

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
JULY 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		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		Kuehn, Michael Asst. Public Defender	X	Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	X
Maureen Holte Interim County Administrator		Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff		Moeller, Eileen Winona City Council		Volkman, Travis Goodview Police Dept.	X
				Williams, Tom Winona Police Chief	X

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Chris Meyer (Winona County Commissioner); Trish Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); 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); Linda Soderstrom (Supportive Housing Workgroup), Tim Hunter (HVMHC), Kay Peterson (Volunteer Services), Rachel Stoll (Livewell Winona), Bill Moe (Dept of Corrections), Renee Rumpca (Dept of Corrections), Amy Sixty (SEMCIL), Jay Rasmussen (Winona Police Dept.), Daniel Schowalter (Goodview Police Dept), Christy Ferrington (HVMHC).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for July 6, 2022:** Approved as presented by consensus.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from June 1, 2022:** Minutes were approved by consensus as presented.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - A. Update on MN Judicial Branch Mental Health Summit-Judge Buytendorp: Due to concerns about how the courts were addressing individuals with mental illness who were involved in the justice system, the Minnesota Judicial Branch launched a statewide effort to address those concerns. Last fall, as part of that effort, each judicial district identified a judge “champion” to convene a districtwide team to explore solutions in their own districts. Judge Buytendorp was selected as the judge champion for the Third District and convened a team consisting of representatives from Winona and Olmsted Counties. The team has met

regularly since January, solicited input and information from the other counties in the district and recently attended a two-day Mental Health Summit in Bloomington. At the Summit, the district teams came together to hear from experts in the field and learn about promising programs elsewhere, as well as to develop a plan for the district. Both Winona and Olmsted County are already ahead of the game, as both have done Sequential Intercept Mapping and have social workers embedded in the jail. Many other counties in the district are not doing anything to address mental health issues in the jail, but would like to have a jail social worker. The action plan developed by the Third District Team was to hold a mini-summit within the district. The agenda for the summit would include an overview of the project and the Sequential Intercept Mapping process, a description of what Olmsted and Winona County have done to address the gaps identified in the SIM process, a question and answer period and a time for other counties to come up with one thing that they could do to better address this population of individuals. One of the next steps that Winona and Olmsted County would like to do is to incorporate peer specialists into more programming. Chris, Judy and Marie expressed an interest in attending the mini-summit.

B. Presentation on Advocacy Center of Winona by Crystal Hegge: Crystal Hegge provided an overview of Advocacy Center of Winona, as follows:

- The mission of ACW is to empower victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- In 2019, the ACW changed its name from the Women’s Advocacy Center to the Advocacy Center of Winona. This was done to reflect the mission to be more inclusive of service to women, men and the LGBTQ+ community.
- ACW offers of number of services which are tailored to the needs of the individuals being served. Some of the services include the following:
 - Risk advocacy and direct support: ACW supports survivors in regaining their power and control and giving them options for moving forward. They offer a crisis line, which is routed through Rochester first to determine the level of assistance needed. If the call is more for emotional support or to plan for a restraining order, they can make an appointment for them to come in during business hours. However, if the individual has immediate needs, a Winona advocate can respond quickly through mobile advocacy.
 - Emergency shelter and relocation: ACW will provide funding for a couple of nights of a hotel/motel stay. Because of the difficulty they have had in locating safe housing, they have rented a crisis apartment using a master lease which is available to families in need for up to 30 days. During that time, ACW will work with the family to develop a safety plan.
 - Support groups: A variety of support groups are offered free of charge. The sexual violence support group is support by a grant from Winona Community Foundation, while the domestic violence support group is supported by a grant for the Department of Public Safety. Persons interested in attending a group can register online or contact the office to register.

