

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Courts Committee Minutes

January 2022 – December 2022*

*The committee may not have had a meeting in every month. The attached minutes are from every month in which a meeting was held

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: January 20, 2022

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In Attendance

Judge Buytendorp, Karin Sonneman, Marie Kovcesi, Carin Hyter, Renee Rumpca, Trish Chandler, Becky Brandt

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from December 16, 2021 were approved.

Agenda Updates

- 1) WRAP Update by Trish Chandler. Working on more efficient hand-offs among staff. Not much to update.
- 2) Preston Selleck was absent so there was no Veteran's Court Update.
- 3) Treatment Court Update by Carin Hyter. Treatment Court currently has 13 participants. There are two defendants that are expected to be sentenced to treatment court shortly. One participant is on the termination track. We have been selected to have an operational tune up training session in 2022. It will be held virtually in March consisting of two half day training sessions. Friends of treatment court has started up again and plans to meet monthly. The 10-year anniversary is coming up. Cathy from Erase the Stigma came and spoke to the graduate and current participants. After Care meets monthly. Discussion was

had about the readiness and motivation for change at the beginning, middle, and end of treatment. Treatment court will transfer to remote status today.

- 4) Sentencing Order Workgroup by Judge Buytendorp. Working with groups to make sure that each step of the process (plea negotiation to plea petition to sentencing order) is in good order to ensure that probationers are appropriately supervised.
- 5) Public Defender Update by Karin Sonneman. Mike Kuehn has a prior commitment on the third Thursday of the month at 8 am and will likely not be able to attend Courts Committee. There has currently been no one selected to replace Mike as the public defender member. Megan Mitchell or Mike may have suggestions about who would be a good PD to replace Mike. Judge Buytendorp will reach out to Meg and Mike.
- 6) Remote court discussion by Karin Sonneman and Becky Brandt. The Judicial Counsel Executives meet today to discuss whether court will be transferred to remote due to omicron. There will likely be an order sent out sometime within the next few days. Court hearings have already been switching to remote when requested.
- 7) District Wide Calendar Update by Becky Brandt. The district wide calendar is up. In order to catch up on backlog, retired judges are being brought in to handle civil cases. As of right now, those judges will come in on Mondays and Tuesdays for three weeks and then every weekday for the fourth week. This is happening in 9 local counties as well. Criminal cases stay with the county's judges. Attorneys need to continue to pay attention to their calendar in case they are booked in multiple court rooms at a time. Karin Sonneman will be sending an email to her staff to remind them to monitor their calendar. We are still looking for a Referee and a court visitor. Becky and Karin discussed the guardianship and conservatorship cases time slots. Judge Buytendorp clarified that if a regular guardianship or conservatorship were to require a contested hearing then they would be rescheduled for such.
- 8) Zoom hearing issues by Trish Chandler. Winona 3 does not allow for telephone call-ins and interpreters were having issues logging in as well. Becky Brandt shared an updated cheat sheet with Renee Rumpca and Julie Koop, among others, containing the judges Zoom information. Julie joined the meeting to describe the change she made to the Zoom information when there was an issue the previous week. Julie sent all pro-se and attorneys (blind copied in order to not share email information) an email with the judges Zoom information.
- 9) Crime Victims Coordinator Update by Karin Sonneman. Kelly Ann Wooden was hired as the new Crime Victims Coordinator.

Next Meeting

February 17, 2022 at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

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In Attendance

Judge Buytendorp, Preston Selleck, Karlene Engel, Carin Hyter, Renee Rumpca, Trish Chandler, Becky Brandt, Katie Schild, Kelly Wooden, and Karin Sonneman

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 20, 2022, were approved.

Agenda Updates

- 1) Veteran's Court Update by Preston Selleck. Currently there are 33 vets in the program throughout the district with 5 of which being in Winona, along with a handful of other referrals with 1 being from Winona County. There was a commencement for one of the Fillmore County participants Friday, March 11, 2022. There has been an increase in staffing support. On the west side there are 4 public defenders that are going to rotate staffing. Tom Anderson, the new VSO in Winona, is starting to be more active in staffing and with the criminal justice involved veterans that go through, getting updates from Trish Chandler. Kevin Burke may serve as liaison for the Wabasha, Houston, and Winona offices. Coffee Connections may be something that is brought into Winona down the road, Carin Hyter will be attending a meeting in two weeks. Coffee Connections is similar to a pure support

meeting, but it is a mix of both professional (social workers, probation agents, and community treatment providers) and current probationers/individuals involved in CPS cases that are in recovery who come together over coffee and donuts and discuss topics related recovery and addiction hosted in Olmstead every Friday at 9:00 AM. There are around 10-12 graduates currently; one of which is going to provide humanitarian relief in Poland. Only one graduate has come back on a new DUI charge. Ideally, Preston would prefer to not put a cap on Veterans Court. Federal government awarded their grant in December, which should allow Veterans Court to get two new case managers.

- 2) Treatment Court Update by Carin Hyter. Treatment Court currently has 16 participants, with a handful of referrals. April 7, 2022, Tara Brown is graduating, and then two more sometime in May. October 6, 2022 is the 10-year Treatment Court celebration. Carin will create a 'save the date' to send out. Operational tune-up training is next week, March 24, 2022. Criminal thinking group is starting up mid-April; usually 5-6 participants will join the 16-week course. One of the phase 4 Treatment Court participants put together a CPR class for everyone in Treatment Court, or former graduates next week. Ben Klinger from emergency management is donating his time to train. Pro social events will resume starting either the end of March or beginning of April. Congrats to Carin on her 5 years with Treatment Court!
- 3) WRAP+ Update by Kalene Engel. Hired a new community connector Rebecca Lundeen. We are approaching the end of the quarter, which means that quarterly data sheets are due soon. Pay attention to anyone that may have completed the program or been unsuccessfully discharged because jail bed recidivism data has to be reported. Funding requests continue to come in at a more frequent rate meaning that the funding is being utilized. Funding requests include educational aid, rent, and identification cards. From an administrative point of view, people doing the work in the program are doing a great job of getting the paperwork in, understanding the process, and asking questions to get clarification. Treatment Court has a handful of people in WRAP+ with a few more that may be applying.
- 4) Pretrial Supervision Workgroup by Kalene Engel. There have been several meetings of the pretrial committee. There have been different versions of pretrial services programs (some are focused on more services and others on more supervision). Going forward, as of February, it was agreed upon to look at vision admission which would define what this group wants to do and review some literature/research (which was sent out to everyone) and then at the next meeting have the conversation of what this is supposed to look like. Next meeting is April 7, 2022, at 8:00 AM.

