# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting January 13, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Teri Henderson, Kalene Engel, Rena Patterson, Judge Mary Leahy, Sherri Brekke, Susan Cooper, Nelson Rhodus, Carmaine Sturino, Judge Leahy, Bronson Mengedoht, Tom Schram, Jenny Losinski and Andrea Ulrich

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Local Juvenile Placement Options/Foster Care: Andrea Ulrich and Jenny Losinski from WCCS were present to discuss foster care options through the County. Currently, there are 23 licensed foster care homes in Winona County and 10 of those are family-specific (meaning a relative is providing care). Many providers will not take juveniles; there are only three who regularly take adolescents. The requirements for foster care providers include a fingerprint/background check (cost of \$10), fire marshal inspection (cost of \$50), 12 hours of training provided by different providers including WCCS (cost varies) and a 12 hour home study by WCCS. The basic daily rate for foster care providers is \$55 and there is also a difficulty of care payment based upon the child's needs. A one-time clothing allowance of between \$500 and 800 is available for 4E placements within the first sixty days of the first placement. Once the clothing allowance is used by a child, it is not available again—even if several years pass between placements. Foster care providers might also provide respite care for families on weekends and nights. WCCS has never advertised for foster care providers and is reluctant to include financial remuneration information (payments are not includable as income) because they want people to do foster care for appropriate reasons, not financial. Family & Children's Center advertised extensively in Winona for its therapeutic foster care program and was unsuccessful in its efforts. WCCS does not offer treatment foster care because there is much more extensive training involved. Since Jenny will be taking over the foster care program and because WCCS staff time is quite limited now with vacant positions, there is a reluctance to recruit for more foster care providers. Other foster care options include agency foster care through PATH (Professional Association of Treatment Homes) and Family Focus, oth from Rochester and Family and Children's Center in Winona.

One option that would avoid the foster care licensing issue entirely would be to encourage more placements with family members. If there is a family member willing to take the child and the parents are willing to have the child placed, it would not have to go through WCCS. The parents could sign a Delegation of Parental Authority which would grant certain parental rights for up to one year. Social security and child support payments could be redirected to the family member providing care. This type of arrangement could save the parent money because they would not be billed a parental fee. It is also an alternative that is not as restrictive as some other options. Per WCCS, if the parents have joint legal custody, both would have to agree to the delegation. Judge Leahy would want the relative placement provider to be at the hearing. It was unclear whether the Dept of Corrections would want a court order confirming the relative placement or if the Delegation of Parental Authority would suffice.

<u>SCY (Supporting Community Youth):</u> SCY and Winona Senior High School are thinking about starting a sober school. Representatives from SCY have asked to give a short presentation at the next CJCC Main Council meeting and Kalene is working on arranging this.

<u>Placement Facility Review:</u> Since Tom Schram is working on the drug court grant application, Bronson will start reviewing and updating the juvenile placement options binder.

Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

<u>Next Meeting Dates</u>: All meetings will take place at DOC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse at 12:30 p.m.: Tues., February 7, 2012; Tues. March 6, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See http://www.mncourts.gov/selfhelp/?page=325

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# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting February 7, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Teri Henderson, Kalene Engel, Rena Patterson, Judge Mary Leahy, Nelson Rhodus, Carmaine Sturino, Karin Sonneman

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

HVMHC Sober School: Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center is in the very early stages of planning a Sober School. Their plan is to start small with approximately 8 students. The program would be set up somewhat like the ALC with a regular school curriculum and groups (for which they could get elective credits) as well as regular drug/alcohol testing. They haven't settled on a location but are considering Central School. Rena has told them that the DOC would be very interested in such a program and to keep her advised of the progress.

HVMHC Substance Abuse Class: Committee members reviewed the intended audience and structure of the class. It is a two hour class intended for youth with minor consumption or possession charges—typically first offenders. It is an educational class, with the first hour for the youth only and the second hour for the youth and parents. The DOC would like the prosecutor to ask that youth be required to attend the class as part of sentencing. Unfortunately, it seems like some of these offenses are payables—even for minors—so they may never appear in court.

Juvenile Placement: The committee continued its ongoing discussion of local options for juvenile placements. When he presented to the CJCC last week, Todd Hoffe mentioned a "dream" of having a youth residential facility in Winona. Kalene followed up with Julie Hanson to find out what legislative changes needed to occur to make that happen. Julie responded that there were changes last year to the CCDTF funding which might facilitate the development of a local treatment facility. She is continuing to research this issue. Karin is collecting talking points for Mena Kaehler of statutory/regulatory impediments to implementing promising programs on a local level. Carmaine talked to Dan Stoner (a foster care father who takes difficult adolescents) and he indicated that he would be willing to speak to prospective foster care parents and others regarding his experiences as a foster parent. He also has a "dream" of someday having a larger facility for foster care children. One possible area of talking point might be relaxing restrictions for local emergency placements to allow people to take youth for a few days pending a hearing.

