

**Jail Programming Workgroup**  
A Workgroup of the CJCC Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee  
Monday February 27 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81689040974?pwd=WDdKZGhZNk1xaEwyaGIHNERzZzdZZz09>

**Attendance:** Rachel Stoll, Chris Meyer, Tara Brown, Eileen Hanson, Kelsie Horst, Mark Jacobson, Justin Green, Dave Fruth, Linda S.

**Introductions:** Name, organization, why you are interested in this workgroup

- Folks coming with lived experience, peer support and Chaplin/religious groups. Lots of interest in creating a diverse set programs

**Meeting time:** Does the 4th Monday morning at 9am work for most people?

- Monday's work well for Jail staff, Justin would prefer 10:30- Jail staff says 10:30 works, no objections from other members of the group. Dave G states that he and/or other jail staff may need to leave by 11am.

**Structure of the Workgroup:**

- Are folks comfortable with a shared google drive like the navigator network, or would folks prefer a different method of organizing?
  - Google Docs do not work for everyone- Jail staff does not use it very often but could figure it out if needed,
  - Group is OK with sending out agendas and notes via email and have Kalene post notes on the CJCC website- Rachel will confirm with Kalene

**Roles in this Workgroup:**

- **Facilitator: Rachel Stoll** this person will facilitate the meetings which includes leading the discussion during the meetings, sending out zoom invitations and agendas- this could be split into two roles if we want
- **Note Taker: Eileen Hanson** this person will take notes during the meeting and send them to the group or add them to the google drive
- **Jail Program Volunteer Outreach: Justin Green** (we will keep the idea of an intern for this position in summer or fall)
- **Jail staff representative: Dave G.**
  - **From Dave: how it will work to get people signed up to do programs:**
  - It will be a lengthy process to get volunteers started in the jail- need background check, training etc. Dave G. had mentioned that volunteering in the new jail won't begin until September 2023, but we may need a lot of lead time to get everyone trained. We will need structure to to keep track of things
  - Background: two jail staff who do background checks
  - Program Coordinator/training officer: will take care of all trainings and track background checks etc. Dave G is currently Assistant Jail Administrator, Dave will transition to the Program Coordinator/Training Officer around mid-summer.
  - Will be a complex operation to run the programs in the new jail- lots of moving parts, lots of logistics, we don't want volunteers to show up and not have space or vice versa.

**Who else should we invite to this workgroup?**

- Rachel has a google drive list going [HERE](#) Who should be added?
  - SMRLS: Southern MN Regional Legal Services
  - Erase the Stigma: Katherine Sublett <[erasethestigma2020@gmail.com](mailto:erasethestigma2020@gmail.com)>
  - Souper Tuesday/Thursday, Feast, St. Paul's Sunday Morning meal and Catholic Worker meals

**Summary of Workgroup context and purpose:**

**Assist in providing a broad array of programming in the Winona County jail by engaging community organizations and inviting their participation.**

Discussion:

- Dave G: what we are looking for: we want to offer any programming that folks in Winona want to offer and would keep inmates busy. Does not just have to be Bible study AA/NA etc, can be fun/entertaining as well. Inmates going to the rec room is also a program- can be very structured or not so structured.
- Eileen Hanson: what would planning look like for a person who wants to offer a program? Dave G: This can be tricky- the scheduling will be the most challenging part. NA/AA etc are often in the evenings. Once we get applicants in, we will need to start making decisions on who will do what and how it will work. The volunteer applications are available at the front desk now if anyone wants to apply. Eileen: What kind of numbers would each program offering have in attendance? Because of the classifications of people in the jail (13 classifications in new jail). Where the jail houses someone and how they are classified will affect where someone can attend programs- can't mix classifications. Zoom will be utilized quite a bit but Dave G thinks that in-person programming is better.
- Tara: Do people offering programming have to be off of probation? Need to have not been 'in trouble' for at least two years- can still be on probation but there are certain charges that exclude individuals from providing programming. Dave will also screen for people who may be easily manipulated to break rules etc.