

**MINUTES  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
JANUARY 4, 2023  
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
Brown, Tara Public Member	X	Green, Justin Public Member		Polus, Jeremy Public Member	X
Buswell, Steve Jail Administrator	P	Klinger, Ben City of Goodview Mayor	X	Said, Fatima Project Fine, Public Member	P
Buytendorp, Nancy District Court Judge	X	Kuehn, Michael Asst. Public Defender	X	Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	X
Carman, Gwen L-A Superintendent		Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Stoll, Rachel Public Member	X
Maureen Holte Interim County Administrator		Meyer, Chris County Commissioner	X	Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff	X			Williams, Tom Winona Police Chief	P

**Guests Present:** Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Trish Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Katie Schild (Criminal Justice Social Worker); Andy Kranz (HVMHC); Linda Soderstrom (Supportive Housing Workgroup); Dave Glithero (Winona Co. Sheriff’s Dept., proxy for Steve Buswell); Christy Ferrington (HVMHC); Jay Rasmussen (Winona Police Dept, proxy for Tom Williams); Bill Moe (DOC); Ann Mclaughlin (Winona Health); Karrie Hahn (Family and Children’s Center), Carin Hyter (Treatment Court of Winona County); Ben Smith (Public Defender); Rebecca Lundeen (Community Connector, WRAP+); Miguel Benjamin (Project FINE, proxy for Fatima Said); Crystal Hegge (Advocacy Center of Winona); Bill Moe (Dept. of Corrections); Amy Kuester and Carla Lundeen of Great Rivers 2-1-1.

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Attendees introduce themselves.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for January 4, 2023:** The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from December 7, 2022:** The minutes were approved by consensus as presented.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**

- A. Presentation on Great Rivers 2-1-1 by Carla Lundeen and Amy Kuester: Carla and Amy provided information on Great Rivers 2-1-1 (GR211) as follows:
- GR211 provides 24/7/365 community information and resources via chat, phone, email and text (898211). People can call the number for information about anything from “where can I get my taxes done?” to “where can I get a ride to the doctor?” A real person will answer the phone.
  - GR211’s service area includes 13 counties in Wisconsin, 5 in Iowa and 3 in Minnesota, including Winona. They partner with other 211s in Wisconsin to serve the entire state.
  - The program has been in operation for many years, having started out as First Call for Help.
  - A unique offering of GR211 is that it provides crisis line services.
  - Funding for GR211 comes from a variety of sources including Gundersen Health System, Great Rivers United Way, grants and paid services for cities and counties. Amy and Carla are employees of Gundersen Health System.
  - The primary goal of GR211 is to provide information and referral sources—to let people know where the resources are.
  - GR211 also maintains a resource database that is updated at least yearly. Dedicated staff are responsible for updating the information in the database. To do this, they connect directly with the agencies to obtain current information. The database contains over 1,800 individual agencies. Information on the website is organized by categories.
  - The crisis line is staffed by a community resources specialist. Callers can press 1 if they are in a crisis. Some people who are isolated and struggle socially simply need someone to talk to and support them.
  - The highest number of referrals provided relate to mental health and/or additional support, followed by housing, health care, information services, utility assistance and others.
  - Special projects that GR211 is involved in include the Gundersen Employee Assistance Program, SEMCAC energy assistance (after hours), Gundersen Crime Victims, Gundersen Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault and Gundersen Resolve through Sharing.
  - GR211 partners with emergency management agencies to do trainings including tabletop exercises and reviews.
  - 211, 988 and 911 all work together to support persons and do warm handoffs to individuals, but each has a different focus, as follows:
    - i. Call 211 for information and community resources
    - ii. Call 988 for suicide intervention and crisis support
    - iii. Call 911 for emergencies
  - Professionals referring clients to 211 are encouraged to do a trial call with them in their office to get the client comfortable with the 211 services.
  - Services are available in many different languages, the most predominant of which are Hmong, Somali and Spanish.
  - There are approximately 11 call specialists and database staff who help with phone coverage.
  - Contact information is as follows:

- i. 211 or 800-362-8255
- ii. Text your zip code to 898211
- iii. Chat: <https://www.greatrivers211.org/gr211/>
- iv. Search online: <https://www.treatrivers211.org/gr211/>
- v. Carla Lundeen, Agency Director: [cflundee@gundersenhealth.org](mailto:cflundee@gundersenhealth.org); 608-775-6335
- vi. Amy Kuester, Call Line Supervisor: [alkueste@gundersenhealth.org](mailto:alkueste@gundersenhealth.org); 608-77-1251

B. Review/Designation of CJCC Members (Action): In 2021, the CJCC expanded its membership to add 3 public members and additional representatives from Lewiston and St. Charles. Membership applications received from Tara Brown, Jeremy Polus and Rachel Stoll were reviewed by the Executive Committee and those individuals are being recommended for appointment to the CJCC as a public member. Tara and Jeremy are both Treatment Graduates with lived experience in the criminal justice system. Rachel is a Certified Community Health Worker and the manager of the Winona Community Hub at Live Well Winona. By consensus, the three applicants were unanimously appointed to the CJCC. Welcome to all three; we are glad to have you aboard!

C. Committee Goals for 2023: Over the past several months, each committee has defined its goals for 2023. Those goals were included on a handout distributed with the meeting packet.

D. Flyers: Flyers for the Southeast Minnesota Regional Housing Forum, CJCC Elected Officials' Outreach Event, Winona Community Education and Homestretch were included in the meeting packet. The WRAP+ Training Invite will be sent out after the meeting.

5) **Committee Reports**: Due to time constraints, no committee reports were given. Attendees were referred to the committee minutes attached to the meeting packet.

A. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Chris Meyer): The committee received excellent presentations on two La Crosse County prevention programs (La Crosse Area Family Collaborative and Systems of Care) from Tonya Van Tol and Isaac Hoffman. They have agreed to give a similar presentation to others who were not able to attend. The Access to Health and Human Services is going to pause its work for the time being, until a new county administrator is on board and the county has the bandwidth to provide additional assistance to the workgroup. The survey that was administered generated excellent information and a Tips to Access HHS sheet was created. The Navigator Network continues to meet each month and receive presentations from representatives of area programs and services.

**Next Meeting: January 16, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

- B. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee (Karin Sonneman): The committee did not meet in December. The Elected Officials' Outreach Event will take place on January 14, 2023 from 9-11 a.m. at the Winona History Center. Everyone is invited to the event.

**Next Meeting: January 11, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

- C. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee (Kalene Engel): The Winona County Reentry Assistance Program continues to operate smoothly, with several new participants this quarter. WRAP+ policies were reviewed and revised. The WRAP+ trainings for the next quarter have been confirmed. The next training is an in-person Motivational Interviewing Training which will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm. Kalene will circulate the training flyer post-meeting. The jail construction is on schedule. Rachel volunteered to head up a workgroup for jail volunteers. The housing workgroup has been renamed to Hope for Homes. The two projects being developed through the Housing Institute include the Scattered Sites Supportive Housing Program and development of a Local Housing Trust Fund. Ann McLaughlin discussed her new position at Winona Health. Vanessa Southworth reported on the Health Equity Network Grant that was awarded to the HUB by the Minnesota Department of Health. The grant will allow the HUB to partner with Project FINE to receive several trainings to increase the cultural competence of the community connectors.

**Next Meeting: January 25, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

- D. Juvenile Justice Committee (Rebecca Church): The committee did not meet in December.

**Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

- E. Courts Committee (Judge Buytendorp): The Courts Committee received an update from treatment court, which is still going strong. Carin will have a new intern starting January 9<sup>th</sup>. She is also working with a Winona State University professor on a research project involving ACES. Kalene provided a report on WRAP+. The pretrial monitoring program developed by the committee will start on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Several members of the committee will be participating in a Mini-Mental Health Summit on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm in Rochester. Members of the planning team will be making a presentation to professionals from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District about how to better assist individuals with mental illness who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The committee also defined its 2023 goals, having completed its 2022 goals.

**Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom**

**Adjourn: 1:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: February 1, 2023 at noon via Zoom**