

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2019
KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM

Members Present: Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney), Marie Kovecsi (County Commissioner); Rená Patterson (Corrections Supervisor); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept.); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); Fatima Said (Project FINE); Judy Gilow (Public Member).

Members Absent: 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); Karrie Espinoza (Court Administrator); Ken Fritz (County Administrator and Acting Community Services Director); Steve Buswell (Winona County Jail Administrator); Ron Ganrude (Winona County Sheriff); Michelle Alexander (City of Winona); Jennifer Backer-Johnson (Superintendent, Lewiston-Altura School District); Justin Green (Public Member).

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Preston Selleck (Assistant County Attorney); Eric Sievers (Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center); Trisha Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Kathy Sublett (Recovery is Happening); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona County Attorney – Proxy for Karin Sonneman); Carin Hyter (Drug Court Coordinator); Heather Marin (Court Administration – Proxy for Kerrie Espinoza); Katie Illies and Marissa Ambrose (CRAFT Program).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:05 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for May 1, 2019:** Karin requested to add two items, one on Veteran's Court and one the Jail Advisory Committee. Agenda approved by consensus as amended.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from April 2, 2019:** Approved by consensus without changes.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - a. Law Day: The two Law Day events are scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd. This will be the 9th year that CJCC has hosted Law Day(s).
 - b. CRAFT Program-Katie Illies and Marissa Ambrose: Katie and Marissa provided an overview of the CRAFT (Community of Recovery Aiding Families in Transition) Program, as follows:

- The program recently became its own nonprofit; so the program supervisor is seeking members for a board to represent the Winona community. They are also trying to assemble an action team to meet once a month for an hour to discuss clients and bounce ideas off each other.
 - The program is for pregnant women and mothers who are struggling with substance abuse concerns.
 - A woman must be at least 17 years old and have one or more children under the age of 5 (or be pregnant).
 - Referrals are accepted from anywhere, including self-referrals.
 - The program is one year long, with some flexibility depending upon the mother's circumstances.
 - The program provides groups with speakers; home visits; random drug testing, frequent check-ins, transportation (including gas cards), grocery cards and diapers/wipes.
 - There are currently 13 women in the program with a total of 23 kids.
 - Because they are affiliated with Empower, they can make timely referrals to hook a client up with a counselor.
- c. Veteran's Court Update-Preston Selleck: The Third Judicial District Veteran's Court unofficially started recently. The court is post-conviction and modeled after the 5th judicial district and serves 13 counties in the 3rd district. There is a regular track and a low risk track, so the court does not necessarily only serve high risk/needs individuals. To qualify for the court, the person must have veteran status. The program creates a linkage between a Veterans Justice Outreach Specialist who coordinates referrals to treatment and mentors. The hearings are held in Steele County; Judge Leuning is the Veterans Court Judge. Thus far, there are two participants in Veterans Court and two formal court hearings have been held. They are working on ITV access to make the court hearings more accessible, as the distance has caused some people to decline participation. La Crosse County has provided information on its mentoring program and offered mentorship training, so that program component will be added.
- d. Jail Study Committee (Action Item): The County Board completed its second working session on the jail report on Monday. No official action was taken other than a consensus directive for the architect to make a more detailed drawing and estimate regarding a 74 bed v. 86 bed jail. Two recommendations/requests for the CJCC came out of the working session, (1) gather information/data regarding the need for juvenile housing/beds and (2) gather information/data regarding the need for mental health beds/areas. Members were in general agreement perform that work through the Juvenile Justice and Jail and Jail Alternatives Committees.

5) **Committee Reports:**

- a. Courts Committee-Judge Buytendorp: Treatment court has 14 participants, with one set to graduate in May. Carin attended the State Coordinator's Conference and learned that Winona is one of very few courts which has established strong

ties with local media. Winona also received kudos for having an aftercare/alumni program. Carin also attended a refresher session on motivational interviewing. In June, eight treatment court team members will attend a two day conference. May is National Treatment Court Month, so a proclamation will be read during one of the court dates this month, which are May 9th and May 23rd. Concerns about the probation violation order were discussed and there will be a meeting held with the Department of Corrections to further address those issues. Kalene provided an update on the 1st quarter of the Winona Reentry Assistance Program. Of the 126 applications received, 47 people qualified for the program. The most requested service was housing. Just under \$5,000 was paid out in direct client assistance through WRAP.

Next meeting: May 16, 2019 at 8 a.m. at Court Admin Conference Room

- b. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee-Karin Sonneman
Members were encouraged to stop by the courthouse on Thursday or Friday to observe Law Day. The April 5th Neurobiology of Addiction training was a huge success, with almost 200 people in attendance. Judge Buytendorp indicated that she was very impressed with the training and would like to see if the speaker could present at a judge's conference. The planning group will be looking at trying to schedule additional similar trainings.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. at County Attorney's Office

- c. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Committee-Did not meet.

Next Meeting: May 22, 2019 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room

- d. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Travis Volkman: Phil Huerta has resigned to accept a position in the financial industry, but has agreed to stay with ASAP to take the .1 supervisor role, formerly held by Janneke Sobeck. Winona Health has posted the position had has already received several applicants. ASAP is moving forward with producing a 15-30 second ad on vaping for the movie theatres. The Sticker Shock campaign is also underway. The stickers include language from the Social Host Ordinance, with the hopes of getting people to understand the ramifications of providing alcohol to minors. The T21 initiative does not look like it will pass statewide this year.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church

- e. Juvenile Justice Committee-Rebecca Church: The committee meets every other month and was not supposed to meet in April, but did so due to the cancellation of the March meeting. Members received a great presentation from Phil Huerta and Felicia Fisk on vaping, including a Powerpoint and the vaping backpack. Committee members also read through the mock trial script and provided feedback for script modifications. Judge Leahy discussed some of her concerns regarding truancy handling procedures. Marie noted that Engage Winona is

holding a meeting on May 2nd from 5-7pm at Nate & Ally's regarding mental health issues for juveniles. Karin will attend the next Juvenile Justice Meeting to provide clarification about what has been requested as a result of the Jail Working Session of the Board.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2019 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B

Adjourn: 1:03 p.m.

Next CJCC Meeting: June 5, 2019 at Kensington Banquet Room at noon with presentation by Ben Klinger of Winona County Emergency Management presenting on the Smart911 Program.