

# 2020 Juvenile Justice Committee Minutes

January – December

**\*Note, the Juvenile Justice Committee is  
scheduled to meet every other month.**

**Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 16, 2020 at noon at County Attys Conf. Room**

**Present:** Rebecca Church, Marie Kovecsi, Kris Sather, Sally Poepping, Jonathan Loomis,  
Judge Mary Leahy

**Jail Advisory Committee Updates:** The request for the bond to include juvenile beds in the jail was not in the governor's budget. It was suggested to have a meeting between MnDOT, DOC, Winona County Sheriff's Department representatives, and others to discuss the different deadlines everyone is up against.

**Family Treatment Court Updates:** The Family Dependency Treatment Court planning team has been meeting and is working on moving forward. An intern from WCHHS is working on a grant for FDTC, however, the grant is due February 4.

**Other discussions:**

- **IV-E funding:** There was an oversight on some background checks and finger printing that needed to be completed on the placement homes in order to obtain this funding. Winona County is working on fixing this. It was also briefly discussed the changes that are coming with IV-E funding in the next year or so.
- **Juvenile referrals:** There is a concern that the referrals from the Winona Senior High School and the middle school are not be sent over in a timely matter and then are not being reviewed in a timely matter. A specific example is a fight that happened before Thanksgiving has not been sent to the County Attorney's Office. Judge Leahy offered to talk to the schools regarding this concern.
- **Juvenile Court Scheduling:** There is a concern that the court scheduling is not working. Parents take time off work to attend court with their children and they are waiting incredibly long times in order to have their hearing heard. Sometimes calendars are double booked with a Judge and then parents are waiting even longer. It used to be that if you were there first you got called first, or close to the beginning, and now that doesn't seem to matter either.
- **The Good Fight Community Club:** The Good Fight Community Club is opening in the mall in Winona in August. This is an afterschool program for juveniles 10-18 years old. The hours will be 4-7 Tuesday – Friday, with extended hours in the summer time. The cost is \$25 a month. There will be a boxing ring, tutoring, mentors, classes, life skills, etc. This is currently running in Lacrosse. Check out their Facebook page or website. Lacrosse has approximately 45 kids enrolled, but average about 30 kids in attendance a day.

**2020 Juvenile Justice Direction:** The focus this year will be on the Family Treatment Court; continue to assist as the Jail Advisory Ad Hoc Committee, as needed; work together to assist the processing of juvenile citations; work together to assist with better and more thoughtful scheduling of juvenile court hearing.

We will be meeting on the third Thursday every other month at noon in the COB conference room.

**Next Meeting: March 19, 2020 at noon**

The Juvenile Justice Committee did not meet in March of 2020 (and was not scheduled to meet in February or April of 2020).

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**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Juvenile Justice Committee  
May 21, 2020 at noon  
Via ZOOM**

**Present:** Rebecca Church, Kalene Engel, Nathaniel Coleman, Vanessa Southworth (Family & Children's Center), Alyssa Passehl, Sarah Larson, Carrie Meiners, Karen Sanness, Karrie Espinoza, Erik Sievers, Jon Loomis

**Minutes by:** Kalene Engel

**Welcome & Call to Order:** 12:03 p.m.

1. **Presentation by The Good Fight:** Nathaniel Coleman, Jr., the Founder and President of the Board of The Good Fight Community Center, provided information on the La Crosse location and the soon-to-be established Winona location. (Please see the attached handout on the La Crosse location.)

Nathaniel started the Center because a friend of his had a daughter who was fighting at school and reached out for help. Nathaniel offered to teach her how to box and she got good at it. Nathaniel told her that he would not continue to help her with her boxing if she kept fighting. Soon, word got around that he started a center and more and more kids came to it. He matched up kids with local college students for tutoring and things took off. He started a 501(c)(3) and streamlined things with the La Crosse School District so that the tutors can obtain grades and assignments to better tutor the children. The boxing component of the program is a representation of life, where you have to learn how to deal with what is coming at you. In addition to tutoring and boxing, they offer an art and music center, a computer center, games (including board games and ping pong), snacks, access to clothing and a Quick Bites Program, where people from the community come and talk about their occupations. They do have a van that they use to transport kids. Most of their funding comes from donations and grants, including a large spaghetti fundraiser. They are also very frugal and don't have a huge budget. They do have a \$25 per month membership fee, but do not deny membership due to inability to pay. They emphasize the importance of relationships, which is a key to their success. Referrals come from many places included social workers, walk-ins, juvenile detention center, recruitment in classrooms and juvenile officers.