Bullying: The Rachel's Challenge (anti-bullying) event was held at the end of January at Winona Senior High School. Several people involved in the CJCC attended the event. Karin inquired about the cost of curriculum and was told that it was \$1,195. The cost to bring the program to Winona was \$3,000-\$4,000. The Community Outreach and Diversity Committee will also be looking at this matter. Karin would like to form a workgroup of people to more research how to tackle this issue. Teri and Judge Leahy volunteered for the workgroup. Rena indicated that Jessica Radke would also want to be a part of the workgroup.

Placement Facility Review: Bronson has been working on the juvenile placement binder.

Adjourned 12:56 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: Next Meeting: March 6, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. at DOC Conference Room, 5th Floor Courthouse

# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting March 6, 2012

<u>Persons Present:</u> Teri Henderson, Kalene Engel, Rena Patterson, Nelson Rhodus, Carmaine Sturino, Bronson Mengedoht, Susan Cooper, Bronson Mengedoht

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Safe Haven Grant: The Office of Violence of Women has released a grant opportunity called Safe Havens. This grant is for supervised visitation and safe exchange program for children who are involved in domestic violence situations. Family and Children's Center is interested in pursuing this grant in partnership with Winona County. One potential issue is that it requires the hiring of a coordinator who is employed by the applicant agency—Winona County.

Juvenile Placement Facility: Bronson completed the juvenile placement binder updates. The binder now contains an index of the placement facilities, the per diem cost and number of miles from Winona. Discussion was had on how to communicate information about the services and facilities to the people who are interested in that information, such as judges, attorneys, social workers, probation agents, etc. The facilities are willing to have representatives come to Winona and meet with people to discuss their facility and services. Some facilities routinely do this for DOC by attending staff meetings. In fact, a representative from Red Wing is scheduled to present in May. Some facilities may also have promotional CDs. The index of facilities could be sent to interested persons and the entire binder could be circulated for review. More work could be done on the binder to identify what placement options exist at different stages of the proceedings. However, before a lot of time and effort is invested in setting anything up, the committee needs to hear from the interested individuals as to what they would like to see. For now, Carmaine will take custody of the binder.

<u>Public Defender for Juveniles:</u> Brian Pafundi will be covering the juvenile caseload for Carmaine for three months while she is on leave.

Adjourned 12:56 p.m.

<u>Next Meeting Dates</u>: Next Meetings: April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>. All meetings start at noon and will take place at The Kensington Banquet Room.

# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting April 20, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Teri Henderson, Kalene Engel, Rena Patterson, Nelson Rhodus, Judy Gilow, Karin Sonneman, Justin Green, Christine Ledebuhr, Beth Moe, Judge Mary Leahy

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Juvenile Placement Facility: On April 12, 2012, Karin and Kalene met with Julie Hanson and Todd Hoffe of Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center. The meeting was prompted by Todd Hoffe's expressed desire (at a recent CJCC meeting) to have a residential placement facility in Winona. Possible funding sources were discussed and included CCDTF and Winona County funding, private insurance and MA/Minnesota Care, grants and private donors (through a campaign). Todd noted that keeping the children in the community for placement and treatment would greatly help with transition planning and promote family involvement—two things that seem to be sorely lacking right now. It would also allow the children to learn how to sober and law abiding in their community (to which they would likely eventually return anyway if in placement at one of the existing facilities. The result of the meeting was a conclusion that we needed to gather data about the children in placement to determine the need for and sustainability of such a program. Rena observed that the Department of Corrections could not guarantee a certain number of placements or beds. Justin Green provided analysis about how a grant or other funding request could be approached for this project.

<u>United Way Involvement:</u> United Way has shifted its funding focus to issues involving children and is currently deciding what projects to undertake. Instead of starting a program, United Way wants to facilitate and mobile and be the principal fundraiser for the program. The reason for this is that there is frequently money available when there is a project to be undertaken as opposed to a blanket request for donations to the United Way. One type of project being considered would likely be early childhood education or literacy. Another possible prospect is health issues—namely mental health issues where earlier intervention could lead to prevention of later problems. Justin and Beth shared some statistics from the Minnesota Student Survey. The surveys disclosed that the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year, in particular, is a difficult year for students with many changes taking place. The surveys also disclosed an alarming number of self-reported physical altercations on school grounds. Justin and Beth would like the committee to bring any program ideas back to them for consideration.

### Other Issues:

- Elmore Academy: Concerns about Elmore Academy have been circulating among various counties. One county even pulled its children from the Academy in response to an incident. Rena stated that she recently met with a staff person at Elmore who fully explained the incident and discussed additional actions that have been taken at Elmore to alleviate some of the concerns. Rena stated that the DOCs position on Elmore is that they will continue to use Elmore as they always have. DOC does not have any favorite or preferred facilities, but instead recommends facilities based upon the child's needs.
- Youth Night Campus and Tracking Program: Carmaine's intern obtained some additional information about these programs. See the attached memos.
- Juvenile Drug Court: Carmaine had her intern send letters to existing juvenile drug court program asking for information. Rena noted that she thinks it is a great idea, but that we

- need to focus on getting our adult drug court up and running and reserve the juvenile drug court idea for a future time.
- Transport issues: Recently an issue came up where the jail requested a hearing to have a judge determine whether they should actually transport two juveniles to the locations indicated on the transport order. The jail apparently also made a recommendation for placement. At the hearing, the judge confirmed the location of the transport as originally ordered. Unfortunately, due to the delay in transport, the family of one of the children was already on its way to see the child at the facility and were thus unable to attend the hearing. Up until this point, the procedure that had been previously established for juvenile transports had been working well.