- 5) Sentencing Order Workgroup by Kalene Engel. Concerns in the last few meetings have been raised about Rule 15 plea petitions (mail-ins) and making sure that they are complete enough so that the information that is given to the court is complete so that the order is enforceable. Everyone needs to be careful about their role at whatever stage to make sure that the ultimate sentencing order has the clarity necessary to be enforceable. Next meeting is April 20, 2022, at 8:00 AM.
- 6) Clarification on Protocols for Zoom vs. In-Person Hearing by Becky Brandt. Justice Gildea's order of June 28, 2021, naming what hearings are in person is still in effect. In-person hearings include sentencing hearings where there is a presumptive commit, contested criminal hearings, contested juvenile protection, contested juvenile delinquency hearings, and criminal settlement conferences/pre-trials. Civil jury trials and Drug Court can be in-person unless they interfere with criminal backlog jury trials. Other hearings that are in-person must be approved by the Chief Judge. In Winona, paternity cases with issues getting DNA and Truancy Court have been approved for in-person. If there is a request for something to be in-person, then it will be submitted to Chief Judge Bueltel. State is working on trying to come up with a platform for the state on which hearings will be remote and which will be in-person; keep a look out for that update. Judge Buytendorp added that hearings will follow the guidelines provided (as set out in the agenda for today's meeting by Becky) unless there is a specific request from the attorneys, then the judge will consider having it via Zoom. Karin has not heard of any confusion from attorneys in Winona County Attorneys office.
- 7) COVID Case Backlog Update by Becky Brandt. Winona is doing well catching up and has already hit the goal for March.
- 8) Public Defender Replacement. Michael Kuehn has Treatment Court in Wabasha County at the same time at this meeting so is unable to attend. There has not been a replacement chosen yet. Karin suggested talking to Mike and Megan to find a replacement. Kalene will reach out to Mike and Megan as CJCC Director.

Next Meeting

April 21, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

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In Attendance

Judge Buytendorp, Karlene Engel, Carin Hyter, Renee Rumpca, Trish Chandler, Becky Brandt, Katie Schild, and Marie Kovecsi

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 17, 2022, were approved.

Agenda Updates

- 1) Treatment Court Update by Carin Hyter. There are currently 15 participants in Treatment Court. On April 7, 2022, Tara Brown graduated! Another graduation is coming up on May 12, 2022, for Jeremy Bobo and Sarah Davis. Treatment Court Operational Tune-Up Training (two half-day training sessions for Treatment Court team). As recommended, there is now a time task plan which includes anywhere from 30 days to 180 days in team goals being worked on by subcommittees. CAMO group is up and running (Carin and Bill teach) on week 3 out of the 16-week course; anyone in Treatment Court is required to attend along with anyone on probation who has been referred by a probation agent may attend. Aftercare recovery has started in person again. There is a prosocial event this coming Sunday (April 24, 2022) where they will clean up West Lake Winona right before the Sexual Awareness Walk. Carin gave a WRAP+ presentation as part of a panel along with a presentation about

Treatment Court last month to Navigator Network. Friends of Treatment Court group is meeting monthly, prepping for 10-year celebration of Treatment Court coming up in October. If you did not receive the save the date yet contact Carin. On May 21, 2022, from 11AM-3PM Treatment Court will be represented at the Court House Open House. Small group of participants and graduates attended a CPR class with Ben Klinger from emergency management. Ben even paid \$10 per participant (3 of them) to be certified in CPR.

- 2) WRAP+ Update by Kalene Engel and Katie Schild. Working on getting out and talking with people about the program; especially looking at presenting to department of corrections, public defenders office, and, if they are interested, the judges. WRAP+ is not fully staffed and ready to take on more clients. As of the end of the first quarter, there were 31 total participants in the program, 4 graduated successfully from the program, and 4 were terminated unsuccessfully. This quarter there are 5 new participants and many more in the hopper waiting to get their diagnostic assessment. Quarterly data was submitted the first week of this month. Big thanks to everyone who helped get the data together. Eric Sievers is nominating the WRAP program for a Mutual of Omaha award. Katie did a presentation for a social work policy class at WSC on what it is like to be a social worker in the criminal justice system.
- 3) Pretrial Supervision Workgroup by Kalene Engel and Becky Brandt. Previous meeting was held on April 7, 2022 (CHECK DATE...8 min). There was a presentation on the overview of Midwest Monitoring basically describing what they have to offer, and the requirements were for them if we were to have a contract with them. The workgroup then discussed the current research and best practices for the pretrial program. The workgroup is attempting to get signed up for the Pretrial Equity and Transformation Network for the Safety and Justice Challenge, then once in decide if that is something to continue. The workgroup plans on reviewing the mission envision statement at next meeting. Kalene did submit application for the pretrial academy and waiting to find out if the workgroup is selected or not.
- 4) Sentencing Order Workgroup by Judge Buytendorp. Work for this workgroup is somewhat finished. The workgroup has been meeting because there are often plea petitions by mail which lack some information necessary which resulted in incomplete sentencing orders due to the remote hearings and concerns about sentencing orders. That issue has been addressed and Renee from probation has monitored the errors which have dropped dramatically. The workgroup is no longer going to meet, but Renee will continue to monitor the sentencing orders to make sure there are no errors. If there are errors or concerns, then there will be another meeting.