The Winona location will be at the Winona Mall, at the sight of the former Playground. Nathaniel is shooting for a September opening and plans to be there personally for several months, after which he will bring in a director to set up programs and work with students. He doesn't plan to have a separate advisory board for Winona, but does have two people from Winona on his current board (Judy Woods and Manny Konos). Karen noted there is a mental health respite grant that could be used to help fund the Winona Center. She also noted that Winona is a very giving community, such that if he has a request for items for kids, he should have no problem getting those items. Rebecca noted that there is an existing tutoring program at Maplewood (Kids First, Carol Marchant) and suggested that Nathaniel reach out to Carol to talk about ways to work together. Nathaniel stated that they have not had problems with drugs in the La Crosse facilities and was thinking about having a Community Resource Officer stop in every now and then to help with prevention efforts. Karen noted that visits from the canine officer would probably be fairly effective. Erik would like Nathaniel to talk to Sally Poepping about the program, as Hiawatha Valley does children's mental health case management. Volunteer forms

are available on the website: [goodfight.club](http://goodfight.club). He would like to have volunteers from Winona visit the La Crosse location to get a feel for what happens at the center.

2. Court Administration Concerns:

- a. Diversions with Court File Numbers: Cases that include juveniles in a diversion program are being filed in Court Administration and have hearings scheduled on them and they should not.
- b. Juvenile Proof of Completion Forms: A Proof of Completion of Ordered Conditions is being filed and DOC is expecting that document to close the juvenile case. This is not something that Court Administration is used to seeing.

Since no one from the Department of Corrections was present to discuss these issues, Rebecca offered to schedule a meeting at a later date between Renee Rumpca of DOC, herself and court administration.

3. GPS Monitoring Concerns: This was an agenda item requested by Judge Leahy. Since no one had additional information about what the concerns were, this item was deferred until the next meeting.
4. Update on Family Dependency Treatment Court: Although COVID has slowed down the planning process a little bit, the team has regrouped and is currently working on reviewing some of the program documents. Working through the documents has allowed the group to discuss issues that need to be addressed. Rebecca has been working through some of the phase listings, as they are repetitive and somewhat confusing. The planning documents contain a start date in October, but it is unclear whether that is achievable due to COVID. One of the positions that will be needed for FDTC is a Recovery Specialist, but it is unclear where the county is at with respect to establishing that position.
5. Jail Advisory Ad Hoc Committee Updates: Before COVID, Ken Fritz had requested a report from the Juvenile Justice Committee for a bonding request. Kalene and Karen both provided some information to Justin Green, who was going to compile a report. Kalene will check with Justin on the status of the report. Karen noted that Houston and Wabasha were both interested in utilizing juvenile secure detention in Winona (if it was available) and that Olmsted County may now be interested since it closed its Juvenile Detention Center.

**Future Meeting:** July 16, 2020 via Zoom

**Adjourn:** 12:40 p.m.

## **The Good Fight Information**

My name is Nathaniel Coleman, Jr and I am the Founder of The Good Fight Community Center (GFCC). The community center was opened on August 2, 2016 in the basement on the King on 5th building in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Our first location was a shared space with a new but unopened at the time fitness center. After they eventually opened, we found it crowded and difficult to fully meet our mission and vision. The board of directors decided we needed to find a new location. We moved into our current location at 508 Jay Street on June 6th, 2017. It is a 5250 sq. foot location in downtown LaCrosse. The new larger space allows for a complete boxing gym, an education and job center, a food pantry, a game room (with a pool table, ping pong table, air hockey, and tons of board games), and a small theater. We have also partnered with Amy's Closet to provide gently used clothes, shoes, etc. to teens who may have a need but not the resources. We also partner with Hunger Task Force to provide afternoon healthy snacks to our kids. We also provide a lunch meal along with snacks in the summer for our teens. We have a contract with LaCrosse County and work with troubled youth from the Juvenile Detention Center(JDC). We are also going to be a part of their rewriting of their CORE Program. This will include GFCC doing "In-House" visits to JDC, as well as troubled teens visiting our facility. We will look to assist the corrections process with mentorship, physical fitness and adding an educational component. We have also begun to teach "Carey Guides" the evidence-based practice guides they also teach at JDC.