## Adjourned 1:10 p.m.

<u>Next Meeting Dates</u>: Next Meetings: May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>. All meetings start at noon and will take place at The Kensington Banquet Room.

# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting May 8, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Teri Henderson, Kalene Engel, Nelson Rhodus, Judy Gilow, Jessica Radke, Susan Cooper, Brian Pafundi, Sherri Brekke

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Juvenile Transportation Issues: Since the new procedure was initiated whereby Nelson Rhodus notifies transport of hearings in advance, the transports have been on time. Concerns still exist with respect to the jail requesting placements closer to Winona than what has been ordered by the Court. It is unknown whether the judges have addressed these concerns with the jail or transport.

<u>Juvenile Drug Court:</u> Carmaine Sturino's intern obtained information from an operational juvenile drug court in Minnesota. Kalene will forward this information onto the committee; however, the committee would like to defer action on this until the adult drug court is up and running.

Restorative Justice: Jessica Radke stated that the process of hiring a second coordinator is starting. She is looking into developing a victim empathy class (somewhat like a MADD panel). There is a need for this because some of the true victims are not yet ready for conferencing. RJ numbers have been a little low lately, but Community Work Service numbers are increasing. CWS will now be done in 4 hour blocks.

<u>Community Services Updates:</u> Due to departmental need, Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center will be taking over children's mental health case management—perhaps as early as July. Existing mental health case managers will be transitioned into other areas in Community Services. Sharon Summers is now the Supervisor of the Children and Family Unit. Sherri is a lead worker.

Local Juvenile Placement Facility: At the last meeting, the committee agreed that data was needed in order to evaluate the feasibility of a local juvenile placement facility. Juvenile data has been requested from Stephanie Nuttall. Kelly Anderson and Laura Rasmussen may also be good sources to gather data. Kalene will follow up with Stephanie. Judy Gilow noted that Minnesota NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) was preparing its legislative agenda and one of the items mentioned was changing licensing standards for youth correctional and residential facilities. Kalene will forward this information to Julie Hansen of HVHMC.

Adjourned 12:30 p.m.

<u>Next Meeting Dates</u>: Next Meeting: June 7<sup>th</sup>. All meetings start at noon and will take place at The Kensington Banquet Room.

## **Reminder: CJAC Meeting on March 28**

From: Anna McLafferty (amclafferty@namimn.org)

Sent: Wed 3/14/12 10:52 AM

To: Anna McLafferty (amclafferty@namimn.org)

Dear CJAC.

I have a few thoughts in preparation for our next meeting on Wed., March 28 from 3-5:00 PM here at NAMI. We will discuss possible additions to the juvenile justice policy recommendations on NAMI's legislative agenda. The current legislative agenda (below) focuses mostly on improving out-of-home treatment and correctional facilities and comes mostly from a 2007 juvenile justice and mental health summit held by DOC. I want to add juvenile diversion recommendations to the list. So...please come armed with ideas! Once this committee proposes recommendations, the NAMI board will consider the recommendations for addition to NAMI's 2013 legislative agenda. Recommendations approved by our board may also appear on the Mental Health Legislative Network's 2013 agenda.

Since most of us focus on the adult system, I invited additional people to join us: Richard Gardell (Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee president and 180 Degrees director), Sarah Walker (180 Degrees COO and MN Second Chance Coalition leader), Kathy Halvorson (Red Wing warden), Otis Zanders (retired Red Wing warden), Mary Regan (MN Council of Child Caring Agencies director), Ann Hill (Ombudsperson for African American Families), and Dawn Blanchard (Ombudsperson for American Indian Families). If you have suggestions for others to invite, please let me know.

## **Current Juvenile Justice Legislative Agenda Items:**

- Address racial disparities by reviewing how race, gender and ethnicity may impact diagnostic assessments and placement in treatment facilities.
- Employ culturally specific treatment and therapists to ensure equitable outcomes.
- Request the State to address racial disparities in regard to diagnosis, placement in treatment and treatment success/failure by race, gender and ethnicity.
- Analyze statewide needs and resource analysis regarding treatment for justice involved youth with severe mental health issues.
- Develop co-occurring disorders (Mental illness/substance use) programming for youth involved in multiple systems of care (including juvenile justice).
- Change correctional and residential licensing standards to address the needs of the
  population and include licensing mental health professionals (i.e. JDAI standards) to
  respond to the 70% of youth in juvenile justice who have mental health and chemical
  dependency concerns.
- Provide funding for at least one mental health discharge planner at the Red Wing Juvenile
   Detention Facility.

See you on March 28!

Anna

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# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting June 7, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Rena Patterson, Justin Green, Susan Cooper, Kalene Engel, Judy Gilow, Nelson Rhodus.