- 5) Future Workgroups by Kalene Engle. Kalene will send the Sequential Intercept Mapping Chart to be sent out with the minutes. On next meeting's agenda there will be a place to discuss any need for workgroups.
- 6) New Statewide Policy for Remote and In-Person Hearings by Becky Brandt. Justice Gildea issued an order on April 19, 2022, which is effective June 6, 2022, stating that the hearing format standard set out in the Judicial Counsel Policy 525 shall apply to all proceedings in the district courts unless the particular case type or proceeding is expressly excluded from those standards. There are different exceptions to allow for parties to appear in person for remote hearings and for people to appear remotely for in person hearings. Judges now have standards that they must go through in order to determine if someone may appear remotely for either format. Civil case type and hearing type chart sent out prior to meeting. This chart was approved; asterisk means that the hearing may be remote if the judge is remote. The district administrators are compiling the information for criminal cases from each county, and once it gets back to each county then court administrators need to work with their bench to check accuracy which is then sent back to district administrator, finally being sent out district wide and posted on the website.
- 7) COVID Case Backlog Pandemic Report by Becky Brandt. Three charts were sent out (complete work, pending work, and incoming work). The completed work chart showed a 97% overall clearance rate since March 2020 with 467% in January 2022. The pending work chart showed 25% change in active pending caseload since March 2020 and a change in active pending cases since March 2020 is 130. The incoming work chart showed a 35% change in filings from the first week of March 2020 to last week and the total filings from the first week of March 2020 (141) and the total filings last week (190). The weekly pandemic-related even utilization has flat lined since it is not used anymore. Becky runs reports for major criminal cases and then sends them to the justice partners so they can see where we are at.

Next Meeting

May 19, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

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In Attendance

Judge Buytendorp, Karlene Engel, Carin Hyter, Trish Chandler, Becky Brandt, Katie Schild, Karin Sonneman, and Kelly Wooden

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from April 21, 2022, were approved.

Agenda Updates

- 1) Treatment Court Update by Carin Hyter. There are currently 13 participants in Treatment Court, with two more participants to join soon. On April 7, 2022, Jeremy Bobo and Sarah Davis graduated! Winona Post article came out about that. Winona has a total of 43 treatment court graduates putting us at 60%, which places us above the national average of 59%. Bridget Chick (now Bridget Boras) from aftercare group just finished probation. Pete from the aftercare program is about to graduate from the one-year program at Minnesota adult teen challenge program. Bill, Carin, Lois Hossie from Restored Blessings, and Pete's family all plan on attending his graduation. On June 2, 2022, there will be a Treatment Court Policy meeting to update procedural manual. By next Courts Committee meeting, Carin will provide an updated procedural manual. At the end of July there is the National Treatment Court Conference in Nashville which Carin and Bill plan on attending. Quarterly coordinator

meeting was held yesterday. At that meeting, big picture items were discussed along with planning for the next state treatment court conference. On May 21, 2022, from 11AM-3PM Treatment Court will be represented at the Court House Open House.

- 2) Mental Health Summit Update by Judge Buytendorp. State is very concerned about how the criminal justice system is treating those that come through the system with mental health issues. District wide team (made up of individuals from Winona and Rochester) to address and think of way that the district can meet the needs of those with mental health issues within the system. Right now, it is just in the planning stages, maybe a district wide mental health court, or something just short of such a court, to come depending on what is appropriate for the district. In June there will be a big summit conference which includes all districts in the state to be held in Bloomington where there will be discussions on ideas on what other districts do. Karin and Kalene are also part of the Mental Health Summit in Winona. Kalene added that Minnesota specific mental health training on June 24-25 which she signed up for. Kalene also mentioned that the SIM map that we did in 2021 is a big piece of the mental health summit, so it is great that we were able to get that done. Karin discussed the two grants that resulted in multiple positions and WRAP+ program. In two months, there will be an update on what was discussed at the summit.
- 3) WRAP+ Update by Kalene Engel, Trish Chandler and Katie Schild. Currently there are 33 participants in the program. Four participants have recently graduated, four participants have recently been terminated, and there are possibly nine more participants to join soon. We continue to receive funding requests. Kalene submitted a request for \$25,000 in funding from the county to supplement the recovery support services funding. Kalene also plans on submitting a one-year extension for the grant, using the midyear numbers since they need the exact numbers in order to put the grant extension request in. Karin and Kalene also spoke with Venessa Southworth regarding sustainability plans on, who stated that they have plans in place and target dates which will help with the grant extension. Trish stated that the flexibility within the group has been great. Katie mentioned that they are seeing warmer handoffs and getting more people case management through adult mental health targeting case management. There is still an interest in getting around to present to more groups to try and recruit clients, as discussed in the previous meeting, but due to Rebecca having an influx, there is a break to allow for the influx because the needs are the most intense right away, but there are plans to meet with the Department of Corrections along with having something scheduled in July with the Public Defender's office.
- 4) Pretrial Supervision Workgroup by Kalene Engel. We were accepted into pretrial equity network through the Safety and Justice Institute. Several people in this group and others

should have received emails from the PET people. The PET network was a follow up to the work we have been doing on the pretrial supervision program. Kalene is not sure where this is going but, along with others, is going to go along with this training and process and try to learn as much about pretrial. The pretrial research and recommendations have changed fairly dramatically over the past several years, so Kalene is hopefully that this opportunity will give us the latest and greatest research.

