a full household set-up of furniture and essential household items.

Bridging works diligently to maintain a low-cost client shopping fee and fee-based delivery of furnishings to the household. In many cases, an agency partner will utilize its financial resources for these fees, so the furnishings and delivery are at a low cost or no cost to the individual or family. [Click here to learn more about one of our Bridging agency partners](#).

Bridging is about Dignity

An experience with Bridging is all about dignity and a person-centered approach. All are welcome at Bridging, and our collaborative team of 40 paid staff members and hundreds of dedicated individual volunteers demonstrate respect through efforts to understand each person's diverse strength and needs. Through our [core values](#), we foster a supportive culture and strive to deliver excellent service, every day, with everyone connected to our mission.

We often hear that the dignity and fun someone experienced with Bridging is what mattered most to them:

"My home. MY! HOME! ... Everything is special and dear to me and makes me feel so at home. ... Bridging has made an impact on my life from the beginning — the questionnaire, setting the appointment — through the end, sharing popsicles with the moving volunteers because it was so hot that August day." - Freeda, shopped summer 2022

The Shopping Experience: Creating a Furnished Home

At a shopping appointment, each recipient of Bridging's services is invited to select home furnishings that work best with their household needs and preferences. Most often, a shopping experience is in-person at one of Bridging's two warehouse locations. If someone is unable to shop in person due to issues with health, childcare, or transportation, a virtual appointment or a preferred list of items shopped by volunteers are also options.

A small volunteer team shops alongside, listening and offering ideas, tagging selected items, and packing items in preparation for pickup or a friendly and efficient delivery by our Warehouse and Delivery Team, often the next day.

Bridging's [volunteer team](#) is essential to our mission. We could not operate our programs without the hundreds of individual volunteers and thousands of group volunteers who assist with Bridging's services and programs annually.

Bridging is able to help more than **4600 households each year** achieve the stability of a comfortable, furnished home. The true benefits of a furnished home are difficult to put into words, but we recognize it in the many ways it is shared:

"Bridging was generous. I got a couch, a rocking chair, tables, a full-sized bed, a brand-new vacuum, dishes, lamps, and bedding —everything on my list, but I didn't take the full amount. I only took what I needed. ... It feels like a home now. It makes me feel comfortable and independent. ... I don't have to stress. I have everything I need." - John P., shopped winter 2023

In Partnership with Community Donors

Bridging is a furniture bank sustained by the generosity of donors and supporters in our community. A steady supply of basic home essential items provided by the community ensures that furnishings are available and plentiful, providing comfort and hope to people who shop at Bridging.

"I trust you [Bridging]. I trust your integrity. I trust the mission. Last fall we renovated, and we donated furniture, rugs, lamps, artwork — a bunch of stuff — to Bridging. We knew it would go directly to someone in transition to someone who needs it." - Bonnie W., Bridging donor

Since 1987, Bridging has served nearly 110,000 households (more than 330,000 individuals), and reduces landfill space by 11 million pounds each year. [View the list of items that Bridging accepts.](#)

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Calling All Presenters!

***MCA is Now Accepting Presenter Proposals
for the Annual Training Institute
October 25-27, 2023 in Duluth, MN
as MCA Celebrates 90 Years!
1933 ~ 2023***

Minnesota Corrections Association is pleased to announce a Call for Presenter Proposals for our 2023 Annual Training Institute being held October 25-27 in Duluth, Minnesota.

MCA provides a learning opportunity for attendees at the Annual Training Institute. Our attendees include individuals in all aspects of corrections across the State of Minnesota including but not limited to those in the courts, pretrial, probation, parole, facilities, reentry, programs, treatment, as well as those who provide various services and support.

MCA celebrates it's 90th Anniversary this year! The mission of the Minnesota Corrections Association is to promote the professional development of individuals working in all aspects of the corrections field and to promote ethical and just correctional practices. The philosophy of Corrections is to provide services, which will promote the rehabilitation of offenders and provide safety for the public, keeping in mind the principles of Restorative Justice.

