

**MINUTES**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 6, 2022**  
**VIA ZOOM MEETING**

Members (Attendance shown by X, Proxy shown by P)					
Brandt, Becky Court Administrator	X	Gilow, Judy Public Member	X	Patterson, Rená DOC Supervisor	X
Buswell, Steve Jail Administrator	P	Green, Justin Public Member	X	Vacant Asst. Winona City Atty	
Buytendorp, Nancy District Court Judge	X	Kovecsi, Marie County Commissioner	X	Said, Fatima Project Fine, Public Member	X
Carman, Gwen L-A Superintendent	X	Kuehn, Michael Asst. Public Defender		Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	X
Vacant County Administrator	N/A	Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff	X	Moeller, Eileen Winona City Council	X	Volkman, Travis Goodview Police Dept.	
				Williams, Tom Winona Police Chief	X

**Guests Present:** Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Chris Meyer (Winona County Commissioner); Trish Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Carin Hyter (Coordinator, Treatment Court of Winona County); Amy Sixty (SEMCIL); Georgia Neal (Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center); Linda Soderstrom (Housing Advocate); Kay Peterson (Volunteer Services); Deb McClellan & Vanessa Southworth (Winona Community Hub); Katie Schild (Criminal Justice Social Worker); Crystal Hegge (Women’s Advocacy Center); Christy Ferrington (Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center); Sally Poepping (Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center); Kelsie Horst (Winona County Jail, Proxy for Steve Buswell); Laura Madsen (SEMCIL); Bill Moe (Dept. of Corrections), Andy Kranz (Inclusa USA); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona Co. Atty).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for January 5, 2022:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from December 1, 2021:** Minutes were approved by consensus.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
  - A. Presentation on Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center (HVMHC): Erik Sievers, Executive Director of HVMHC provided an overview of some important recent changes at HVMHC, as follows:
    - By way of introduction, HVMHC is the community mental health center for most of the counties in southeastern Minnesota and has been around since 1965.

- Genoa Pharmacy, which specializing in meeting the need of people with mental health conditions, recently started providing services at HVMHC. It is a closed pharmacy, meaning that it only provides prescriptions for clients of HVMHC. Anyone receiving any type of service at HVMHC may utilize Genoa Pharmacy. A pharmacist and pharmacy technician are onsite at the clinic during the same hours that the clinic is open.
- As of January 1, 2022, HVMHC is a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC).
  - Approximately 8 years ago, the federal government passed legislation to create behavioral health clinic and Minnesota has been a leader among states in this area. Last year, the services provided by CCBHCs became Medicaid payable services.
  - HVMHC was already providing many of the services typically associated with a CCBHC, including outpatient mental health and substance use services; screening assessment and diagnosis; psychiatric rehabilitation services; crisis mental health services; person-centered planning; targeted case management; and peer/family support.
  - Some of the new or improved services that will be offered by HVMHC as part of its CCBHC designation include the following:
    - Better primary screening: The main primary screening will focus on physical health (like height/weight and blood pressure)
    - Better suicide screening: When someone calls into the clinic, a suicide screen will be performed to assess urgency of need. Immediate referrals can be made to mobile crisis or other urgent need services based upon the results of the screening.
    - Better services for members of the armed forces and veterans.
    - Care coordination with other providers and systems: This will result in the hiring of care coordinators to integrate the services provided through HVMHC and services provided by others. Right now, a patient can see three different people at HVMHC and they might have three different plans. Care coordination will mean that they bring three plans into one.
  - One of the primary goals of service delivery will be improved access to care and the elimination of wait time. CCBHCs must meet established quality measures. This will not be a quick fix and adjustments will have to be made over time, but HVMHC is committed to this goal.
    - As a certified clinic, when someone calls in for an evaluation, HVMHC must be able to offer the evaluation within 10 days of the date of the call for services.
    - CCBHCs must utilize evidence-based practices, which HVMHC already does. Evidence-based practices are practices that research has shown to produce good outcomes.
    - There will be more emphasis in looking at the data in a meaningful way to make sure that the services meet the required standards.
  - Payment for services for people on Medicaid or PMAP will be on a per diem (daily) rate as opposed to a rate per service.

- Client Advisory Group: HVMHC now has a client advisory group consisting of a consumer from each county they serve. One of the tasks they have been working on is a client satisfaction survey and the input of the clients has been a tremendous help to them in crafting the survey.
  
