

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
APRIL 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		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	X	Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	
Maureen Holte Interim County Administrator		Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff	X	Moeller, Eileen Winona City Council		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); Kay Peterson (Volunteer Services); Katie Schild (Criminal Justice Social Worker); Christy Ferrington (Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center); Bill Moe (Dept. of Corrections), Andy Kranz (Inclusa USA); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona Co. Atty); Rebecca Lundeen (WRAP+ Community Connector); Dave Glithero (Asst. Winona County Jail Administrator-Proxy for Steve Buswell); Crystal Hegge (Advocacy Center of Winona); Kelsie Horst (Winona County Jail Shift Commander); Tayler Streeter, (Advocacy Center of Winona) and Veena Iyer and Sara Karki of Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Judy Gilow called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for April 6, 2022:** Approved as presented by consensus.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from March 2, 2022:** Minutes were approved by consensus as presented.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - A. Presentation on Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM): Veena Iyer (Executive Director) and Sara Karki (Staff Attorney & Supervisor of Greater MN ILCM Offices) provided an overview of Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota as follows:
 - ILCM is a 25-year old statewide organization that provides free legal services to immigrants and their families. They provide education to immigrants and refugees

about immigration law and chances and do advocacy work with local, state and federal government officials.

- ILCM has offices in St. Paul, Worthington, Moorhead and Austin. It is mostly from the Austin location that they serve clients in Winona.
- To qualify for services, an individual must qualify income-wise and have an immigration-related question.
- Cases are received through their intake line at 1-800-223-1368. The intake staff fields calls throughout the entire state and refers callers to the correct location or resource.
- The types of cases they handle are varied, ranging from assistance with green cards, deportation defense, DACA (deferred action for childhood arrivals) and more.
- The immigration law system and criminal justice system interaction is complex. There are many different types of immigration status, but almost anyone who is not a US citizen can be deported. Any interaction with the criminal justice system can land a person into the immigration system. It does not matter how long a person has lived in the US; they can still get deported.
- Immigration law comes from federal law, court cases and executive orders. Federal law is not always consistent with state law. Therefore, if someone is charged with a lower level crime in Minnesota, that could constitute an aggravated felony under federal law. An example provided was a person who violated an order for protection through a text message who became subject to removal.
- Almost every week, ILCM receives calls from people involved in removal proceedings who are trying to prove that they qualify for asylum. There are not a lot of defenses to removal, but if a person has attorney representation, they have a better chance of prevailing.
- Three of the advocacy items that they are currently working on are as follows:
 - Drivers Licenses (HF 1163): Until 2003, immigrants and refugees could get a drivers license as long as they took a class, could provide some sort of identification and had insurance. ILCM is working to ensure that people can get a drivers license regardless of immigration status. This will allow them to become safe, insured and licensed drivers so they can drive legal to work, school and other places. It will also allow law enforcement to properly identify them.
 - Gross Misdemeanor Law (HF 614): In Minnesota, a gross misdemeanor is punishable by 365 days (rather than 364 days). Under federal immigration law, the fact that the punishment could be 365 days makes the crime an aggravated felony and subjects the person to deportation. Thus, ILC is working at the state level to change the gross misdemeanor possible sentence to 364 days. That one day would make a huge difference for immigrants and refugees. ILCM is seeking input as to whether that change has an unintended

effects; one possible effect mentioned at the meeting was for the interstate compact (which would probably be a positive impact).

- Old Convictions (HF 833): Another advocacy item they are addressing is to make it easier for people to seek post-conviction relief for an offense that might lead to deportation. This is especially so for convictions that occurred 15 or more years ago when there was no requirement that a person be advised of the immigration implications of a conviction.