- 5) Sentencing Order Workgroup by Judge Buytendorp. Nothing to add due to success of the workgroup. Unless something comes up, the workgroup is no longer formally meeting and will not have any updates.
- 6) Mask Requirement in Winona County by Becky Brandt. Chief Judge ordered a mask requirement while in the courthouse. Deputies are supposed to be handing out masks as people walk in.
- 7) Rule 20 Orders by Becky Brandt. Court administration asks that any Rule 20 template used by attorney's change Forensic Services to Direct Care and Treatment. Direct Care and Treatment will no longer take evaluations unless you check with them first, just like any other evaluator. In the past, we had been processing a lot of amended Rule 20 orders because either DCT does not have an evaluator available, or the person lives out of state. A new process has been implemented by the Civil/Probate Case Processing Team. Proposed orders submitted should not list the examiner unless the examiner was contacted and agrees to do the evaluation. To streamline the process, court staff will be preparing the order using the District's Rule 20 Template. The County Attorney's suggested language be added under the portion of the order for Rule 20.04s. That language has been added. If an attorney requests a Rule 20 during a court hearing, the attorneys should suggest what examiners they choose to do the evaluation. Court administration will reach out to the evaluator to check on their availability and insert the name of the examiner and hearing date on the order before they send the order to the Civil/Probate Case Processing Team to process. CPT will enter the examiner into ERA (examiner Roster application). The Public Defender and County Attorney's Offices have been informed. Karin, Becky, and Michael Kuehn will meet to talk about the list of examiners. Some examiners will not take out-of-state clients, and some require the defendant to travel to Minnesota for the examination appointment.
- 8) Court House Open House by Karin Sonneman. Winona City Heritage Preservation Commission approached Karin wanting to celebrate the Winona County Court House for preservation month which is May. The theme for this particular preservation month is "people saving places," which the Court House is definitely an example since it has been

saved twice by the people of Winona. The open house will be held this Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at the Winona County Court House. Masks are strongly encouraged. There will be self-guided tours held throughout with booklets provided to anyone interested. Luke Sim will be giving guided outside tours throughout the open house at set times. Judge Buytendorp and Carin will be in courtroom 1 to talk about district and treatment court. Becky will be there talking about court administration. Judge Lund will be in the visiting judge’s chamber. Karin Sonneman will be in her office along with people on the fourth floor talking about the jury chairs and the judges’ benches. Joe Hughes will be reenacting the architect that designed the courthouse, C.J. Mayberry. There will also be the original blueprints available for viewing on the third floor. Aaron Lefee will be available to talk about the blueprints. Steve Buswell will be available to talk about how the original morgue was in the courthouse.

Next Meeting

June 16, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

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In Attendance

Judge Buytendorp, Karlene Engel, Trish Chandler, Becky Brandt, Katie Schild, Alex Thillman (on behalf of Karin Sonneman), Mike Kuehn, and Megan Elkin

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from May 19, 2022, were approved.

Agenda Updates

- 1) Treatment Court Update by Carin Hyter. There are 16 current participants in the program and 10 graduates on probation, for a total of 26 under Treatment Court supervision. Our next graduation ceremony is planned for July 21st at 1:00 p.m. Carin attended the County Board meeting in June for a Treatment Court update. One current participant and one graduate attended the meeting with Carin to briefly share about their experience in the program and how it has changed their lives. There was a policy meeting on June 2nd with several updates made to the manual and handbook. Updated copies of both are planned to be completed by July 1st. Great River Shakespeare Festival (GRSF) manager Aaron Young attended our Aftercare group this month to share about the upcoming festival. Each participant and graduate are offered two free tickets to one play this summer (a \$30 value per ticket). Thank you to GRSF for the generous donation! 10 Year Treatment Court

Celebration (October 6th) planning continues going well with the Friends of Treatment Court group. Upcoming monthly prosocial event is kickball – Treatment Court v. Common Ground Recovery House on June 28th at 10:00 a.m.

- 2) Mental Health Summit Update by Judge Buytendorp. Next week, Monday and Tuesday, is the Mental Health Summit, hosted in Bloomington, MN. Judge Buytendorp, Kalene, and Karin, along with more from Winona County and Olmstead County, plan on attending. Each district in the state has a team that was to come up with ideas to better address the mental health issues of those individuals going through the justice system. Our team has met several times already, working on ideas to address those individuals. There will be speakers at the summit to give more ideas and then there will also be some break out sessions with the teams to further brainstorm more ideas. We are hopeful to come up with a good plan for at least the 3rd Judicial District. Kalene received an email from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) about a webinar they have called “Help Not Handcuffs: A Day in the Life – ‘The Wisdom of Trauma.’” All registrants need to watch the “The Wisdom of Trauma,” and then there will be a debriefing on that on June 29, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. It is a free even that might be applicable for the mental health group, but also anyone else who is interested. *(Oralee will forward the email directly after these minutes are sent out.)*
- 3) WRAP+ Update by Kalene Engel, Trish Chandler and Katie Schild. There have been 45 participants in the program who have undergone the mental health assessment since it began on November 1, 2021. 12 individuals have been discharged from the program; 7 were successful and 5 were unsuccessful. That number is likely to increase by the end of the month as the case managers look at their clients and determine whether they meet graduate requirements or not. We had our largest number of new admits this quarter at 14 clients, which could still increase. Last quarter there was 11 new admits. There was a recent policy meeting and a task force meeting to approve a funding cap of \$2,000 per participant, which will be included in the policy and procedural manual. This would be a soft cap, meaning that there would be ways to increase that depending on the participant, but it would require jumping through a few hoops. Kalene is happy with how the group is working and communicating. Katie added that there had been a couple people who graduated from the program and get case management services from outside of the program. Two in particular gained case management through an outside targeted case management service helping them to stabilize through treatment and metal health assessments. Trish added that there is a new bike at WRAP+ if and when anyone needs.
- 4) Pretrial Program by Kalene Engel. The group has met several times locally. Kalene had applied for PET which kicked of in the beginning of June with an intro webinar. There has