- Legal advocacy and justice assistance: ACW staff are not attorneys, but they do support a survivor through the legal process, which can be a very difficult process for people in trauma. Approximately 40% of the time, the survivor starts with ACW and is referred to the legal system. The rest of the justice assistance cases start in the legal system and are referred to ACW. ACW staff will accompany individuals to court or interviews and help with interactions with landlords, schools and the community.
 - Funding assistance: ACW can provide funding based upon a survivor's situation. Examples of funding that they have provided include a month's rent, gas, emergency housing supplies (food/clothes), transportation and door stops and lock changes. The focus on funding is to provide what the survivor needs to feel safe.
 - ACW recently opened a satellite office at Winona State University and has hired a bilingual (Spanish-speaking) advocate.
 - Link to the recorded presentation: <https://youtu.be/dJpoSNWdddI>
- C. COVID Updates-Karin Sanness: Cases are trending upwards again, as a result of the two new variants BA4 and BA5. Cases do not appear to be as severe with the new variant. The current emphasis is on administering vaccinations for children aged 6 months through 5 years.
- D. Event/Info Flyers:
- **WRAP+ Trainings:** There are three great WRAP+ trainings coming up in July (Social Security 101); August (Guardianship/Conservatorship) and October (Motivational Interviewing). Kalene recently compiled statistics for the WRAP+ grant and noted that there have been 28 trainings days, 769 participants (many attend multiple trainings) and 2,390 hours of training among those participants. The trainings are now attracting participants from Olmsted, Goodhue, Fillmore, Wabasha, Houston and Buffalo County. Kalene will be highlighting the training program in the grant report as an exceptional success; Karin thanked Christy for her efforts in arranging the trainings.
 - **Interstate Compact Training:** The interstate compact training will be held on July 20th and is only for judges and attorneys. The COD Meeting conflicts with the training so the COD Meeting will be rescheduled.
 - **Restorative Justice Golf Tournament:** The Restorative Justice Golf Tournament is on August 19th. Everyone who participates received a door prize and a great meal at Cedar Valley Golf Course. All proceeds from the event go to the Restorative Justice Program.
 - **Other:** Winona Area Public Schools is offering free summer meals. See the flyer for details.

5) **Committee Reports:**

- A. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Chris Meyer): The committee met on June 23rd and received updates from its workgroup and ASAP. Phil sent an update via email on ASAP activities; the main thing occurring right now is that ASAP is sharing a booth with the Sheriff's Office at the Winona County Fair. The Access to Health and Human Services survey was reviewed with county administration and has been distributed to workgroup members, who will discuss it at the next meeting. The Navigator Network continues to meet monthly and host monthly speakers. Bill Moe from Probation gave a presentation in June and Phil Huerta will present on ASAP in July.

Next Meeting: August 25, 2022 at 1 p.m.

- B. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee-Karin Sonneman

The committee did not meet in June and will need to reschedule the July meeting due to the Interstate Compact Meeting. At the next meeting, the committee will be taking a closer look at the Intercultural Development Inventory and the next steps to build cultural competency.

Next Meeting: TBD; needs to be rescheduled due to conflicts

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

The Jail Design and Construction Committee received an update on the progress of construction. The jail is approximately 45% complete and is on schedule with no major problems. The Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee did not meet.

Next Meeting: July 27, 2022 at noon

- D. Juvenile Justice Committee: The committee is continuing to review/revise brochures and policy documents. Once they are updated (and pending Karin's approval) they will be posted on the County Attorney's webpage. Funds for the Family Dependency Treatment Court have been requested from Winona County ARPA Funds. The Opioid Settlement Funds are another possible source of funding. Discussion was held on truancy processing in court, as the terminology used is different than what is used in a delinquency case. If there are any topics that anyone would like the committee to address, please reach out to Rebecca.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2022 at noon via Zoom

- E. Courts Committee (Judge Buytendorp): Treatment court has 16 current participants and 10 graduates on probation. Carin Hyter, along with a current participant and graduate, gave a presentation on Treatment Court to the County Board. The presentation went smoothly and was well received. Updates to treatment court handbooks and policies were made as a result of a policy meeting. WRAP+ is going very well; it has had 45 participants. Members of the Pretrial Workgroup will be working on Failure to Appear (FTAs). Becky Brandt brought up concerns about warrants on people with FTA who live elsewhere. What is happening is

that these individuals are picked up in different counties and brought to Winona County for FTA warrants and then have no way to get back home once they are released. A workgroup was created to further explore this issue and develop solutions. The Judicial Branch recently rolled out a new digital exhibit management system.

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

F. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Chris Meyer):

Next Meeting: August 25, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Adjourn: 12:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 3, 2022 – Phil Huerta of Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention as featured speaker.