

**MINUTES**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**MARCH 6, 2019**  
**KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM**

**Members Present:** Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney); Marie Kovecsi (County Commissioner); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); 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); Judy Gilow (Public Member); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept.).

**Members Absent:** Michelle Alexander (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); Karrie Espinoza (Court Administrator); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender).

**Guests Present:** Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Nicholas Guy (Certified Peer Specialist); Chris Meyer (Winona County Commissioner), Callie Schmidt (Common Ground); Katie Van Eijl (Project FINE – Proxy for Fatima Said); Kathy Sublett (Recovery is Happening); Trisha Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Cynthia Dozier (Winona Warming House).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:05 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for March 6, 2019:** Approved without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from February 7, 2019:** Approved without changes. Kalene noted that the new CJCC website is at [www.winonacountycjcc.org](http://www.winonacountycjcc.org), but the old URL ([www.winonacountycjcc.com](http://www.winonacountycjcc.com)) will redirect to the .org website as long as you clear your cache on your web browser.
- 4) **Information Items:**
  - a. Interstate Compact Training: IC Training will occur on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the DOC Felony Unit Office
  - b. Neurobiology of Addiction and Trauma Training: This training, co-sponsored by Winona State University and the Winona County Attorney's Office will take place at the Tau Center on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Law Day: The two Law Day events are scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tour guides are needed.
  - d. NAMI Updates: Helen Newell was not able to be present, but wanted to remind members that she is still collecting small gifts for Project Compass gifts. The NAMI Family to Family Group will be starting in April

- e. Winona Warming Center (Cynthia Dozier): Cynthia Dozier provided information on the Winona Warming Center, as follows:
- 2018-19 is the third year of operation for the warming center.
  - It was started by a group of people who were concerned about the homeless people in the area. They had heard things about people obtaining vouchers for hotels or going to La Crosse, but the reality was that there were few options. The group that was interested in doing something started meeting and assessing the needs. They decided to start a warming center, knowing that it was a band-aid approach.
  - The center is open from November 1st through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Hours of operation are 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.
  - The Warming Center is located in the basement of Community Bible Church.
  - A light meal (usually soup and sandwiches) is served in the evening.
  - Community Bible Church donates the space and water/electricity. Other businesses have also made donations, including Volkman's (appliance); Comfortex (mattresses) and others.
  - The current capacity is for 10 guests, however that will expand to at least 15 and possibly 20 by the end of the month.
  - Volunteers from Ames Construction are installing two more bathrooms (for a total of 3) and are adding space for storage.
  - Lynette Johnson is the part-time coordinator for the Center; Jody Pame is a student intern.
  - There are approximately 200 volunteers who supervise the center in two nightly shifts—one from 8:30 p.m. until 2 am and one from 2 am until 7 am.
  - There is a core group of volunteers who are present during the early evening and early morning who help new volunteers.
  - Bridges Health Care comes in weekly to do simple assessments on health and mental health. Psychiatry services may soon become available.
  - The population of veterans who have used the shelter services is somewhat eye-opening.
  - Many consumers are repeats; there are about 40-50 different people who have used the shelter.
  - Behavioral issues have been minimal.
  - A light meal (usually soup and sandwiches) is served in the evening.
  - They are aware that longer hours and a longer season is needed, but obtaining volunteers is a challenge.

#### 5) **Committee Reports:**

- a. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Committee-Justin Green: The committee spent most of the meeting talking about the Jail Advisory Committee report to the board, which took place on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Committee members came up with helpful suggestions for how to set up a productive meeting for the County Board's Working Session on March 19<sup>th</sup>, which is when it will discuss the report.

This past weekend, the Interfaith Ecumenical Council held a meeting at St. Mary's Church to discuss housing issues in Winona. The meeting was very well attended, with at least 40 people in attendance. Several people volunteered to be on the leadership team. The next meeting will be held in mid-April, likely on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting: March 27, 2019 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room**

- b. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Travis Volkman: The February 2019 ASAP meeting was cancelled due to Snowpocalypse 2019. Congratulations to Janneke Sobek for being chosen as Executive Director of the Winona Area YMCA. The Coalition is undertaking a search to fill Janneke's .1 FTE position in ASAP.

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**Next Meeting: March 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church**

- d. Juvenile Justice Committee: The committee did not meet in February, as it meets every other month.

**Next Meeting: March 21, 2019 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B**

- e. Courts Committee-Hon. Nancy Buytendorp: Committee members received an update on Treatment Court, which recently accepted two more clients. Kalene provided an updated on the Winona Re-entry Assistance Program, which now has 28 clients. Discussion was held on the probation violation order form. Additional discussions will be held in a separate meeting to clarify the processes.

**Next Meeting: March 21, 2019 at 8 am at Court Admin Conference Room**

- f. Community Outreach & Diversity-Karin Sonneman: Committee members discussed details of the Neurobiology of Addiction & Trauma Training, referenced above. Work assignments for Law Day were discussed and distributed. Volunteer tour guides are needed. The theme for the mock trial will be vaping. Folks should start thinking about possible themes for the Community Collaboration Summit in October.

**Next Meeting: March 20, 2019 at noon at County Attorney's Office**

**Adjourn:** 12:35 p.m.

Next CJCC Meeting: April 3, 2019 at Kensington Banquet Room with Vaping Backpack by ASAP