been one session since then focusing on failure to appear. There were individuals from all over the United States at this first session. The groups were asked to look at different scenarios/excuses as to why people were unable to make their court appearances and then debrief on that in a group. Kalene felt as though it was setting the stage to opening your eyes to understanding why people don't appear. Mike added that it was a way to examine the difference between the moral culpability of somebody for failing to appear versus examining the objective circumstances surrounding their failure to appear, which they encourage to look at the latter. Becky had a different take where her group focused on making the courts the "bad people" and that there was an expectation that they should open their calendar to anybody at anytime they needed. Court administration does not have the time or availability to be rescheduling every time a defendant is unable or chooses not to attend court. Kalene added that it would be good for a judge to not only ask the attorneys if the date for the next hearing works, but also extend that question to the defendant themselves. Katie compared it to treatment court where you're giving people more chances versus punishing them for their mistake of missing a court date. Mike added that the key is separating the people who are not going to court because they don't want to face the consequences from those who have too many things to overcome (choosing between their job and court as an example). No statistics were provided as to the possible decrease of failure to appears due to the adaptation to Zoom hearings in the country as a whole. Although no numbers were ran in Winona County in particular, the consensus from the group was that there seems to be a decrease in failure to appear with the remote hearing option. The next meeting on July 13, 2022, is to talk about how to overcome these failures to appears. Kalene thinks that another pretrial workgroup meeting should be held after July 13, 2022, so that more people can get involved. Kalene also mentioned that court reminders are something that was recommended. Becky pointed out that anyone can sign up for court reminders since it is on every notice received, they only need to sign up for it.

- 5) Warrants and Bail by Becky Brandt. Lt. Glitherro brought to Becky's attention that there is an issue when there is a misdemeanor warrant where the cash bail is \$300 or less and these individuals are picked up outside of 100 miles from Winona. Winona must travel to pick up the defendant and that ends up costing more money than the bail and the warrant. A lot of times these defendants are in counties that cannot accommodate a Zoom hearing. Alex had a lengthy conversation with Lt. Glitherro about this issue prior to this meeting. Lt. Glitherro's main concern is when people are unable to post bail resulting in Winona's sheriff's office having to drive to their location to pick them up and bring them back to Winona where they may get released ROR and left stranded in Winona County with no way

home. Lt. Glitherro asked Alex if they could start issuing sign and release warrants, but Alex said that the court would have to sign off on those. Minnesota Statute § 629.415 requires that by January 1, 2024, there needs to be a process for issuing sign and release warrants in certain circumstances for nontargeted misdemeanors when the failure to appear is based on a file showing returned mail. It also outlines narrow circumstances in which the court is supposedly to issue sign and release warrants as opposed to a bench warrant or a cash bail warrant. Mike commented that he would start gently reminding defense attorneys of this option. It was decided that a new workgroup would be created to handle this issue. Alex Thillman, Becky Brandt, Judge Buytendorp, Lt. Glitherro, and Megan Elkin would make up the workgroup. Alex will work with Julie Koop to form the group and find a date to meet.

- 6) Digital Exhibit Management System by Becky Brandt. Come June 27, 2022, the 3rd Judicial District is to implement the Digital Exhibit Management System. Everyone will be required to put exhibits on this new system. The press release went out June 15, 2022. (*Oralee will forward the email directly after these minutes are sent out.*) The state has sent out to justice partners that there will be training for everyone. Judges will have to look at MNCIS and MNDES. Becky is confident that this system will make is easier to access exhibits. Kalene would like Angela to send something out to the Bar Association since it effects more than criminal cases. Becky is going to talk to Teresa and figure out a time to set up a Zoom meeting in order to discuss a special overview. Becky will then send out a couple meeting times to anyone who may be interested in this meeting, hopefully some time before June 27, 2022.

Next Meeting

July 21, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: July 21, 2022

Time: 8:15 AM

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In Attendance

Judge Buytendorp, Karlene Engel, Trish Chandler, Katie Schild, Karin Sonneman, Carin Hyter, Kelly Wooden, Nicholas Vanden Heuvel (on behalf of Michael Kuehn), Renee Rumpca, and Marie Kovecsi

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from June 16, 2022, were approved.

Agenda Updates

- 1) Treatment Court Update by Carin Hyter. There are 16 current participants in treatment court. Twenty is the max so we are doing well on numbers right now. There are also 2 individuals who took pleas for treatment court, one is being sentenced in August and the other in September. We also may have a graduation around that time as well. There are 9 graduates on immediate supervision right now. Next week, Carin and Bill Moe leave for Nashville for National Treatment Court Conference. There is supposed to be roughly 7,000 individuals attending. The updated policy and procedure manual is officially on the website, under the Winona County attorney's office website. There are current budget conversations. There were a handful of treatment courts throughout Minnesota that did not meet the number threshold. Winona's numbers were down throughout COVID, along

with every other court in our district except one. In September it will be decided whether we will have budget cuts. Winona is working on an action plan that will be provided to judicial council. The numbers for 2022 are above the threshold, but there is still work to do. There have been some great events this summer with the participants. There was a kickball game against the Recovery House and Sober Fest for the softball tournament (which Winona won!). Participants are attending a Great River Shakespeare Festival Play. Many tickets to the program were donated. One participant will be in the Winona play at the end of the month. Treatment Court will have a group going to support him. Lastly, Treatment Court will be in the Goodview Days Parade again. Carin will be on vacation for the next meeting so she will update the committee via email.

