

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2022
VIA ZOOM MEETING

Members (Attendance shown by X, Proxy shown by P)					
Brandt, Becky Court Administrator	X	Gilow, Judy Public Member		Patterson, Rená DOC Supervisor	X
Buswell, Steve Jail Administrator		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		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	X
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff	X	Moeller, Eileen Winona City Council		Volkman, Travis Goodview Police Dept.	
				Williams, Tom Winona Police Chief	

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); Katie Schild (Criminal Justice Social Worker); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona Co. Atty); Rebecca Lundeen (WRAP+ Community Connector); Crystal Hegge (Advocacy Center of Winona); Vanessa Southworth (Livewell Winona), Jennifer Yahnke (Planned Humanity); Karrie Hahn (Family & Children’s Center); Phil Huerta & Kori the intern (Winona County ASAP);

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for June 1, 2022:** Approved as presented by consensus.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from May 4, 2022:** Minutes were approved by consensus as presented.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - A. Presentation on Planned Humanity by Jennifer Yahnke: Jennifer Yanke provided an overview of Planned Humanity as follows:
 - Jennifer is an outpatient therapist, licensed in clinical counseling and drug counseling, who has worked with Family and Children’s Center for 7 years. She is a recovery addict and a big part of the Narcotics Anonymous community in Winona. She is currently the director of Planned Humanity.
 - Planned Humanity was founded by Michelle Benson in April of 2019 due to the needs that she observed when she was homeless and in addiction.

- The basic mission of Planned Humanity is that all people, regardless of where they are, deserve human kindness and help.
- The first initiative of Planned Humanity was to distribute blessing bags, which are bags of travel size toiletries for persons without a permanent residence.
- Eventually, Planned Humanity was able to gain 501(c)(3) status and start a syringe exchange program. They currently operate out of the Bethany House.
- The syringe exchange program provides clean syringes and related items (such as gauze, sharps containers, and Naloxone) free of charge to addicts. The intent of providing these items is to keep addicts alive and reduce the spread of HIV and other diseases, in the hopes that the addict will eventually get the help they need to recover.
- Jennifer shared a handout discussing the benefits of syringe programs.
- Other services provided by Planned Humanity include providing education and counseling. They are also providing Fentanyl testing strips, as they are seeing more Fentanyl being put into other substances
- Planned Humanity used to get syringes and supplies from an organization in Mankato who had a grant to supply those items to rural communities, but they recently lost that grant. Thus, Planned Humanity is attempting to find a supplier and or funding for the supplies (which run approximately \$8,500 per year). Anyone with suggestions on a source of funding should contact Jennifer, as she is currently the only person actively running the program.
- There are not a lot of laws to protect people who are returning used syringes, except a Good Samaritan Law. Thus, there are not as many people returning syringes as those who are taking them.
- Most people find out about Planned Humanity through word of mouth, but it does have a Facebook page.
- The number of persons served is approximately 20 per month. However, some of those people pick up supplies for other people due to the stigma of addiction and fear of being judged.

B. COVID Updates: Winona County is still in the high transmission level. Karen Sanness was not available to provide additional updates.

C. Event/Info Flyers: The WRAP+ Circles of Security Training will be held on June 21st from 9 am to 11 am. Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention has several activities planned for the summer including a Summer End Challenge in July and August to encourage healthy activities for youth, a Summer Leadership Camp and a YMCA Teen Night.

5) **Committee Reports:**

A. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee-Karin Sonneman

The Courthouse Open House was held on May 21st and was attended by steady flow of people (approximately 150) who asked lots of good questions and ooh-ed and ahh-ed over the building. The event featured 10 learning stations where people could stop and learn more about different areas of the courthouse. Karin thanked everyone who was involved in

the planning and execution of the event, which is the fourth open house that has been held since 2009.

The Intercultural Development Inventory debrief was completed at the May CJCC Meeting and the summary results have been received from Project FINE. Kalene and Karin will be getting together to discuss possible strategies to discuss in the COD Committee and then bring forth to the full CJCC Council. Fatima thanked everyone who participated in the IDI process.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2022 at noon

B. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee-Kalene Engel and Crystal Hegge on behalf of Justin Green

Construction on the new jail is proceeding smoothly, following a rough start. The director of Addiction Medical Services in Onalaska gave a presentation on its Medication Assisted Treatment Program. Participation in WRAP+ continues to grow as do the success stories. Kalene submitted an ARPA request to Winona County for an additional \$25,000 in recovery support services funding for WRAP+. The recent Neurobiology of Addiction training by Carol Ackley was very well attended. The Supportive Housing Workgroup is working on the homework assignment from the Housing Institute, which is to identify funders, stakeholders and recipients for the scattered sites project. Catholic Charities requested funding for a Housing Specialist to work with the scattered sites project as part of its ARPA request.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2022 at noon

- C. Juvenile Justice Committee: The committee has been reviewing/revising existing brochures and flowcharts, some of which were created years ago but never implemented. The Truancy and Delinquency brochures were included in the CJCC Meeting Packet and will be posted on the County Attorney's website in the future. Additional copies are available from Kalene to anyone who would like them. Kalene submitted a request to Winona County for funding for Family Dependency Treatment Court. Meetings have been scheduled to further discuss the program. Truancies were quite high in Winona (and throughout the state) this year. Rebecca is hoping to schedule a meeting with the schools to make sure that everyone is doing everything they can to help kids and families keep kids in school.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2022 at noon via Zoom

- D. Courts Committee (Judge Buytendorp): Treatment Court has 13 participants, having recently had three participants graduate. A semi-annual meeting to review policies and procedures will occur on June 2nd. Several representatives from Winona are participating in a districtwide team which is considering ideas to better assist individuals with mental health issues who are going through the criminal justice system. This group will be participating in a two-day conference in mid-June. There are 33 participants in WRAP+ which is going well. A request will be made to extend the grant for a year. A workgroup on pretrial program has been meeting regularly to come up with ideas for pretrial supervision. The group was invited to participate in the Pretrial Equity Network; the first meeting of that

group is June 2nd. Becky Brandt developed new procedures for Rule 20 orders. At the time of the meeting, members were preparing for the Courthouse Open House which, as Karin reported, was a success.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom

- E. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Chris Meyer): Committee members received an update from Winona County ASAP and all its activities (see report under 4.C.). The Access to Health and Human Services Workgroup is hoping to move forward soon to develop strategies for issues identified in the survey. The Navigator Network continues to offer presentations and increase its membership, which is now up to 59 persons. An in-person meeting of the Navigator Network will be held on June 22nd. Livewell Winona is conducting listening sessions on the Community Health Needs Assessment. Five sessions were held last week and two more will be held in the upcoming week. Following the sessions, Livewell Winona will be summarizing the plan and reports for a presentation to the Winona County Board.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Adjourn: 12:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 6, 2022 – Crystal Hegge of Advocacy Center of Winona as featured speaker.