- B. Opioid Litigation Update (Karin Sonneman): In 2017, the County Board approved Karin’s request and recommendation to join the multijurisdictional opioid litigation against various manufacturers of prescription medication. The primary claim is that the manufacturers misrepresented the risks of the medication. The Board joined the lawsuit and hired a law firm to represent them, which was being assisted by a national law firm. The Attorney Generals of many states got together to discuss settlements. Karin was on the team that helped negotiate the Minnesota settlement. The negotiated settlement includes a direct allocation of 75% of the settlement funds to local governments (including all counties and cities over 30,000 in population); the remaining 25% goes to the Opioid Epidemic Response Advisory Council. Winona County’s allocation would be \$127,531 per year for 18 years to be used on remediation. This settlement does not include the suit against “Big Pharma”—the Sackler family, and would require a change in the Minnesota statutes to allow for direct allocation. In order to maximize the recovery, every county in the state needed to give approval quickly—and they did. Although the funds have not been formally designated for any projects, Karin and Karen Sanness would like to use some of the funds for a Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC), which was part of a tentative budget proposal to the board this year. Karen noted that she would also like to use some of the funds for prevention and early intervention programs, and hoped that some of the ARPA funding could be used to start the FDTC Program in the meantime. Further input will be sought from CJCC, the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee and others.
  
- C. Minnesota Housing Partnership Grant (Kalene Engel): The December CJCC Meeting occurred in the midst of a site visit by representatives from the Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP), who were determining whether to award to Winona County for a grant proposal on supportive housing. Members of the Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee’s Supportive Housing met with the representatives during the day long site visit, which also included a tour of the Warming Center and Day Center. Shortly after the visit, Kalene received notification that Winona County received the grant, which includes both technical assistance from MHP as well as the payment for expenses for a team of seven people to participate in the MHP’s Housing Institute. The Housing Institute is an approximate 18 month program, which brings together housing leaders and stakeholders to share experiences, learn best practices and develop creative solutions to bring affordable housing to their community. Several people have already volunteered to serve on the team.
  
- D. COVID Updates (Karen Sanness): The Omicron variant is out there and is more transmissible than past strains, but does not seem to make people as sick. Locally, a lot of the southeastern Minnesota hospitals are close to capacity, but predictions are that hospitals and medical facilities should soon be seeing a reprieve. Recommended masks include N95 or surgical masks, but not cloth masks. If someone wants to know how to fit an N95 mask, 3M has a good video. Ben Klinger of Winona Co. Emergency Management has been doing a good job of making sure masks are available. Vaccination clinics are still being held.
  
- E. Update on Replacement Jail (Ron Ganrude): Dirt work is underway and the site is ready for footings. The construction crew has been ripping the old jail cells out of the jail and

hauling them away. The sound has been tolerable thus far in the jail. A backup dispatch center is being set up at the County shop in Goodview.

- F. Event/Info Flyers: A flyer for the Jan-March 2022 WRAP+ Trainings was included in the meeting packet. Scheduled trainings include WRAP+ (January); Stress Management and Resiliency Training (February) and Let's Erase the Stigma (March). Also included in the meeting packet were excerpts from the Community Education flyer on mental health and adult literacy offerings.

5) **Committee Reports:**

- A. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee (Karin Sonneman): The committee did not meet in December.

**Next Meeting: January 19, 2022 at noon via Zoom**

- B. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee (Justin Green): The committee did not meet in December. The Supportive Housing Workgroup met twice; see the report under 4) C. above.

**Next Meeting: January 26, 2022 at noon via Zoom**

- C. Juvenile Justice Committee (Rebecca Church): The committee did not meet in December.

**Next Meeting: January 20, 2022 at noon via Zoom**

- D. Courts Committee (Nancy Buytendorp): Judge Buytendorp had to leave the meeting early and was unable to provide a committee report. Attendees were referred to the minutes in the meeting packet.

**Next Meeting: January 20, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom**

- E. Early Intervention and Prevention Committee (Chris Meyer and Andy Kranz): The committee will have its first meeting on January 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Two workgroups have already met to address the gaps identified in the Sequential Intercept Mapping Process. The Access to Health and Human Services Workgroup is working on a survey to present to the Navigator Network. The Navigator Network Workgroup is working on creating a framework to connect people (navigators) who assist clients/consumers with referrals and/or help them access services.

**Next Meeting: January 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom**

6) **Other:**

- Congratulations to Chris Meyer who was elected chair of the County Board and to Marie Kovecsi who was elected vice-chair.
- Project FINE's Annual Report to the Community will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Save the date!

- Kalene asked for suggestions of community groups, programs or resources who could present at an upcoming CJCC meeting.

**Adjourn:** 12:56 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 2, 2022 at noon via Zoom