- 2) Family Dependency Treatment Court Update by Karin Sonneman and Kalene Engel. Kalene explained that when the county put out a list of projects that were under consideration, the Family Dependency Treatment Court was recommended for funding, but the funding recommended was \$0 because there was not any money left. Karen Sannis talked with Maureen Holte and learned that there may be some money available. Karin mentioned that the Family Treatment Court will not be funded through the American Recovery Act funding. Karin made another pitch to Maureen, and will to the board, about using the opioid settlement monies (\$90,000 a year) for at least the first couple years.
- 3) Mental Health Summit Update by Judge Buytendorp. Last month our district team attended a summit in the cities and came up with ideas on how to address the individuals who go through the criminal justice system with mental health problems. There is a plan to have a mini summit involving all 11 counties in the district to address issues with this population. Winona and Olmstead County have some good programs with our WRAP+ type programs and Treatment Courts to address some of the issues. Many of the other counties in the district have fewer programs or none at all. The team will start planning the mini summit and host it sometime in January of 2023. Stay tuned for more information. The team meets every 6 weeks or so.
- 4) WRAP+ Update by Kalene Engel, Trish Chandler and Katie Schild. Kalene stated that they have already done a few presentations about WRAP+ to the Public Defender's office and the Department of Corrections. There is a recording of the presentation uploaded on YouTube and linked to the public defender website. There is also a training linked to the CJCC website. The policy & procedures have been updated. Tom Weber is working on the evaluation report. Numbers are up already with the start of the new quarter. People have been utilizing the bikes.

- 5) Pretrial Equity Network Update by Kalene Engel and Trish Chandler. Kalene and Trish attended the second session. There were some ideas brought forth that had a lot of merit, including that some jurisdictions provide transportation vouchers to get people to first appearances. It was emphasized that court reminders do work. It appears a major reason people miss court is because when the police officer cites someone and only takes the address from their license, they may not be getting an accurate mailing address which results in the individual not receiving the citation. Winona has a reminder system through the courts where people must sign up. Text messages are the most ideal way to remind people, but the more ways to remind someone, the better. Within the last 5 years, there has been improvement on coordinating court dates and attempting to group together hearings for people. (Attached to the minutes are handouts, one on court notification systems and another on the effectiveness of different practices that are used pretrial.)
- 6) Sign and Release Warrant Work Group Update by Karin Sonneman. Alex Thillman has done research which he shared with Karin and Lt. Glitherro. Alex will reach out to Julie Koop when he is ready to have a workgroup meeting scheduled. Julie will handle the scheduling. Alex does have a recommendation that Karin supports that might help alleviate future issues with bench warrants on misdemeanors.
- 7) Transferring Cases Out of State Update by Renee Rumpca. The judges and attorneys received training on the Interstate Compact this week. Renee would be happy to send material from the training to anyone interested.
- 8) Veteran Court Update by Preston Selleck. Preston was not at the meeting, but he provided an update on Veterans Court after the meeting. Veteran Court now has money from a federal grant in place. Veteran Court recently hired 2 case managers: one for East and one for West. The west case manager started on July 13th and the east case manager will start on August 1st.

Next Meeting

August 18, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: August 18, 2022

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In Attendance

Judge Buytendorp, Karlene Engel, Trish Chandler, Katie Schild, Kelly Wooden, Nicholas Vanden Heuvel (on behalf of Michael Kuehn), Renee Rumpca, Becky Brandt, Kelly Wooden, Megan Elkin and Marie Kovecsi

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from July 21, 2022, were approved.

Agenda Updates

- 1) Treatment Court Update by Carin Hyter. Carin was on vacation but provided an update via email which Judge Buytendorp read to the group. Treatment Court has 17 current participants with two more being sentenced within the next month. This will be the most participants Treatment Court has ever had at one time. There are 9 graduates still on probation being supervised. One graduate was successfully discharged from probation this month – awesome! Treatment Court’s “Action Plan” has been submitted to the state for their review of budget allocations this September. Due to Treatment Court’s program numbers falling throughout the pandemic, we are being reviewed for a budget cut. We are hopeful that without strong action plan and participant numbers significantly on the rise, that this will not happen. Treatment Court will be marching in the Goodview Days parade

on August 21st. Please join to show your support! Carin will be presenting about Treatment Court at the September CJCC meeting. Our CAMO cognitive thinking group continues to go well. We will have five participants anticipated to complete the 16-week course in September. Planning for the 10-year celebration continues to go well. Watch for an Eventbrite RSVP from Carin in a couple of weeks. The event will take place at the History Center on October 6th from 4-6pm.

- 2) Mental Health Summit Update by Judge Buytendorp. There are no changes since the last meeting. The District Team is scheduled to meet again.
- 3) WRAP+ Update by Kalene Engel, Trish Chandler and Katie Schild. Kalene stated that WRAP+ is close to 40 participants. Rebecca is at her mass capacity currently, so we are putting a pause on assigning her cases. There is a policy and procedure meeting on Monday to address juvenile adjudications and whether those count as criminal convictions. Kalene also noted that on September 14th Carin and Kalene will be part of a presentation put on by the Counsel of State Governments to other grantees talking about the WRAP+ program as an exemplary program.
- 4) Pretrial Services by Kalene Engel and Trish Chandler. Kalene discussed the most recent Pretrial Call Network session during which there was discussion about different strategies to reduce failure to appear: court reminders, pretrial surveillance, UA testing, and electronic home monitoring. The gist of what they learned was that of those, the only practice that is evidence based to get defendants to appear in court is court reminders. UAs and GPS orders do not necessarily affect a person's appearance in court.
- 5) MJB's New External Customer Support Team by Becky Brandt. The state finally came up with the Minnesota judicial branches new external customer support team (EAST). This should help with MNDES because everyone will be able to upload their exhibits rather than bringing them to the court for the court staff to do it. They also have plans for a statewide checking application which mainly Hennepin and Ramsey use. My Minnesota Gaudian will help the guardians on the online services too.
- 6) Minnesota Court Records Online by Becky Brandt. Minnesota court record online now has search features so that you can search for individual court hearings and judgments, allowing searchers to look for documented money judgements and related information.
- 7) New Request for Remote or In-Person Appearance by Becky Brandt. Recently the state changed the process for remote and in-person hearings. A motion is no longer necessary. There is a request form on the Minnesota Courts website for anyone to use. Attorneys and parties can request that a hearing be changed from remote to in-person or vice versa by submitting a request online. The judge can either do an order verbally or on the record.

These requests do not need to be served on other parties and there is no filing fee. It is only really used for non-criminal, but Becky has seen it used for criminal.