see website; <http://thecareygroup.com/evidence-based-practice>

### Organization information:

1. The Good Fight Community Center
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3. Isaiah Thomas is the Executive Director at LaCrosse. 608-518-3301, GFCC or E-mail at [isaiah@thegoodfight.club](mailto:isaiah@thegoodfight.club)


You can find out more about The Good Fight Community Center at; [www.thegoodfight.club](http://www.thegoodfight.club) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/goodfightcommunitycenter/>

The Good Fight Community Center's charitable mission is to provide at-risk and disadvantaged youth with hope, encouragement, and a safe environment to develop personal goals, values free from juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, truancy, crime, gang activities, and other difficult challenges. Our vision is to instill discipline and values among at-risk and disadvantaged youth, to lift them out of poverty, to provide them with training and opportunities, and to motivate them to become productive members of society.

### Our Programs:

**The Larry Shapiro Education Center;** Provides teens with assistance in school work with tutors from our local colleges and also teachers. We also assist teens with ACT prep testing, ASFab test prep, job assistance, resume writing, interview skills, etc.

**The Elsworth Smith Boxing Gym;** Teaching discipline through physical fitness and boxing training. Teens feel like a champion when they train like a champion. We are a USA Boxing registered gym and coaches



are safe sport certified as well. Physically fit kids are also more confident and actually do better in school.


**Thomas Taylor Library;** The Good Fight Community Center has a small library and through numerous monthly contests we encourage kids to read and write reports on what they have read. We give small prizes for participation.

**Quick Bites;** The weekly Wednesday night program here at The Good Fight Community Center that brings in community professionals to talk to our teens about career, finance, safety, and other topics that will help our kids to be successful in life. We buy pizza for this program...thus the name "Quick bites"; Bites of information and bites of pizza.

**Bob Witte Art & Music Center;** A new program opened that allows teens to draw, paint, and learn guitar at no additional cost! (the art center opened on 1/2/19)

**GFCC snack/meal program;** The Good Fight Community Center has partnered with Hunger Task Force to provide healthy snacks (fresh fruits, vegetables, water, juices, etc.) and in the summer lunch meals, (chicken, beef, fish, sandwiches, soups), etc.

**Breathe;** The Good Fight Community Center Program which takes us into The Juvenile Detention Center to mentor the most at-risk youth in our community. We bring our programming to them while they are locked up and then help to transition them back into the community successfully.




**Perfect 10;** "The summer school on steroids' program" that takes ten 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 4 days a week for 10 weeks during the summer and works to teach vocabulary (100 words they will learn to read, spell, and define) and math skills (kids should know to be successful in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades) while providing opportunity for personal growth through community activities, field trips, and discussion groups. We also teach Carey guides during these summer classes. (I have attached this year's Perfect 10 program)

Our outcomes thus far;


**The Larry Shapiro Education Center** during the school year provides tutoring assistance to roughly 50-60 teens during the school year. We have assisted 10 teens with job placement and 2 with assistance into the military. We have helped 8 kids successfully get into college thus far, and all but 1 are still in college. As well we have 2 more kids going into college in the fall.

**The Elsworth Smith Boxing Gym** has seen about 200 kids and taught discipline through physical fitness and boxing training. We have had 3 teens that have actually competed.

**Thomas Taylor Library,** is still a work in progress. We are seeking more books and to find more ways to engage our teens to read...to date we have gotten some 20 book reports, we are working with college tutors to come up with creative ways to build reading groups.



**Quick Bites;** The weekly Wednesday night program here at The Good Fight Community Center that brings in community professionals to talk to our teens about career, finance, safety, and other topics that will help our kids to be successful in life has been a smash success. We have had over 50 speakers and over 600 kids attend these talks since the program's inception. The diverse number of speakers give



our teens great knowledge on what is on the road ahead and how to negotiate challenges in life and in the job market.

**Bob Witte Art & Music Center;** We have already begun to teach a half dozen teens guitar, and a dozen more art and drawing. We believe this will impact teens positively by giving them one more positive activity to be a part of.

**Amy's Closet,** a community organization partnership that provides gently used clothing to our teens has provided winter items to about a dozen or so teens. Since we have added this program, we have not had enough time to properly assess its impact, but we have been able to help kids get additional clothing that have needed it.

**GFCC snack/meal program;** The Good Fight Community Center has partnered with Hunger Task Force that provides healthy snacks (fresh fruits, vegetables, water, juices, etc.) and in the summer lunch meals, (chicken, beef, fish, sandwiches, soups), to our teens has allow us to provide over 1500 snacks and/or meals to our teens.