- B. Intercultural Development Inventory Assessment Update and Debrief (Kalene Engel/Fatima Said): The CJCC Main Council members, Committee Chairs and members of the Community Outreach and Diversity Committee recently received two e-mails: one from Karin introducing the IDI and another from IDI with the login/password information to take a 50 question survey. Persons who received these emails should respond to the survey as soon as possible. The results will be compiled and discussed at the May CJCC Meeting, which will take place at the History Center. Project FINE will be debriefing with the group, noting the baseline of where the group is at with respect to cultural competency and working with the group to create a strategic plan for addressing cultural competency.
- C. Videos on Replacement Jail (Ron Ganrude): Ron narrated two short video clips of the replacement jail, one of which was a virtual tour of what the jail would look like once complete and the second of which was a time lapse video of the construction of the exterior of the jail. More photos are available on the CJCC website, as they are included with April's Meeting Packet.
- D. Courthouse Open House (Chris Meyer): The City of Winona Heritage Commission worked with Winona County representatives to arrange for an Open House of the Winona County Courthouse to celebrate National Trust Historic Preservation Month. The event will take place on May 21st from 11 am to 3 pm and will be a self-guided tour of the courthouse. The group is seeking volunteers to work two-hour shifts. If you are interested in helping out, send an e-mail to Karin Sonneman.
- E. COVID Updates: None. 😊
- F. Event/Info Flyers: Included in the meeting pack were the following event or information flyers: WRAP+ Trainings for April through June, ASAP National Drug Takeback Day (4/30/22); Honoring Consent & Coping with Hearing No (4/8/22); St. Paul's Episcopal Church Friar's Breakfasts (Sundays starting in April); Awareness Walk (April 24th).

5) **Committee Reports:**

- A. Juvenile Justice Committee: The committee did not meet in March.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2022 at noon via Zoom

- B. Courts Committee (Judge Buytendorp): The committee received an update from Preston Selleck on Veteran's Court. It is going very well, with 33 participants—five of whom are from Winona. Staffing for the team is increasing. Treatment Court is also doing well, with 16 participants and a few people on deck. The team just completed a virtual two-day

operational tune-up and are planning some additional meetings to address what needs to be done. One of the participants worked with Ben Klinger to put on a CPR class, which was a success. Prosocial activities have returned to in-person. Tara Brown will graduate from treatment court on April 7th, having completed the program in just under 13 months. Congratulations to Carin Hyter, who is celebrating her five year anniversary as Treatment Court Coordinator. WRAP+ welcomed Rebecca Lundeen as the new Community Connector. Funding requests have increased and everyone in the program is working hard to make it successful. The Pretrial Supervision Workgroup has had a couple of presentations from different counties and will be meeting again tomorrow. The Sentencing Orders Workgroup has also met a few times and made adjustments to some of the issues that arose, especially during COVID. Those issues were identified and are being addressed and it seems like things are improving. There was also a discussion of which hearings are being held via Zoom versus in person. There are more in person hearings being held, but Zoom is still being utilized. Winona County is doing well on catching up on its backlog of cases.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom

- C. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Chris Meyer and Andy Kranz): The group met and heard reports from ASAP and two workgroups. The Navigator Network Workgroup is headed up by Rachel Stoll. Carin Hyter gave a presentation on Treatment Court at the last meeting and there are speakers lined up for the next several months who will talk about their programs. The Improving Access to Health and Human Services Workgroup worked in conjunction with the Navigator Network Workgroup to complete a survey geared towards understanding how folks learn about and access the main programs that are administered by the Winona County Department of Health and Human Services. Kalene spent many hours organizing the results and the next step is to determine how to make the results into actionable items for improvement.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2022 at 1 p.m.

- D. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee: The committee did not meet as the current focus of the group is the IDI (discussed above).

Next Meeting: April 20, 2022 at noon

- E. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee (Judy Gilow and Crystal Hegge): The committee heard an update on the WRAP+ Program. The Supportive Housing Workgroup has met and meets again on Friday. The Minnesota Housing Partnership has identified the liaison who will be working with the Winona group for the Housing Institute Grant. She will be coming to Winona for meeting on April 21st. The first in person session of the Housing Institute is in Rochester on April 27th and 28th. The event will be livestreamed so people can attend, even if they are not part of the 7 member “travel team.” See the Supportive Housing webpage on the CJCC website for more detail. Steve Buswell gave an excellent presentation on the replacement jail construction progress.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2022 at noon

- 6) SAIC Walk (Crystal Hegge): Crystal reminded everyone that the SAIC Awareness Walk is on April 24th.

Adjourn: 12:54 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2022 at noon in person at Winona County History Center Wanek Room for the IDI Assessment Group Discussion.