

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
JULY 3, 2019
HIAWATHA VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Members Present: Fatima Said (Project FINE); Judy Gilow (Public Member); Karrie Espinoza (Court Administrator); Ken Fritz (County Administrator and Acting Community Services Director); Steve Buswell (Winona County Jail Administrator); Justin Green (Public Member). Ron Ganrude (Winona County Sheriff); Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney), Marie Kovecsi (County Commissioner); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept.)

Members Absent: Rená Patterson (Corrections Supervisor); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); Mike Flaherty (Assistant Winona City Attorney); Kurt Knuesel (Winona County Bar Association); Michelle Alexander (City of Winona); Jennifer Backer-Johnson (Superintendent, Lewiston-Altura School District); Annette Freiheit (Superintendent, Winona Area Public Schools).

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Erik Sievers (Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center); Chris Meyer (Winona County Board); Elle Mark (Winona County ASAP); Nick Guy (Peer Support Specialist).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:05 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for July 3, 2019:** Agenda approved by consensus without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from June 5, 2019:** CJCC Minutes approved by consensus without changes.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - a. NCCJCC Survey: Survey Responses from the 2019 National Network of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council were included in the meeting packet. Winona County had one of the highest participating rates of the CJCC's who took part in the survey. Overall, the responses were very favorable. Kalene suggested that survey, and possibly a questionnaire of members, be used as resource materials for a strategic planning session for the CJCC later this year.
 - b. Winona County Fair: The Winona County Fair takes place next week, from Wednesday (10th) through Sunday (14th). See below for details of CJCC's participation at the fair.

- c. Restorative Justice Golf Tournament: The Restorative Justice Golf Tournament will take place on August 16th at Cedar Valley. Registration materials are in the meeting packet.
- d. Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center (HVMHC): Erik Sievers, Director of Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center, gave a presentation on HVMHC. Below are highlights of the presentation:
- HVMHC has been in existence since 1965. It began as a community mental health center for the counties of Wabasha, Winona and Houston and has since expanded into Fillmore and Goodhue
 - The main location is at 420 Sarnia Street in Winona; they fully moved to this location in March
 - There are 130 employees of HVMHC and they serve about 10,000 clients each year
 - Most of HVMHC's funding comes from Medicaid. They also have contracts with all five counties and receive funding from individuals, grants, foundations and private insurance
 - Services offered include
 1. Psychiatry services: there is a full-time psychiatrist with a nurse and LPN
 2. Medication Clinic: open Monday through Friday and available to set up for a week or month at a time
 3. Adult residential programs: there are four housing units which can house up to 38 adults, male or female. Some use it as a step towards independent living, while others stay in the program for many years.
 4. Bluffview apartments: This is a 20 single unit apartment complex which has been in existence for 4 years and is a 10 county project. It is staffed 24/7. Some of the units are for long-term homelessness and others are for mental health needs.
 5. Children's Mental Health Case Management
 6. In-home skills training: to reinforce what clients are learning about in therapy
 7. Outpatient therapy services: mental health and chemical dependency
 8. Mobile crisis program: this is another 10 county project with a central call receiving number and local service areas
 9. Peer Support Network: a no cost drop-in adult socialization center staffed with peer specialists which is open 7 days per week.

Discussion was held on the mobile crisis unit, including mixed results experienced by Goodview Police Department and Winona County Sheriff's Department. It was suggested that mobile crisis representatives reach out to the Winona Police Department to discuss services and determine any barriers to the department's use of the program.

HVMHC will be undergoing strategic planning later this year and would like input from stakeholders. Erik will provide a link to the survey materials to Kalene, who will distribute it to the CJCC distribution list.

5) **Committee Reports:**

- a. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Travis Volkman/Elle Mark: Elle Mark, a recent UW-La Crosse graduate in public health, has been hired to replace Phil Huerta as the ASAP Coordinator. She previously worked for the La Crosse County Prevention Network and has also done a lot of work with mental health. At its last meeting, Coalition members selected a vaping video to be edited and played at the movie theatre during previews. The video, which was created by Winona Senior High School, will start showing the same night as the Lion King premiere. Members also discussed T21, which is an effort to raise the legal age of purchase for tobacco products to age 21. Sen. Jeremy Miller and Rep. Gene Pellowski were present at the meeting and provided a sobering account of the likelihood of successful T21 legislation at the state level. Given this information, it is likely that ASAP will be exploring a more local solution, similar to what Olmsted County recently did. ASAP will be partnering with Treatment Court and CJCC to staff a booth at the Winona County Fair. A signup link for the booth is available on the ASAP website.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2019 at location TBA.

- b. Juvenile Justice Committee: The committee did not meet in June, as it meets every other month. Efforts are being made to establish a Family Dependence Treatment Court (FDTC) in Winona County. FDTC applies the treatment court model to child protection cases in an effort to get children back to their parents sooner (which also reduces out of home placement costs). A planning group will be traveling to Blue Earth County on July 23rd to watch a working FDTC in action.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2019 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B

- c. Courts Committee-Karin Sonneman: Treatment Court recently celebrated its 34th graduation. Several members of Treatment Court attended a statewide conference and are looking forward to the annual Soberfest celebration. Kalene provided an update on the WRAP Program. Committee members again discussed pretrial services programming and revisited an issue regarding public defender applications. Veteran's Court, which is now operational in the district, will provide updates at future Courts Committee Meetings.

Karrie Espinoza announced a few changes that will be occurring within the next few months. Judge Lund and Referee Baker will be providing "equalization time" in Winona County. In October, the District will be changing to district-wide case processing teams, which will be administrative in nature. Two people from Winona Court Administration will be assigned to the case processing team. This

change will allow remaining court staff to concentrate on covering court and the counters.

Next meeting: July 18, 2019 at 8 a.m. at Court Admin Conference Room

- d. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee-Karin Sonneman: As noted earlier, the CJCC will participate in the County Fair and will be bringing back the famous sucker tree! Plans for the next Community Collaboration Summit are underway. The theme will be vaping and the event is tentatively scheduled for October 24th at the Winona Middle School. A planning group has been formed and Karin will be arranging a meeting for that group.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. at County Attorney's Office

- e. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Committee-Justin Green: The County Board held its last working group session on June 25th. As a result of that meeting, Karin will be drafting a resolution for the board to consider on its next open agenda regarding the jail. The resolution will include solicitation of bids for a 78 and 98 bed facility, the formation of a jail planning committee and the selection of an architect. Committee members will be working on updating the Sequential Intercept Mapping chart and looking into mental health and juvenile detention needs vis-à-vis the jail.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2019 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room

Adjourn: 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2019 at Kensington Banquet Room, 157 West Third Street, Winona