**Breathe;** The new Good Fight Community Center Program which takes us into The Juvenile Detention Center to mentor the most at-risk youth in our community. We hope to serve between 30-40 kids over the next year who are locked up in JDC. This also fits perfectly into our mission and vision of helping kids who most need it to find hope, and a better life through hard work and learning skills to succeed.

**Perfect 10;** Outcomes to be determined...



Other "cool stuff."

The Good Fight Community Center is a family. As such we do family stuff. Around the Thanksgiving we prepare a Thanksgiving meal and eat here at the center. At Christmas we as a family decorate a tree and eat a festive meal. We have taken the kids on the Mississippi Queen, to a huge summer picnic, to the planetarium, on hikes to the bluffs, swimming, etc. We have even done two overnight lock-in's for out teens. These activities are done without additional cost to our teens.

I have been recognized for my work winning the 2018 Martin Luther King Leadership Award. I have also received a local as well as regional Jefferson Award.

We have been featured in many newspaper articles, magazine articles and TV news stories. I have attached links to some of what has been written about our work with teens!

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8CNYpMkwps>



We know why kids don't learn, poverty, low attention spans, negative influences from peers. However, one of the things we don't discuss is the value and importance of relationships. These relationships are



at the core of what we do. We are able to help kids make better decisions because we establish strong relationships through our programming. We truly focus on getting kids prepared for life. I hope that this helps with giving you an introduction to our organization. I am excited about working with the Winona community to positively affect teens in the community.

Thank you,

Nathaniel Coleman Jr., President & Founder  
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**The Juvenile Justice Committee  
did not meet in July of 2020**

**Criminal Justice Coordination Council  
Juvenile Justice Committee  
August 20, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**Present:** Rebecca Church, Marie Kovecsi, Teri Henderson, Vanessa Southworth, Judge Mary Leahy

Minutes by: Rebecca Church

**GPS concerns:** these have been resolved

**Family Treatment Court Updates:** The Family Dependency Treatment Court planning team has been meeting and is working on moving forward. The next issue to resolve is funding. Some team members are looking into possible grant options. If the County could assist with funding the peer recovery specialist position upfront, that would be a good start to move things forward as well.

The CJCC Community Outreach and Diversity subcommittee is discussing putting together some videos regarding different programs Winona County. Judge Leahy is willing to put together the video for Family Dependency Treatment Court.

**Jail Advisory Committee Updates:** It is this committee's opinion that the need for secure juvenile beds is still there. Even if numbers are down due to COVID, there is still a need. Ms. Kovecsi noted that there are subcommittees still working on moving the jail project forward and juvenile beds are still on the agenda.

**FCC Update:** FCC is doing the best they can to get things back to normal. They have resumed having day treatment back on sight/in person. They have three groups running currently. They are taking referrals for day treatment. They are doing most of their outpatient treatment through telehealth. They have recently hired a clinic director. This person is seeing outpatient clients and is gearing up to be able to complete testing. The person specializes in working with very young clients, birth to five. She also specializes with children on the autism spectrum.

It was discussed that it would be nice to have someone put together a guide with tips for assistance with distance learning. For example: how to distant teach children with special needs and how professionals can support families during this time.

The new clinic director can support families that need this time of support and can assist them with ways to make distance learning easier. She can assist with family skills training and can provide this assistance remotely or even go to the home. The child must qualify for this services, but she can also complete that testing.

FCC is going to work on putting together a guide and/or information to provide to this committee.

**Truancy Court:** Truancy Court is currently up in the air on what that will look like this school year. If there is a way to have it in the schools, the court will go to the schools. Mr. Anderson has assured the court that there will be security available during these hearings if they are held at the schools. If we are unable to go the schools, we will continue to have the hearings remotely.

It was noted that the schools may need some direction on what truancy is during remotely learning. It will not be considered truancy just because a student does not turn in homework.

**Juvenile cases:** The Judge wanted to ensure that older juvenile cases are now being scheduled. Rebecca and probation will review their cases and alter court admin of any cases that haven't been rescheduled yet that are just sitting and waiting for court dates.