Minutes by: Anne Drazkowski

<u>Juvenile Transportation Issues:</u> The juvenile transport issues seem to have have been resolved. The transfers have been on time and lately there have not been any other issues with the transports.

Local Juvenile Placement Facility: Stephanie Nuttall is in charge of data collection for the County Attorney's Office and is able to compile data on juvenile placements. She is waiting to hear what type of data the committee needs her to collect to determine detention trends. Kalene noted that the JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative) handbook contained some helpful guidance on the type of data needed to determine if there is a need for a placement facility. The JDAI Handbook recommends that 2 different types of data be collected: aggregated and case level data, and that the time period to review should be 18-24 months. Kalene circulated a data collection summary sheet from JDAI which committee members thought would be helpful. Kalene will communicate this information to Stephanie

Other Juvenile Facilities: Justin discussed the Runaway Bridge Program, but agreed that there was not a strong need for it in Winona with an average of only 6-10 runaway cases per year. Justin also discussed how Gundersen Lutheran in La Crosse was creating an addition to their facility, mostly dedicated towards adolescents. This could provide an opportunity of additional facilities for adolescent mental health day treatments.

<u>Case Management Services:</u> The county is in the process of contracting out children's mental health case management to Hiawatha Valley. Rena brought up the need for more specialized training directed specifically to those who work with adolescents with mental health issues. Justin Green brought up the idea that United Way could be a possible source of funding for this type of training. The training provided could be open to anyone who works with adolescents with mental health issues such as teachers, parents, and various employees throughout the criminal justice system.

Adjourned 12:37 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: July 18, 2012 at 12:00 in the Kensington Banquet Room

August 16, 2012 at 12:00 in the Kensington Banquet Room September 20, 2012 at 12:00 in the Kensington Banquet Room

# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting July 18, 2012

Persons Present: Rena Patterson, Teri Henderson, Kalene Engel, Nelson Rhodus.

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

<u>Pathways:</u> The Sober School that has been mentioned in past meetings is apparently up and running. Called "Pathways" it is housed at Central School and operated by Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center. Teri will invite Todd Hoffe of HVMHC to talk about Pathways at our next meeting

Safe Haven Grant: In March, we submitted a grant to the Office on Violence Against Women for a Safe Haven grant. The grant would provide extensive training and a supervised exchange and visitation location for children involved with domestic violence. Grant partners include Family and Children's Center and the Women's Resource Center. Kalene recently received correspondence from OVW requesting some minor changes to the budget of the grant. Grant award announcements will be made by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Local Juvenile Placement Facility:</u> Kalene met with Stephanie Nuttall to discuss the data collection needed to evaluate our need for a local juvenile placement facility. Stephanie will try to have this information collected by August 15, 2012.

Restorative Justice: Jessica Radke resigned from her Coordinator position at the beginning of July in order to take a job closer to her home. She is staying on as a part-time temporary coordinator to help train the person who is hired to fill the first vacant coordinator position. That individual will start on or about August 1<sup>st</sup>. Once that person is in place and trained, the second coordinator position will be posted. Currently, Nick Oswald is supervising Work service and Kris Sather is supervising mentoring.

<u>Public Defender:</u> Carmaine Sturino comes back from leave next week. Brian Pafundi will be Judge Buytendorp's law clerk.

<u>Strategic Planning:</u> Committee members were asked to think about goals/projects for next year. One project will be training for those in the correctional field who work with kids with mental health issues.

Adjourned 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: August 16, 2012 at 12:00 in the Kensington Banquet Room

September 20, 2012 at 12:00 in the Kensington Banquet Room

# JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## August 16, 2012

Present: Judy Gilow, Rena Patterson. Kalene Engel. Justin Green. Todd Hoffe, Carmaine Sturino, Teri Hendersen, Nicole Draheim. Nelson Rhodus. Karin Sonneman, Judge Mary Leahy

Minutes by Kalene Engel

<u>Introductions</u>: Nicole Draheim was introduced as the new Restorative Justice Coordinator. Jessica Radke will be staying on through end of the year on a part-time basis to train Nicole, then a 2<sup>nd</sup> coordinator will be hired to fill the remaining vacant position.

Pathways: Todd Hoffe was present to discuss the Pathways program, which is a partnership between the Winona School District. Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center and the Miller Mentoring Program. The program is similar to a sober school in that it provides a school-based integrated treatment program for youth. The program will be housed at Central School weekday mornings and will start in October with approximately 8 students. At this point, it will be a voluntary program (not court-ordered), but it could be expanded to include court-ordered cases. There will be a mental health therapist and chemical dependency counselor present at all times and the students will receive school credit for attending the program. Much of the funding will be through third party insurance. The program is innovative and has attracted attention and interest from other schools. Mr. Hoffe will keep us informed as to the progress of the program.

Mental Health Training Opportunity: Judy Gilow has worked with NAMI to arrange a training opportunity on the afternoon of October 9<sup>th</sup> at the County Office Building conference room. The topic of the training is "Responding Effectively to Offenders Who Live with Mental Illnesses." The training is free, but free will donations will be accepted to help cover costs. Anyone interested can attend. More information will be provided once the details are finalized.