MCA Annual Training Institute Presenter Proposals can be submitted with any topic and some popular topics include: Community Supervision, EBP, Gender Issues, Diversity, Health and Wellness, Judicial Systems, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Reentry Services, Release Services, Safety, Technology, Victim Issues....
Just to name a few.

MCA is interested in reviewing your presenter proposal!

[Click here](#) for proposal form.

Deadline to Submit is May 31, 2023

***E-mail your proposals to Christine Schweich
christine.schweich@co.ramsey.mn.us**

In your e-mail Subject line put - "Presenter Proposal"



MCA Technology Committee

Jason Mereness, MCA Technology Committee Chair

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MCA Technology Committee Update for May 2023

Jason Mereness, MCA Technology Committee Chair

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Happy Spring MCA friends, fellow allergy fighters, and technology partners!

There are lots of things happening in the MCA Technology universe. Most noteworthy is the development of a forthcoming updated MCA website. We don't have details to share now but stay tuned for an update soon. Building a website has been a learning experience for many of us, as few are expert website developers. Luckily, we have been able to consult with members of our Technology Committee and are also having conversations with other organizations currently developing websites. If you are reading this and have expertise in WordPress or HostGator, email me, as I would love to consult with you.

We had hoped to provide you with an update on our use/testing of the Owl Labs meeting camera for this issue but have not had enough time to use/test it truly. As soon as we have some usable feedback on the Owl (which we are trying at the monthly MCA Board Meeting), we will surely share it with you. If you are simply asking yourself, "What is the Owl?" check out the [Owl Labs Website](#) for more info.

The Technology Committee is meeting again on May 2nd, where we will be further exploring potential topics for the MCA Annual Training Institute. Some possible topics already on our radar are access control in jail/prison settings, ethical concerns around cameras, artificial intelligence, tiny phones, drones, incarcerated person network, exploiting/patching technology, tablets in facilities, and tools on devices. We promise to land on something exciting and hope some of you will join us in Duluth to talk about technology in October 2023.

From June 18th to June 21st, I will travel to Fort Myers, Florida, on behalf of MCA to attend the Corrections Technology Association (CTA) Annual Conference. I look forward to networking with corrections technology professionals worldwide, hearing from some fantastic technology experts, and attending the scheduled "Tech Showcase." While I can't bring everyone along with me, I will be sure to share some of what is presented in the July edition of the MCA Forum.

Special shoutouts to those of you who have already taken the time to send emails in repose to these forum articles! I've received everything from simple "thanks" for having the committee active again to the sharing of great ideas or potential technology topics of discussion. We are compiling this information and have even had follow-up meetings with some of you. That interaction and feedback are more appreciated than you know, so please keep it coming. "Technology is best when it brings people together" (Matt Mullenweg).

Thank you for taking the time to read about some of the wonderful corrections technology efforts currently happening in Minnesota! Our committee hopes to continue bringing you "real-world" and applicable corrections technology information and updates.

The MCA Technology Committee invites you to provide feedback on this write-up. Please email MCA Technology Committee Chair Jason Mereness at jason.mereness@co.ramsey.mn.us. We are always interested to hear about any corrections technology happenings, needs, or ideas that other MCA members may currently have!

Wherever you call “home,” it should give you feelings of comfort, support, and calmness.

If not, there are things you can do to your space to help you be more productive, reach your goals, and improve your mental health.



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Call for Nominations: 2023 MCA Awards

Submitted by Jane Schmid

MCA Past President

MCA is currently accepting nominations for the 2023 MCA Awards. If you would like to nominate a corrections person who has achieved distinction in their career, demonstrated outstanding leadership, or has shown exceptional volunteer services in their community – we welcome you to submit their name for consideration.

