

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
JANUARY 9, 2019
KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM

Members Present: Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney); Marie Kovecsi (County Commissioner); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); Ken Fritz (County Administrator and Acting Community Services Director); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); Steve Buswell (Winona County Jail Administrator); Ron Ganrude (Winona County Sheriff); Karrie Espinoza (Court Administrator); Justin Green (Public Member)

Members Absent: Judy Gilow (Public Member); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept.); Gerry Krage (City of Winona); Rich Dahmen (Superintendent, Winona Area Public Schools); Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); Mike Flaherty (Assistant Winona City Attorney); Kurt Knuesel (Winona County Bar Association); Fatima Said (Project FINE); Jennifer Backer-Johnson (Superintendent, Lewiston-Altura School District).

Guests Present: Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona County Attorney); Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Phil Huerta (Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention); Nicholas Guy (Certified Peer Specialist); Chris Meyer (Winona County Commissioner), Carin Hyter (Treatment Court of Winona County); Callie Schmidt (Common Ground); Dave Glithero (Jail Program Director/Training Officer); Helen Newell (NAMI); Chris Rogers (Winona Post); The Honorable Mary Leahy (District Court Judge); The Honorable Jodi Williamson (Chief Judge, Third Judicial District); Herman Victoria (Project FINE – Proxy for Fatima Said).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:07 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for January 9, 2019:** Approved without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from December 12, 2018 Meeting:** Approved without changes.
- 4) **Information Items:**
 - a. Elected Official's Outreach Event: The event will be held on Saturday, January 26th from 9 am to 11 am at the Winona History Center
 - b. Report from Judge Jodi Williamson, Chief Judge of Third Judicial District: Judge Williamson is beginning her second year as chief judge for 11 counties in Southeast Minnesota, including Winona. Her goal is to visit all counties this year, starting with Winona. Her main focus for this meeting is to receive and give feedback on the ramifications of the move of a judgeship to Olmsted County. Over the past year, Winona County has received visiting judge and retired judge time to make up for the loss of the third chambered judge. Judge Williamson

reviewed the performance measures that the Judicial Council uses to evaluate district courts in order to see how Winona County has been doing since losing the third judge. The performance measures focus on several key areas including time to permanency and time in out-of-home placement for CHIPS cases; case clearance rates and number of cases pending. The case clearance rate should be above 100%, meaning there are just as many cases that get resolved each year as are filed. The pending cases measure how long a case is pending before it is resolved—for felony cases, it should not be longer than 1 year. Winona County's performance measures for the past year are better than what they have been in years in Winona County. Justice Anderson, the Chief Liaison for our district, has not heard of any complaints. Judge Buytendorp stated that Treatment Court has suffered no ill effects. Judge Leahy and others agreed that the rollout of the statewide pretrial bail evaluation tool has gone very smoothly in Winona County, largely due to the efforts of Trish Chandler. Karin noted that the only concerns she has heard is that when changes are contemplated or made in the system, all partners should be notified in advance to prepare for and help ease the transition.

- c. Project Compass Community Education Offerings: Helen Newell distributed a Winona Community Education catalog for the Winter/Spring of 2019. She discussed several of the offerings provided, including the Day on the Hill (visit to the Capitol), NAMI Connections (support group); Family Mental Illness Support Group, 1st Aid for Mental Health trainings and others. (See attached). She also noted that Project Compass is collecting donations for their program to be used as prizes for participants in their various activities, such as bingo and bowling. The donations can be dropped off at the Community Education Office at Winona Senior High School.

5) **Committee Reports:**

- a. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Phil Huerta: The Regional Prevention Meeting was held at the Winona History Center on December 10th. A recently released report compared the tax revenue gained from the legalization of marijuana in Colorado versus the cost to society. For every dollar in tax revenue, \$4.50 was spent to mitigate the effects of legalization. Minnesota has a Medical Cannabis Program with 10,000+ patients enrolled. Under the program, CBD (cannabidiol—a non-psychoactive ingredient) is allowed. Minnesota has been a decriminalized state since 1976, meaning arrests are not made for possession of small amounts. Minnesota also has an industrial hemp program, which allows hemp to be grown for industrial purposes. Helen Bagshaw assembled a “Vaping Backpack” to provide information about vaping products, similar to the Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit. The Coalition is also working on a T21 Initiative to change the legal purchase age for tobacco to 21.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church

- b. Juvenile Justice Committee-Rebecca Church: The committee did not meet in December, but will be meeting in January to do a system mapping of the juvenile

justice system. Due to other conflicts, the meeting will be rescheduled from its original date of January 17th to the end of January, probably the 31st. It will be important to have representatives from all stakeholders at that meeting.

Next Meeting: TBD, but likely January 31, 2019 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B

- c. Courts Committee-Hon. Nancy Buytendorp: There are 14 participants in treatment court, with a pending action plan to recruit more participants. The Blandin-graduate led housing committee has been meeting since August and has developed a plan to secure five units of housing each year. They are working on recruiting landlords willing to rent to non-violent offenders. Kalene provided an updated on WRAP (Winona Re-Entry Assistance Program), which will take the place of the CARE Program starting in January. The program will have different case management “tracks” for offenders to help them successfully transition into a crime-free life in the community. Issues with jury trial scheduling was also discussed and will be brought to a judge’s meeting for further discussion and action.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019 at 8am at Court Admin Conference Room

- d. Community Outreach & Diversity-Karin Sonneman: In addition to continued planning for the Elected Officials Outreach Event on January 26th, committee members discussed details of an Opioid Abuse and Trauma Presentation which will be held on April 5th at the Tau Center. The event will be free (and include food) and the featured speaker will be Carol Ackley. The next event for the committee will be Law Day in May. The theme for the mock trial will be vaping.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2019 at noon at County Attorney’s Office (note time change to noon meetings during winter months)

- e. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Committee-Justin Green: The committee did not meet in December. The Jail Advisory Committee is working with an architect to attach costs to the different options being considered. The next committee meeting is on January 29th. The final report will be presented to the County Board in February.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2019 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room

- 6) **Other**: The Statewide Health Improvement (SHIP) Grants now have a rolling application deadline so applications can be accepted any time.

Adjourn: 12:57 p.m.

Next CJCC Meeting: February 6, 2019 at Kensington Banquet Room with guest speaker, Recovery is Happening.