Juvenile Placement Data: In response to a request from the committee, Stephanie Nuttall compiled a spreadsheet containing data on juvenile placements during the past three years. A summary of the data was distributed to committee members. Kalene will e-mail the spreadsheet to committee members, who will review the information and make recommendations for additional data needs. The ongoing collection of data will assist the committee in determining future committee projects, including grant opportunities.

<u>Procedure Clarifications:</u> Carmaine requested clarification on some procedural issues, as follows:

- 1. What is the Court being asked to do in CHIPS truancies and runaways—is a finding of truancy or runaway the same as an adjudication (such as in a CHIPS)? Answer: yes.
- 2. What, if anything, should be done if a juvenile being placed has a child of their own? Should a delegation of rights form be signed to ensure that someone has authority to act on the child's behalf? Answer: ves.

3. If a child is placed on delinquency probation, but also has petty level files, can the petty level files be closed as long as the terms of the petty are incorporated into the delinquency file? Answer: yes, but the terms need to be made a part of the delinquency file. Then the petty file could be closed without designating successful or unsuccessful.

Center for Juvenile Justice Reform: Karin recently became aware of a grant opportunity through the OJJDP (Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention) which involved the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform in Washington, D.C. It is too late to apply for the grant, and we probably don't have the numbers here to support a successful proposal, but she would like to initiate contact and see what they have to offer.

**Strategic Planning:** Committee members reviewed the 2012 goals/projects. Juvenile transport issues seem to now be resolved. Updated information about placement facilities was compiled in a binder. We are still working on the local non-secure foster care options. Coordinating transition circles with Family Group Decision Making did not occur, nor did re-entry services for juveniles. For 2013, the committee would like to focus on the following projects/goals;

- Appropriate placement/treatment options for juveniles including local options
- Transitional services for juveniles
- Data collection/evaluation to determine gaps/needs
- Offender specific mental health training

Adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2012 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room.

## Referral Process

The Pathways Program @ WAPS accepts students between 13 and 18 years of age requesting support to maintain a sober lifestyle. Participation in the program is voluntary. Students must make a self-referral by completing the enrollment application to participate in the Pathways Program.

Students enter the program on a 30-day probationary period. At the conclusion of the probationary period, an evaluation will be completed by the student, guardian, and staff.

## Contact Information:

For more information about the Pathways Program @ WAPS, contact:

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# Pathways Program



Pathways is a school-based integrated treatment program for youth committed to sobriety, academic success, and personal growth.





# Program Description

Pathways is a school-based integrated treatment program for youth committed to sobriety, academic success, and personal growth. Students must apply to the program on a voluntary basis. Applicants will be screened for appropriateness and must make a commitment to complete all components of the program. The program combines academics with drug and mental health treatment to create an atmosphere of total support for each participant.





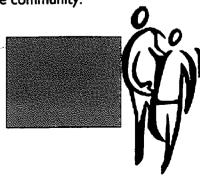
## **Academic Program**

Pathways Program @ WAPS offers academic credits that will meet each students' individual needs. Students select academic classes based on requirements and career goals. Students attend their academic classes in the afternoon at their home school. Teachers work hand in hand with school counselors and Pathways staff to ensure a network of support. Elective credit is awarded upon completion of the Pathways Program requirements.

# Treatment Community

All staff members of the Pathways Program @ WAPS are part of the treatment community and support students in maintaining sobriety. Students attend daily groups that help build the social and emotional skills that are critical to maintaining a sober lifestyle. The treatment curriculum includes lessons in life skills, addiction, and family and group dynamics. An emphasis is placed on building a community of young adults committed to the goals of the program and creating positive peer support.

Students exiting the program are connected to services and resources in the community.



## Juvenile Justice Committee September 19, 2012

The September 20, 2012 Juvenile Justice Committee meeting was postponed until the October 17, 2012.

# Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting October 17, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Rena Patterson, Teri Henderson, Kalene Engel, Nelson Rhodus, Susan Cooper, Carmaine Sturino, Sheri Brekke, Sharon Summers, Judge Mary Leahy

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Local Placement Options-EHM: Carmaine inquired about the possible use of electronic home monitoring as a "placement" option for juveniles. The proposed use would be for those juveniles who have had problems with tracking or house arrest, but whose conduct may not rise to the level of requiring secure placement. In addition to being able to keep the youth in the community and in the home, there is a significant cost benefit (\$200/day for secure placement versus \$6-\$20/day for EHM). The Dept. of Corrections has a contract with Watchguard which allows it to get a favorable rate for DOC clients. However, the County still pays for juvenile DOC clients—just at the discounted rate. If the client is a non-DOC client, different options (such as Midwest Monitoring) would be available for EHM; however, if they became DOC clients, they would have to be placed on a Watchguard device. Watchguard does hookups only on Thursdays, so there could be delays in when an order is issued for EHM and when it actually occurs. If the judge ordered EHM, the child would go to secure placement until the device could be hooked up. Insofar as the fees are concerned, if the parents were able to pay, they would pay. Otherwise, the County would do a fee determination much like what is already done for secure detention. Sharon will work on a fee determination sheet and will contact Watchguard about prices. Nelson, Carmaine and Sherri will work on policies for when EHM monitoring would be appropriate and whether it would be used in conjunction with—or in lieu of other monitoring (such as tracking).