Deadline is July 31, 2023

[Click here for form.](#)

Corrections Person of the Year

Corrections Officer of the Year

President's Award

Technology Award

Professional Achievement Award: Correctional Facility

Professional Achievement Award: Field Services

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Contact: Jane Schmid, MCA Past President

Questions & Nomination Form Submission:

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| Latitudes LGBTQ Program – St Paul | Bridge Recovery Men's Program – Sauk Rapids |
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7 Men's Programs, 4 Women's Programs, 1 LGBTQ Program, 1 Professional's Program

ABOUT MERIDIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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** Twin Town accepts level 3 predatory offenders on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the director. Population served policy states we only accept up to Level 2 yet the director can approve beyond that if clinically warranted.*

PERSONALIZED CARE FOR HEALTH AND HOPE

Every day, we dedicate ourselves to people, creating treatment plans that help them grasp meaningful, lasting change—the kind of change that can turn lives around. Our network is uniquely designed for those who may be struggling with alcohol or chemical dependency, mental or behavioral health concerns. Our team works across job titles and experience, disciplines, and expertise, applying proven therapeutic approaches to treatments that are as compassion-based as they are evidence-based. We share the same hearts, minds and ambitions, and an unwavering belief that we are truly at our best when those we treat are at theirs. Addictions are often as unique as the person who has them. At Meridian Behavioral Health, we take the time to get to know the patient's situation so we can understand how we can help. Working one-on-one with patients in a judgment-free environment, we develop a level of trust which can overcome even the most challenging circumstances. We then create a custom care plan for each patient, considering their individual needs and long-term goals.

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Even as we develop a treatment plan appropriate for an individual situation, we apply the lessons learned helping others reach their goal to find long-term recovery. Clinical practices are scientifically based upon the evidence established by the effective treatment of previous patients. Our evidence-based approach to drug and alcohol treatment also considers the specific social conditions contributing to addiction. Experience has taught us that this can bring healing not only to the afflicted individual, but to their family and the broader community as well.

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The scope of Meridian's network of affiliates provides a variety of disciplines and types of expertise to ensure patients get care appropriate to their needs. Our comprehensive array of services and specialties reach all levels and intensity of care, from residential inpatient to outpatient, from medically assisted treatment to group-based counseling. Our mental illness/ chemical dependency (MICD) care model is versatile enough to adapt along with our patients throughout their recovery.

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To learn more about Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, [click here](#).

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month originated with Congress in 1977 Pacific American Heritage Week.” Then in 1992, Congress passed a law that annually designated May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

WHO:

Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).



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- Alumni Group

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Partners offers individuals with substance or alcohol use a convenient way to access treatment services. With the addition of telehealth programming, we are expanding our reach and helping rural populations overcome shortages of specialized behavioral healthcare and resources. It is a convenient solution for individuals with transportation limitations or a lack of childcare.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS

Partners Behavioral Healthcare offers cognitive behavioral interventions in conjunction with substance use treatment. 80% of programming is evidence-based and includes Decision Points, Trauma, Illness Management & Recovery (IMR) and Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). Decision Points curriculum meets corrections requirements, which is what individuals often need to complete upon release. In addition, licensed instructors clinically train counsellors through Decision Points authors, LLC.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Evidence-based care for trauma, anxiety, depression and other presenting needs. Co-occurring disorders are diagnosed at Partners Behavioral Healthcare in conjunction with other health professionals.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT

Partners Behavioral Healthcare offers Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in our goal to provide a "whole patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. MAT bridges the biological and behavioral components of addiction. Research indicates a combination of medication and behavioral therapies can successfully treat substance use disorders and help sustain recovery. MAT has been shown to assist patients in recovery by improving quality of life, level of functioning, and the ability to handle stressors. MAT is evidence-based and is a recommended course of treatment for opioid addiction.