- 8) MNPATs (pretrial release evaluations) by Trish Chandler. When Trish sends out the MNPATs, the bail evaluations, they have to be secured. People without a county email have been emailing Trish asking her to send it without using our secured email. Trish is unable to do that since it must be secured. Anyone not under the county email can make an account. When probation does the bail evaluations and MNPATs, they do not send out an email; Trish just does that as a courtesy. Megan stated that is it pretty easy to open the files when you have an account with zix.

Next Meeting

September 15, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: September 15, 2022

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Karin Sonneman, Judge Buytendorp, Becky Brandt, Carin Hyter, Preston Selleck, Trish Chandler, Jeff Mueller, Katie Schild, Megan Elkin, Kelly Wooden, Renee Rumpca, Megan Pierce-Campbell, Mari Kovesci.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from August 18, 2022, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Veteran's Court Update – by Preston Selleck** Two case managers have been hired and funding has been received. There is an event September 23, 2022, at the Olmsted County Courthouse.
- II. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** There currently are 19 participants. Treatment Court has a capacity of 20, so conversations are occurring regarding waitlists, referrals, etc. There should be a graduation in early November. Conversations are occurring concerning the potential for budget cuts. There is a new group in the community called Will Work for Recovery that participants are getting involved with. Treatment Court presented at a CJCC meeting and this went well. Carin will have an intern this coming spring – please contact her for more information or if you know someone. Treatment Court's *10-year anniversary celebration* is October 6.
- III. **Mental Health Summit Update – by Judge Buytendorp:** There are no updates because they did not meet. Their next meeting is October 4.
- IV. **WRAP Update – by Trish Chandler -** Presented on best practices for re-entry at a national conference and this went well.
- V. **Pretrial Services Update:** Primary issue is electric home monitoring. Options for service providers include CAM, Midwest Monitoring (would likely require a contract) and Minnesota Monitoring. CAM services are most often used in Winona because they have a local representative who responds in a timely manner to getting a person hooked up and out of jail. We are not sure of the other providers ability to provide such service in a timely fashion in Winona. If the County had to contract with

a service provider, County would absorb cost and then collect fee from person utilizing services. Group discussed the cost benefit of including DHS and DOC in any contract.

- a. ***Action to be Taken:*** Becky will schedule a pretrial services workgroup meeting with Char from Midwest Monitoring to further discuss the needs of Winona County and what Midwest looks for in pretrial services offered by counties it contracts with.

NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 20, 2022

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Karin Sonneman, Judge Buytendorp, Becky Brandt, Carin Hyter, Preston Selleck, Trish Chandler, Jeff Mueller, Katie Schild, Kelly Wooden, Renee Rumpca, Megan Pierce-Campbell, Mari Kovesci, Kalene Engel, Michael Kuehn, Judge Leahy, Teri Henderson, Kris Sather.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from September 15, 2022, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Pretrial Monitoring Update – by Renee Rumpca:** DOC is prepared to start pretrial monitoring for cases that will not require monitoring in DWI and domestic cases only for MN residents. DOC will require each participant to sign a Privacy Act Statement and a Pretrial Services Agreement. DOC intends to use the proposed documents (resent to everyone with these minutes) unless there are changes needed or other proposals. If a potential participant meets the qualifications, is a MN resident, and chooses conditional release; pretrial monitoring can be ordered for all level DWI and domestics that do not require monitoring (GPS/chemical). Until there is an MOU in place, pretrial services cannot take anyone with GPS or chemical monitoring. There is no fee for the pretrial monitoring program itself. If any fee is associated it would be for something such as alcohol monitoring. DOC will require participants to sign releases of information for any assessments the court ordered that person to do, and that DOC will need to monitor. The group discussed concerns about not having enough of the details ironed out for a November 1 start date and agreed to push the start date back to potentially January 1, 2023.
 - a. **Action to be Taken:** Becky is to schedule a workgroup meeting and include/invite members of this Committee as well as the following persons: Steve Buswell, Alex Thillman, and possibly Char.
- II. **Goals 2023 – SIM – by Kalene Engel:** The March 2021 Intercept Mapping identified gaps at intercepts two and three - charts were sent with these minutes. One suggestion of something to be worked on next year or discussed at the next meeting was sentencing orders.

- a. ***Action to be Taken:*** Becky is going to send out the State's new sentencing order that is being pushed out for review and possible discussion at the November meeting.
Everyone review the charts of the Intercept Mapping and bring ideas of what this Committee should work on in 2023.
- III. **Veteran's Court Update – by Preston Selleck:** Recent hires of two case managers and the Veteran's Court Strategic Planning meeting is coming up.
- IV. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** Employment is going really well among participants. There is an upcoming graduation on November 3, 2022. The 10-year celebration was a success, and a lot of good, positive feedback was received at the event. Additionally, there was a lot of media coverage of the event with the hope for media coverage of the upcoming graduation. Carin currently has an intern.
- V. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** Last quarter there were more successful graduations than there were terminations. They are starting to see the positive results from policy change and one person has gotten their license back.
- VI. **Public Defense Update – by Mike Kuehn:** Megan Elkin has accepted a position as managing attorney in the Rochester office. Congratulations Megan!!!