Pre-Trial Release: Participants in juvenile cases were reminded that if pre-trial release was desired, it needed to be uested and ordered. Without it, unless the juvenile is already a DOC client, no one is monitoring the juvenile prior to trial. With it, Sherri Brekke would be monitoring the juvenile.

**Brochures:** Carmaine brought in samples of the brochures she would like to display in the brochure rack outside of Court Administration. The committee endorsed having her put them in the rack.

<u>Victim Empathy Class:</u> Restorative Justice Coordinator Nicole Thompson has developed a Victim Empathy Class which she would like to discuss at the next Juvenile Justice Committee meeting. A description of the class was distributed, via e-mail, to all committee members.

<u>Victims' Services Coordinator:</u> Funding was cut for the Victims' Services Coordinator. There has been no official word as to when that position will end.

<u>United Way Grant Opportunity:</u> At the October CJCC meeting, Justin Green mentioned that United Way will soon be accepting solicitations for small grants (\$5,000 or less) to fund projects involving youth. Committee members were asked to think about possible projects and be prepared to discuss them at the November meeting.

Mental Health Training: On October 9<sup>th</sup>, a training on dealing with corrections clients with mental health issues was held on COB Room B. Speakers included a representative from NAMI and the Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. A training on Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome has been set for the Winona on January 23, 2013. Space is limited. Dr. Lawrence Green has also indicated that he would be willing to do a presentation on the DSM-V. It was noted that there will probably be significant changes to the DSM-V before it is actually published.

Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: November 8, 2012 at noon in the Kensington Banquet Room

December 13, 2012 at 12:00 in the Kensington Banquet Room

## Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting November 8, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Present: Rená Patterson, Kalene Engel, Nicole Thompson, Sharon Summers, Nelson Rhodus, Sherri Brekke, Carmaine Sturino, Teri Henderson

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

<u>Victim Empathy Class (Nicole Thompson)</u>: Nicole developed the Victim Empathy Class to fill a gap in available programming for juveniles for empathy, respectful relationships and taking responsibility. It is a seven week program, once a week after school for two weeks, with a maximum of 10 participants. It is intended for people who have committed an offense with an identifiable victim (with the exception of domestic violence or sex offenses). This could be ordered as part of disposition including diversion as well as a sanction for probation violations.

Restorative Justice: School and truancy circles are not being utilized. Nicole has talked with the schools and sent information about the programs. Nicole agreed to present at the January Main Council CJCC meeting on the Restorative Justice Program.

Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM): Sharon Summers obtained some rate information from Watchguard as follows: \$8/day for house arrest with landline; \$9 for breath reading in a sobrietor machine; \$12/day for dermal readings (which is 24 hours/day) and. If a person doesn't have a landline, there is a house arrest unit for \$11/day for house arrest with cell service. The County would make a parental fee determination—they could use their standard fee determination for kids in out of home placement or they could do something a little more simple or straightforward. Right now the parents have to fill out a lot of paperwork to determine parental fees, but that could be streamlined. Brian Goergen provided general rules of thumb as follows: anyone with an income over \$50,000 per year is going to have a sliding fee; if the family income for a family of 4 was under \$24,000 or if they were receiving cash assistance they would probably have no fee; if a family received other benefits, they would probably pay half the cost; if a family received no public assistance, the parental fee would probably be 100% of the costs. The County would front the cost and then collect from the family. The company requires prepayment for two weeks, but when negotiating the contract we'd want to make sure that if the service wasn't used for two weeks, a refund was provided. We will be looking at a January 1, 2013 formal start date, but may make use of it on a case-by-case basis prior to that time. This will be an action item presented by Carmaine, Rena and Sharon at the December CJCC meeting.

<u>United Way Grant Opportunity</u>: One suggestion was to request funding for training foster care parents and paying for other licensing requirements.

Adjourned: 1:08 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: December 13, 2012 at 12:00 in the Kensington Banquet Room.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Title IV-E Funding & Permanency



Prepared by: Nicole Thompson

Restorative Justice Coordinator

### Description:

Winona County Restorative Justice is in need of a court-ordered program that is centered on juvenile offenders being able to empathize with the victims of crimes. With limited victim centered programming within the county and community it is especially important to acknowledge the growing need for a Victim Empathy Class. By serving offenders who have committed an offense(s) which has a victim(s), the hope is to encourage empathy in young people.

### The Objective:

Winona County is in need of a Victim Empathy Class due to the lack of programming available for understanding the importance of empathy, respectful relationships, and taking responsibility. This course is designed as a seven week program, run after school hours, one day a week for two hours, four times a year, with a maximum of ten participants per seven week session. A juvenile offender who has committed an offense(s) where it is possible to identify a person(s) affected (with the exception of domestic violence or sex offending) may be eligible. The program will challenge the young person to face the harm they have caused and consider what they can do to put it right.