**Next Meeting:** September 17, 2020, at noon via Zoom

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
Juvenile Justice Committee  
September 17, 2020 at noon  
Via ZOOM**

**Present:** Jon Loomis, Jen Whetstone, Marie Kovecsi, Kalene Engel, Leah Morken, Vanessa Southworth


**Minutes by:** Kalene Engel

**Call to Order & Introductions:** 12:05 p.m.

1. Presentation by Leah Morken on Distance Learning Support: Dr. Leah Morken, Clinical Director at Family and Children's Center gave a presentation on ways to best support distance learning. Please see the attached Powerpoint slide handout for more information. The primary points of emphasis for everyone is to (1) keep the family safe and healthy and (2) continue providing services so the child can continue to progress. Maintaining structure and routine and establishing good communication are also very important, as is self-care. Dr. Morken is willing to give the presentation to any schools or groups who are interested in receiving it, and can adapt it for different audiences. She can be contacted at Family and Children's Center at 507-453-9563 ext 1105 or a [lmorken@fccnetwork.org](mailto:lmorken@fccnetwork.org).
2. Update on Family Dependency Treatment Court: A workgroup of this committee has been meeting regularly to plan and develop a Family Dependency Treatment Court (essentially, a drug court for parents involved in child protection cases). The formation of a FDTC in Winona County has been approved by the Minnesota Judicial Council. Most of the required forms have been drafted and revised. A first year budget was created, which includes funding for a part-time coordinator and peer recovery specialist along with associated expenses. Karen Sanness is in the process of drafting and submitting a grant application for first year funding.
3. Jail Advisory Ad Hoc Committee Updates: Meetings to plan the logistics for the new jail are occurring. The original jail study recommended space for a juvenile holding space. Adjacent counties expressed interest in utilizing juvenile holding space, if created. Currently no final decisions have been made regarding jail design.
4. Other Updates: Jon Loomis reported that the Winona County Children's Justice Initiative team will be meeting next week. Marie reported that the County Board is looking at a zero percent levy increase for next year. Leah reported that FCC has current opening in its mental health outpatient program.

**Future Meeting:** November 19, 2020 at noon via Zoom

**Adjourn:** 12:40 p.m.



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## Everyone

Two points to emphasize when working with families

- We want to help keep your family safe and healthy
- We want to continue providing services so you can continue to progress




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## Younger Children

Talking to caregivers:

- Tele-interventions and online learning are ways to continue to progress
- We can set goals together and review at next session
- We can work together to help improve the experience for both you and your child




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## Older children

School day:

- Have a routine
- Take breaks away from computer
- Acknowledge that learning from home is different than going to school
- Have a space that combines both home and school – this is the reality




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## Older Children

School Day:

- Make and post a schedule
- Alternate work and play
- Provide positive, specific feedback
- Validate feelings
  - No Judgement
  - Do not tell them everything will be fine



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## Parents

### Coping:

- Be kind to yourself
- Be mindful of what you are watching and reading
- Set achievable goals
- Practice self-care
- Stay connected
- Accept your feelings



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## Community Members

### Technology:

- Know what type of technology family is using
- Provide low-tech to no-tech options

### Delivery:

- Provide guidelines multiple times in multiple modalities
- Alter content delivery
- Allow individuals and families choice



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## Community Members

### Delivery:

- Allow for choice of what the child/family wants to work on
- Use the child/families strengths
- Have regular/routine communication
- Help families establish a routine
- Improve yourself and continue to learn



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# THANK YOU!




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Family Dependency Treatment Court Planning Team meeting minutes

September 15, 2020 held via Zoom

Present:

 Judge Mary Leahy, Judge  
Doug Egan, Law Clerk  
Michelle Kalmes, Court Report  
Kalene Engel, parent attorney  
Karen Sanness, Winona County Health and Human Services Director  
Jonathan Loomis, Winona County Health and Human Services Supervisor  
Carrie Meiners, Winona County Health and Human Services on-going child protection social worker  
Rachel Hying, Winona County Health and Human Services on-going child protection social worker  
Sarah Larson, Winona County Health and Human Services on-going child protection social worker  
Alyssa Passehl, Winona County Health and Human Services on-going child protection social worker  
Heidi Neubauer, Guardian Ad Litem  
Karin Sonneman, Winona County Attorney  
Rebecca Church, Assistant County Attorney  
Carin Hyter, Treatment Court coordinator

Ms. Sanness updated the team on the Otto Bremer grant. Ms. Sanness is putting the final touches on it. The grant will be applied for through CJCC, with Winona County as the fiscal agent. Ms. Sonneman, as the chair of CJCC, is available to sign off on the grant Monday morning. The grant is due Tuesday, September 22. It is anticipated that it will take 3-4 months before we hear back from Otto Bremer about if we received the grant or not.

