

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 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	P
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		Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff		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); Katie Schild (Criminal Justice Social Worker); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona Co. Atty); Rebecca Lundeen (WRAP+ Community Connector); Crystal Hegge (Advocacy Center of Winona); Bill Moe (Dept of Corrections); Amy Sixty (SEMCIL), Christy Ferrington (HVMHC); Megan Elkin (Public Defender’s Office); Phil Huerta (Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention), Andy Kranz (Inclusa); Carin Hyter (Treatment Court of Winona County); Katie Van Eijl (Project FINE, proxy for Fatima Said); Karrie Hahn (Family and Children’s Center).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for August 3, 2022:** Approved as presented by consensus.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from July 6, 2022:** Minutes were approved by consensus as presented.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - A. Presentation on Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention by Phil Huerta and Rebecca Church: Phil Huerta and Rebecca Church provided an overview of Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, as follows:
 - The idea for youth substance prevention came from a school counselor who brought it to CJCC and Livewell Winona. Discussions occurred and the opportunity to apply for a Drug Free Communities Grant to support a program arose. The original leaders applied for and received the grant which allowed ASAP to formalize as an

organization. Phil expressed gratitude to the individuals who worked hard to write the grant and secure funding for ASAP.

- ASAP is a community-based coalition. It is basically a group of people, each of whom represents a different sector of the community, who have joined together to address youth substance abuse prevention. Twelve different sector representatives are comprise the coalition.
- ASAP takes a public health approach, using science and data to develop and implement prevention strategies, including environmental, policy and systems changes.
- The mission of ASAP is to create a culture free from the misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs for our youth.
- ASAP has two paid staff—Phil, the Coordinator and Deb McClellan, the Project Director. The fiscal sponsor for ASAP is Winona Health and the physical location of the ASAP Office is in the YMCA building.
- ASAP has been involved in numerous community outreach events recently, including tabling at football games, hosting Hidden in Plain Sight exhibits, creating positive community norms videos and posters, and hosting drug take back events.
- Students and coalition members have participated in trainings recently. Rebecca attended the Montana Institute which focused on creating positive community norms as well as the National Tobacco Conference in New Orleans, which focused on current trends in tobacco use in the country. She felt the trainings were powerful and she came back energized with new ideas to incorporate into the ASAP action plan.
- During the past few years, ASAP has worked hard to incorporate more youth into its activities. One of those activities this year was to have 5th grade students write encouraging letters to graduating seniors. Another was to sponsor an art contest for students to illustrate what they did “instead of vaping.” Yet another was to put on a teen fun night at the YMCA. The students have also participated in trainings with other area youth prevention groups and even travelled to the legislature to talk to legislators about vaping.
- People who are interested in supporting ASAP can do so my attending and participating in events or meetings, subscribing to e-mail or e-newsletter updates on ASAP activities or joining a workgroup.

B. COVID Updates-Gwen Carman: Despite the decline in COVID cases, schools are still required to have a safe learning plan approved by the school board in place before school resumes. As the pandemic has evolved, the protocols regarding bussing, spacing and temperature checks have been reduced. If a staff member tests positive, they are required to quarantine for five days but it is an open question as to whether masking will be required or recommended after the five days.

5) **Committee Reports:**

A. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Chris Meyer): The committee did not meet in July.

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

- B. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee-Karin Sonneman: The committee did not meet in July

Next Meeting: August 17, 2022 at noon

- C. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee-Kalene Engel and Crystal Hegge on behalf of Justin Green: WRAP+ continues to go very well, with new participants being added regularly. Many of the participants are achieving good results. Minor changes were made to the policies. The Supportive Housing Workgroup has had a busy and exciting month. Last week, several members of the group participated in the second session of the Minnesota Housing Partnership Housing Institute in Rochester. The group developed some presentations and completed group activities regarding outreach and engagement of landlords. Fatima Said of Project FINE was a featured speaker at the Institute. The group also learned that Catholic Charities had been awarded ARPA funding for the Scattered Sites Supportive Housing Project, which is the project that is being developed through the Housing Institute. The next meeting of the workgroup is on August 12th and the next in-person Institute is in October. Kalene and Karin have been asked to speak about WRAP+ at a Council of State Government's presentation on Best Practices in Reentry which will occur on September 14th. Jail construction is on time with no issues. Marie and Chris went on a tour of the jail and were pleased to see that approximately 45% of the jail is dedicated to programming space. Persons interested in touring the jail should contact Steve Buswell.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2022 at noon

- D. Juvenile Justice Committee: The committee did not meet in July.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2022 at noon via Zoom

- E. Courts Committee (Judge Buytendorp): Treatment court had 16 participants at the time of the meeting which has now increased to 17. More applicants are being considered and there may be a graduation in August. Carin and Bill attended the National Treatment Court Conference in July. Changes were made to policies and procedures and the revised information has been uploaded to the website. Treatment Court participants have been involved in many activities, including one who acted in the Great River Shakespeare Festival. Carin has been working on submitting a report to the Judicial Branch regarding the decrease in numbers during COVID and a plan for the future to increase those numbers to justify continued funding. The decline in participant numbers was not unique to Winona County and our treatment court was proactive in increasing numbers, so Carin and Karin anticipate some grace (and continued funding). Family Dependency Treatment Court has stalled due to funding. The Mental Health Summit Team will be doing a "mini-mental health summit" in January to a group of representatives from the Third Judicial District. Members of the committee are participating in the Pretrial Equity Network. Thus far, the sessions have focused on failures to appear. A workgroup was created to address issues that arise when an individual is arrested on a warrant in a different state and brought to Winona County with no way to return home. The Department of Corrections conducted Interstate Compact Training in July. Veteran's Court received additional funding and hired two new case managers.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom

Adjourn: 12:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 7, 2022