## Principles and Values:

- Respectful relationships
- A belief in everyone's ability to find their own solutions
- Honesty and openness
- Taking responsibility
- Active listening, sensitive checking and exploration of meanings
- An open and non-judgmental approach that avoids taking sides
- A commitment to empowering and developing confidence in others
- Inclusion and acceptance of diversity
- Care with the ownership of information

#### The goals of the Victim Empathy Class are:

- Promote cognition and the ability to perceive cognitively the perspective of another person
- Involve affect and the ability to recognize the emotions and feelings this produces within oneself

- Transform behavior and the ability to respond appropriately and with compassion, motivated by those feelings and thoughts
- Challenge the offenders to consider what might be done to repair the harm caused

### The Solution:

Winona County Restorative Justice will implement a Victim Empathy Class, which will be run by the Restorative Justice Coordinators, involving community members, probation officers, law enforcement, education, and community service officials. By completing prior work on offending behavior with the coordinators or other professionals involved in their case, a decision will be made on whether or not the juvenile is suitable for the Victim Empathy Class. After a start date has been determined, the juvenile will be asked to complete a Pre-Victim Empathy Scale and after completion of the program, he or she will be asked to complete a Post-Victim Empathy Scale. Both will help the coordinators monitor their overall progress within the program.

The Victim Empathy Class will provide Modules to work from.

Module 1: Thinking about what I did

Module 2: Thinking about the person I hurt

Module 3: Thinking about who else I affected

Module 4: My chance to put things right

The structure of each module will include: circle time, lead-in, core and follow-up exercises. Last, a close and evaluation where the participants will be asked to fill out an evaluation questionnaire for each module. The program will also include <u>minimal</u> homework assignments which will be used to reinforce the messages contained in the course or to prepare for the next session.

#### Benefits/Outcomes:

By providing Winona County with a Victim Empathy Class the community will realize the following benefits and outcomes:

- Identifiable empathy within the juvenile offenders
- Challenge the juvenile to face the harm they have caused and focus on what they can do to restore the harm
- Provide a victim centered course for those involved in crime(s) on a person(s)
- Increased use of the Restorative Justice Program

# Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting December 13, 2012

<u>Persons Present</u>: Present: Rená Patterson, Kalene Engel, Nicole Thompson, Sharon Summers, Nelson Rhodus, Sherri Brekke, Carmaine Sturino, Teri Henderson, Judy Gilow, Kris Sather, Justin Green, Bruce Wemette, Jenny Losinski, Judge Mary Leahy

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

<u>CamSystems</u>: Bruce Wemette from CamSystems, an electronic monitoring company, was present to provide information and answer questions on CamSystems. The Winona County Jail was looking for an alternate way to track offenders out on furloughs because of issues with rule-breaking. They felt that GPS would be a good way to provide this tracking, but were concerned about the expense since their normal vendors (Watchguard and Midwest Monitoring) would not provide them with units for short-term hookups without charging a per day shelf fee (a fee charged even if the unit was not used). Bruce did some research and located CamSystems, a company based in Chicago, which not only agreed to provide several units for short-term hookups without a shelf fee, but also charged less per day for the actual monitoring. Starting January 7, 2013, the jail is going to require anyone released on an unsupervised furlough (work release, employment search, school, outside NA/AA) to be on GPS monitoring.

CamSystems offers a number of different options, as follows:

- Active GPS Tracking-Intended for a higher risk offender.
  - Tracking Interval: The GPS unit gives off a signal every five minutes so you can track them on a map. The unit could be set to track at more frequent intervals, but with a higher price tag. If an offender enters an exclusion zone, the GPS tracks every minute.
  - O Access to Tracking Information: The tracking information is web-based, so as long as an authorized person has internet access, they can view the information. The offender's location is shown by red dots—a blinking dot signals the current location. Exclusion zones are red; inclusion zones are green. Information about battery life, signal, etc. are also available on the software. At setup, the person requesting hooking (i.e. DOC, etc.) provides information about who is authorized to receive/view information, inclusion/exclusion zones and who should receive alerts regarding violations. Jerry and Bruce are working on developing a simplified form that can be used by persons requesting hookup.
  - o Inclusion/Exclusion Zones: Inclusion and exclusion zones can be set up electronically—again, at the request of the person requesting hookup. Exclusion zones are places where the offender should not be. Inclusion zones are places where an offender is supposed to be—like at work. If a person enters an exclusion zone, the GPS not only tracks every minute, but also sends immediate e-mails and phone calls to whoever is listed as being the point of contact. The GPS could also be set to dial 911 if someone entered an exclusion zone. The exclusion zone accuracy is within approximately 15 feet, so if an exclusion zone is at a location where a person frequently travels, they should be notified to avoid that route. The