Ms. Sanness noted that the grant wants to know how we will measure successful. Judge Leahy noted that she hopes  WCFDTC will allow trial home visits to be started sooner.

The team reviewed the proposed budget again that was previously prepared by Ms. Hyter. The team agreed to increase the peer recovery specialist hours to 20 hours a week in the budget that is proposed in the Otto Bremer grant.


Ms. Sanness is in discussions with Common Ground about the peer recovery specialist.

Judge Leahy will submit the Notice of Intent to Apply for Grant Funding to the State by the end of the day.

The team discussed changes to the Participation Agreement. The social workers posed questions about the agreement that were discussed by the team. Some of the questions included when the agreement refers to the client informing the WCFDTC team about something, what does the mean, the whole team? It was decided that that language will change to reflect a specific person, such as the social worker.

Ms. Engel recommended maybe a chart showing what responsibilities will be the social workers and what will be the peer recovery specialist.

Unfortunately, since there were several unknowns about the peer recovery specialist position, there are unknowns about how these roles will be split.

 Releases were discussed and WCFDTC will use a release similar to WRAP and what Adult treatment court is currently using.

The team reviewed the screening form that Ms. Nuttall created. It was recommended that we take off disqualifying history in the eligibility determination; change "criminal history" to "open/pending criminal cases/charges"; and add an "Insurance" line under Other Relevant Information.

Ms. Hyter noted that the RANT assessment is required by the State for each client in treatment court. It is anticipated that Ms. Hyter will complete the RANT assessment with the clients at their first meeting.

As for next steps, Ms. Engel recommended that someone go through all the forms and organize and index them. The index would be updated when the forms were last updated. Ms. Church offered to work on that project, but would need some time, such as a couple months.

Tasks before the next meeting:

- Ms. Church will work with Ms. Nuttall on updating the screening form.
- Ms. Hyter will make some more updates to the Participation Agreement.
- Ms. Sanness will complete the grant.
  - Ms. Sonneman will sign it September 21.
  - Ms. Sanness will submit the grant by September 22.
- Ms. Church will work on organizing and indexing the current documents that have been created so far.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at noon via Zoom

Ms. Church will send out the Zoom link



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**Present:** Jon Loomis, Marie Kovecsi, Kalene Engel, Rebecca Church, Teri Henderson

**Minutes by:** Kalene Engel

**Call to Order & Introductions:** 12:00 p.m.

1. Update on Family Dependency Treatment Court: Kalene and Rebecca will be working on a grant to fund the FDTC, as the application submitted to Otto Bremer Foundation was not funded.
2. Jail Advisory Ad Hoc Committee Updates: Jail planning and design committee meetings are occurring. In a recent meeting, the preliminary designs did not have space set aside for juveniles. However, some of those present made reference to the jail study committee and recommendations that such space be incorporated into the design plans. It is anticipated that future designs will incorporate space for juveniles.
3. Other Updates:
  - **Drug Testing:** The Color Wheel drug testing system that was being done through the Sheriff's Department has been paused due to COVID. Family and Children's Center continues to do testing and is now under the direction of Kelly Stellpflug. Per Teri, FCC has done a very good job with tracking of juveniles. Kalene suggested that the County may want to look into a more robust testing, given all of the drug testing that is occurring, both for county programs and by local treatment providers and others. She noted that, a few years ago, she was part of a group of people who travelled to Blue Earth County to view its testing equipment and system. This would eliminate the need to send presumed positive tests to a distant testing agency. Marie commented that it would be interesting to find out the current volume of testing.
  - **Truancies:** Truancies are fewer in number due to COVID, but some have been filed.
  - **Juvenile scheduling:** The court has done a good job of scheduling the backlogged juvenile cases.
  - **Restorative Justice:** The RJ coordinators are working remotely and not able to do community work service. When possible, juveniles are referred to STS.
  - **Juvenile facilities/hearings:** Von Wald has vacancies. Juvenile hearings are being held via Zoom.
4. Juvenile Justice Committee Direction for 2021: Rebecca asked committee members to think about the goals and direction for the committee for 2021. Kalene suggested doing a survey of members to gather ideas. Rebecca will put together and send out a survey to committee members.

**Future Meeting:** January 21, 2021 at noon via Zoom

**Adjourn:** 12:31 p.m.

**The Juvenile Justice Committee  
did not meet in December of 2020**