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

Intensive outpatient treatment is a primary treatment program that can be recommended by a clinical comprehensive assessment. Clients participate in group and individual therapy, while working on an individualized treatment plan. Treatment is supported by a multi-disciplinary team including LADC's, Mental Health Therapists (if needed), Peer Recovery Specialists and Case Workers. Intensive outpatient programs occur in non-residential settings and consists of more treatment hours per week than traditional programming.

OUTPATIENT TREATMENT

Outpatient treatment offers more flexibility than intensive treatment and allows participants to maintain work, family, and personal commitments. Participants can attend sessions in the mornings or evenings and are able to pursue their personal recovery goals without explanation of a prolonged absence. Length of time in treatment depends on a variety of circumstances that are unique to the participant, however most clients remain in programming for 12 to 24 weeks. Once in our program, our clinical professionals will perform ongoing assessments and provide referrals for additional service as needed.

PEER RECOVERY

We provide every participant with a Peer Recovery Support Specialist who has experienced addiction and are experiencing recovery. Peer Recovery Specialists offer mentoring, assist with housing, transportation, employment, and guidance in navigating community support systems.



JUNE IS

PRIDE MONTH

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more about Twin Cities Pride!

2023 Festival Dates

June 23 6pm to 9pm

June 24 10am to 7pm

June 25 10am to 6pm

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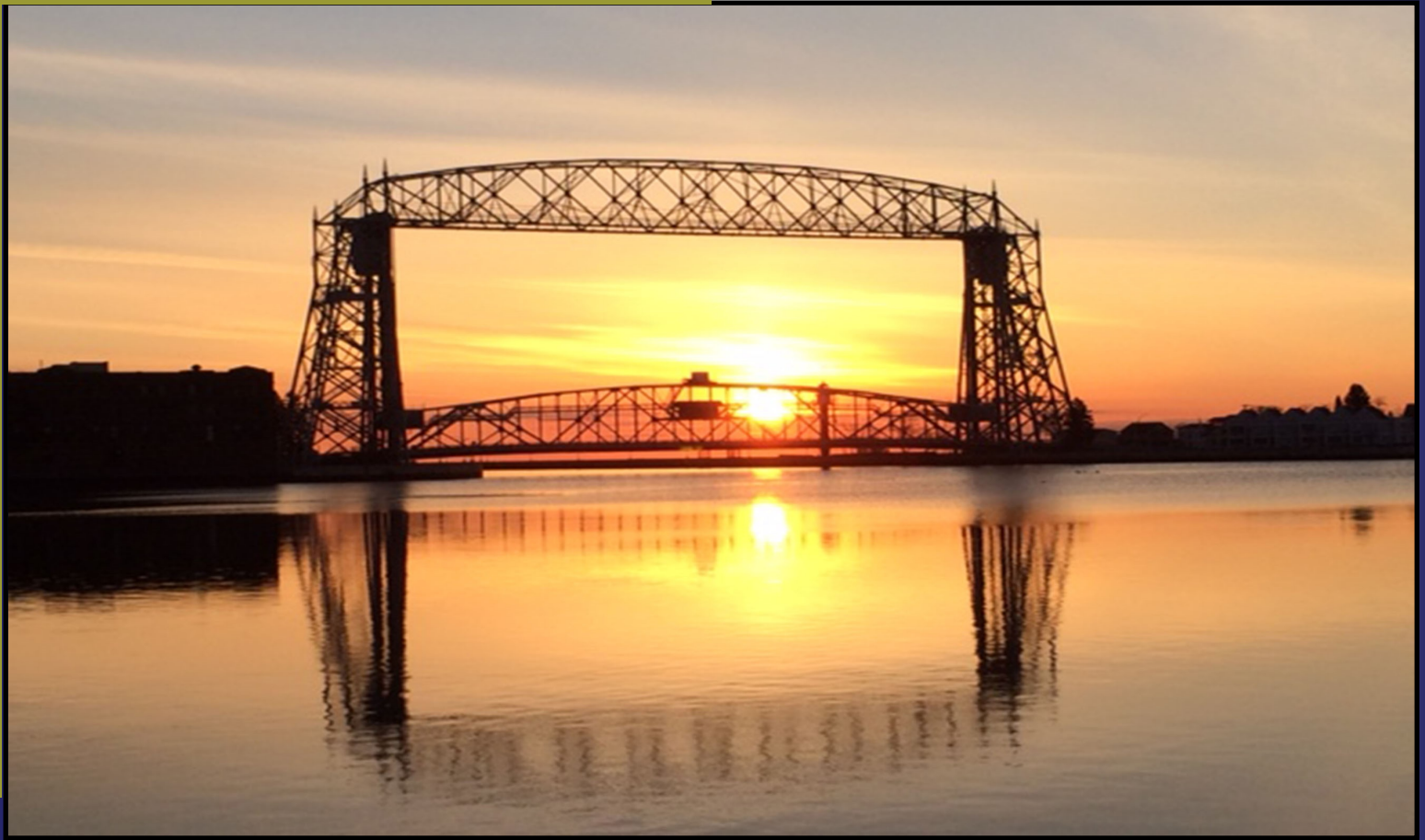
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Legislative Affairs