- inclusion/exclusion zones could be used to place someone on home detention—by providing an inclusion zone (the home) within a certain time frame.
- Offender Knowledge/Disclosure: The offender is told about the inclusion/exclusion zones at the time of hookup along with other information regarding the GPS. The offender does not know when the last GPS signal was sent from his bracelet, so the chances of him/her being able to enter a place where he is not supposed to be and then leave without being tracked is pretty remote.
- O Time/Place for Hookup: Right now, Bruce is the only one doing the hookups and he is available 7 days per week, but can only do them when he is not working at the jail, so sometimes the hookups would have to be after 5:00 p.m. The company is working on getting another field officer in the area so that hookups could be pretty much at any time. Hookups can be done at the jail or courthouse or the person's home.
- Cost: The initial hookup cost is \$70 and the daily rate is \$8.00, which includes 24/7 monitoring/tracking by the company. Even with active tracking, access can be given to local representatives so they can see where the offender has been. Normally, the company would require an up-front payment of the hookup cost and 2 weeks of daily monitoring (\$182), but if the County is going to pay the bill (as it would for juveniles) and then seek reimbursement from the family, CamSystems would simply send a bill to the County at the end of the month with the client's name and charges due for that client. There is no minimum amount of time, so if the person does not need the system for a full two weeks, they would be billed only for days used. The county would get a bill from CamSystems and then would be billing the County. Right now, there are no short-term hookups (a day or a couple days) as there are in the jail.
  - Sharon Summers stated that the County will have a simplified process for reimbursement of the cost of electronic monitoring, as follows: If a parent is on cash assistance, the parent would pay nothing. If a parent is on SSI, MFIP, food support or other need-based program, the parent would pay 50% of the monitoring costs. If the parent receives no public assistance, the parent would pay 100% of the monitoring costs. The County would pay the costs up front and then bill the parents accordingly.
- Passive tracking: Passive tracking is the same as active tracking except that, instead of CamSystems doing 24/7 monitoring, someone local would be responsible for monitoring. The hookup fee is the same but the cost is \$7/day.
- SCRAM: Scram is a transdermal continuous alcohol monitoring device. It reads the alcohol content every 30 minutes and is very accurate. If alcohol is detected, several more readings are taken. This unit can be used with either a cell phone or land line. If a person does not need to be continuously monitored, the bracelet information can be retained for 2-3 weeks and then downloaded for review. The cost is a \$120 hookup fee and then \$10/day for monitoring. This monitors only alcohol, not location.
- MEMS: MEMS is a video breath test to test for alcohol. It must be hooked up to a cell phone or landline and installed in the home. When the person is breathing into the device,

it snaps a picture of them to prove who did the test. The device can be set up to require random tests. The photograph and tests results can be sent to whoever is monitoring the individual. The cost is an \$88 hookup and \$7/day.

There are no minimum units required and there may be additional discounts for volume use, such as if pretrial services would use these devices. See the attached handouts for more information on each units features and costs.

The Committee is interested in going forward with this monitoring option and a recommendation to offer electronic monitoring for juvenile offenders will be placed on the January CJCC Agenda as an Action Item.

Foster Care/Local Placement Options for Juveniles: Carmaine noted that she was surprised to learn that Winona County had some foster care providers who were willing to accept juvenile delinquents and requested more information about that. She also wanted the group to discuss how a child could be placed in a foster home right after a detention hearing, without first having to go into placement. Her experience has been that, once a child goes into placement, they tend to finish programming at that facility and never come back for foster care. She believed that there was a DHS requirement that a family preservation meeting had to be held before a child could be placed into foster care and was wondering if that was still the case and, if so, could it be reviewed.

Winona County Foster Care: Jenny Losinski from Winona County Community Services presented information and answered questions about the Winona County Foster Care Program. She stated that, although there are two foster care providers in Winona who are willing to take juvenile delinquents, there are restrictions. One provider will only take females and the other has some high needs individuals and cannot take any more kids right now.

Jenny would be interested in recruiting/training more foster care providers for juvenile delinquents. She feels that people with a past juvenile history who have since cleaned up their act could make good providers; however, they may be unable to obtain licensure due to their past criminal history. The County offers foster care training for free, but applicants must pay for certain things—such as \$50 for a fire inspection and another fee for CPR classes. Once licensed, foster care providers must receive 12 hours per year in continuing education.

Foster care parents are paid a stipend based upon a difficulty of care assessment. The foster care family is supposed to treat the child as they would their own, i.e. taking them to treatments and doctor visits, etc. The stipend is intended to cover the costs of raising the child, but is not intended to be a money-maker. Nor does the County want to have people doing foster care just for the money. However, Jenny feels that money may prevent some people (who otherwise would make good foster parents) from becoming foster parents. The committee discussed possible options for defraying costs, as follows:

 Offer respite care for foster care parents to hire others (like FCC) to take the kids to some of their appointments;

- Submit a grant request to United Way to cover some of the recruitment and training costs (including transporation) for foster care providers.
- Submit a request to the Winona County Collaborative for recruitment/training costs for foster care providers.
- o If a person is interested in therapeutic foster care, refer them to FCC for more intensive training.
- o Bring the idea before the Poverty Roundtable as a way to gain attention/interest.
- o Family and Children's Center: A few years ago, Winona requested that FCC offer therapeutic foster care homes, much like that had been doing in Wisconsin. These are not being utilized as much as what was originally envisioned. Jenny noted that the last three times she contacted FCC for a therapeutic foster care home, the closest options were 6 hours away. However, Carmaine was told that FCC had two homes in the area. Carmaine will invite Rita to our next meeting to shed some light on the number and location of therapeutic foster homes.

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 p.m.