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: November 17, 2022

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Nancy Buytendorp, Trish Chandler, Kalene Engel, Carin Hyter, Julie Koop, Marie Kovecsi, Michael Kuehn, Renee Rumpca, Katie Schild, Preston Selleck, Kelly Wooden, Lacey Bartsch, Dave Glithero, Devon Harteneck, Alex Thillman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from October 20, 2022. were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** There are currently 18 participants with 2 potential additions in December that would bring the group to capacity. One participant is currently on the termination track, two are looking at graduation in a couple months, and one graduated a couple weeks ago with media coverage. There are five or six potential participants in the screening process now, as well. Things are going really well. WRAP+ continues to be a large positive to the program. This month they will be partnering with local recovery organizations for a Friendsgiving. In January there will be a meeting concerning potential budget cuts and expect a substantial decrease in funding. Carin will have an intern from WSU starting in January.
- II. **Veteran’s Court Update – by Preston Selleck:** There are currently 25 active participants with 5 pending and 6 applications being worked on. Participants were involved in two pro-social events last week.
- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** There are currently 41 participants. There continue to be stories of success including licenses obtained, going to school, getting housing, etc. Conversations are occurring regarding planning the curriculum of trainings for next year. There is positive legislation concerning re-entry services being considered. Fingers crossed.
- IV. **Pretrial Monitoring Workgroup Update – by Becky Brandt:** Members of this workgroup met to develop a plan and are currently waiting for the approval of this plan.
 - a. *Next Meeting* – December 14, 2022, at 0800 to work out logistics

- V. **Mini-Mental Health Summit Update – by Judge Buytendorp:** This group is meeting regularly and working on a district wide plan for those with mental health issues going through the system. On *January 26, 2023*, in Rochester, speakers from Olmsted County and Winona County will present on their different methods for assisting those with mental health. There will be a Q/A period and a discussion of the services available to be better utilized.
- VI. **Rule 15 Plea Petitions & Sentencing Orders Update – by Alex Thillman:** The Committee discussed the language that is necessary in Rule 15 Plea Petitions regarding the standard terms and conditions of probation and how/what then gets put into the Sentencing Order. It was determined that standard conditions should be put in every sentencing order unless a judge determines otherwise.
- a. **Action to be Taken:** Renee Rumpca is going to send the previously discussed list of these standard probation conditions to Becky and Lacey.
- VII. **Rule 20 Timeline Update – by Mike Kuehn:** The Committee discussed push back received from examiners regarding Orders for Examination that require their examination reports be completed within a 60-day timeframe. It was proposed and agreed upon that the attorneys should get the examiners timeline in advance of the hearing so the Court can then make findings to extend the timeline for good cause. Additionally, court admin will leave the standard pre-petition screening language in all orders whether requested or not, unless the judge determines otherwise.
- a. **Action to be Taken:** Megan will send language to Becky – Rule 34.02
- VIII. **Goals for 2023 – by Committee:**
- a. Use of MNDES because court administration can no longer put exhibits in MNCIS.
- b. Courtrooms are being updated with all new audio and visual, as well as monitors at counsel table.
- c. Items to roll over into the new year include pretrial supervision, sentencing orders, and Rule 15 plea petitions.
- d. Sustaining and supporting specialty court programs also to roll over to the new year, as well as exploring how to extend treatment court to additional counties.

NEXT MEETING: December 15, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Courts Committee will search for strategies and procedures that will enable the courts to function more effectively and at reasonable cost to the taxpayer while upholding due process and the rule of law.

Date: December 15, 2022

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Nancy Buytendorp, Trish Chandler, Kalene Engel, Carin Hyter, Michael Kuehn, Katie Schild, , Karin Sonneman, Kelly Wooden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from November 17, 2022, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** Gracie, part of social work program at Winona State University (WSU) will be interning. WSU professor doing a lot of volunteering and has been working on a research project specifically concerning adverse childhood experiences. So far, this is showing that a majority of participants have at least one parent with chemical related issues.
- II. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** 44 active clients with 13 new clients this quarter. The program has served 75 clients since its inception in 2021. Its evaluation report is expected by the end of this week. There is a new WRAP brochure which was modified to entice more persons to join the program. The program is now able to pay for eligible person's license reinstatement fee. This has proven to be a valuable resource to participants. So far, the program has given \$36,000 out in recovery services funding, has extra money left, and has not spent as much as they had anticipated. The information discussed by Carin during the treatment court update from the ACES study would be valuable to have from WSU to bring real life data to training. Additional training scheduled for the next couple months includes one on what an ombudsman does and one on the civil commitment process. The program currently has four bicycles, one computer, and possibly old cellphones to give away to participants.
- III. **Pretrial Monitoring Workgroup – by Becky Brandt:** Met yesterday and such services will be starting January 3, 2023. Becky will communicate with the judges and court administration staff on what this process will look like. Becky has created reports for DOC to help catch who is put on pretrial monitoring. She created an additional report for herself, so nothing falls through the cracks. A status meeting will

be held in 60 days to see how things are going. Renee R. sent the procedure to the workgroup and this will be included in the email sent with these minutes. This procedure is also posted at [Pretrial Supervision – Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council \(winonacountyjcc.org\)](https://www.winonacountyjcc.org).

- IV. **Mental Health Summit Update – by Judge Buytendorp:** The statewide Mental Health Summit was in June of 2022. The mini-summit for the Third District will be on January 26, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.. A variety of designated persons have been invited from various organizations. Invitation have gone out and RSVPs are being received. If anyone on the Court’s Committee is interested in attending and did not receive an invitation, please reach out to Kalene. Additionally, the invitation has been included in the email with these meeting minutes. The link to register for this event is embedded in the invitation.

Jake Christianson will discuss the Olmsted County experience. Kalene Engel will discuss the Winona County experience. MN DHS Direct Care and Treatment Perspectives will be discussed to better learn what services are out there and available in the district. There will be a question-and-answer period prior to individual counties having the opportunity to meet and plan on how to implement successful strategies in their counties.

- V. **2023 Goals – by Committee:** The Committee had previously discussed the need to address any concerns regarding the use of MNDES, as well as updated court rooms and what is helpful or not with new audio and visual technology. Items that will rollover from 2022 include pretrial supervision, sentencing orders, plea petitions, and specialty court programs.

- VI. **Congratulations team on accomplishing our goals for 2022!!!**

NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

Opportunity: Community Outreach and Diversity Group → elected officials representing Winona County will be at Winona County History Center on January 14, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. with light refreshments. This would be a good opportunity to discuss with these officials items such as treatment courts and mental health as the upcoming legislature will be tackling a lot of issues.