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This article for the MCA FORUM this time of the year is always a most difficult one to prepare as it is issued just a few weeks before the end of the Legislative Session, and that means almost everything is still up in the air with final print up for debate on the floor of both chambers. Everyone agrees this has been a very unusual session, both with the speed and methodology being used by the leadership of the DFL as the legislative majority.

Here we are at the end of April with three weeks remaining in this year's Session, and all Committees have acted on their legislative "package" for this Session in their Committee Omnibus bills, which are still being placed on the Calendar of the Day for consideration by the full Legislature. That has resulted in many very late evenings (into very early morning) Sessions of debate on the floor. In the House, the Public Safety Finance and Policy Omnibus bill was expanded with the addition of the House Judiciary Omnibus bill, which means they now have a document of about 350 some pages to consider. Last week's floor debate went on for over eleven hours with a multitude of Republican amendments debated for hours and then in almost every case, passed by the DFL majority on straight party line votes.

We have a very liberal DFL majority this year and we all noted that many of the minority amendments were common sense changes, yet they failed on party line votes. This year in Public Safety, we will ultimately see a very progressive, liberal change in policy provisions. It appears the only debate will be around the final dollars allocated to these many provisions, there still continues to be appeals for new funding or increased funding in special areas and if considered, those funding allocations will result in reductions from what we now see the legislation. This means that everything is still up in the air, with a hopeful resolution when the Public Safety Conference Committee completes it's effort to compromise and reach an agreeable package that can again be passed by both the House and Senate, and ultimately reach the Governor's desk

This will not be an easy task however. This Legislature and the Governor really have not been able to even agree on a final budget package and a much needed bonding bill that is so badly needed as soon as possible, even though the fiscal reports continue to show continued growth and added dollars. The legislative leadership however, remains very optimistic about concluding their work and moving our State forward, and in a timely manner. There is plenty of talk in legislative circles and suggestions that the DFL would like to adjourn earlier than the May 22nd deadline.

Details in the current bills under debate are complicated and often addressed in multiple areas of the legislation, so even a summary of the proposal is not conclusive, but it appears we will see one of the most comprehensive Public Safety and Corrections pieces of legislation that could only be imaged a few years ago.

Once this legislation is enacted, it will be summarized and we'll provide a detailed report of the work accomplished, or not accomplished this Session. What doesn't get done this Session will become the basis for our 2024 legislative agenda. In the meantime, find time to enjoy some of the Spring weather that is finally upon us!



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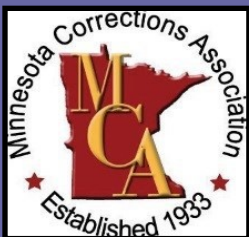
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