

**Minutes of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
January 19, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

Present: Rebecca Church, Kalene Engel, Judge Leahy, Alyssa Passehl, Jay Rasmussen, Phil Huerta, Amber (Livewell Winona Intern), Chris Meyer

Update on Trainings: The first juvenile-justice related training for 2023 is an ACES training by Dr. Ruth Charles on February 8th from 1-3 at Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center. She will be doing a brain architecture game as part of her training. The same training will be repeated on March 29th. See the attached flyer for additional trainings offered in conjunction with WRAP+. Anyone with ideas about additional trainings they would like to see or are aware of should contact Kalene.

Truancies: Lately there have been a lot of truancies—20 referrals were made for diversions last week. Truancy court has resumed in the schools and is being held once a month in both the high school and the ALC. Issues have arisen regarding allowing Restorative Justice access to school records. It is hoped that the school technology department can create a setup where the Restorative Justice staff could be allowed access to the attendance records only. Another alternative might be an MOU or nondisclosure agreement. Kalene will send an example nondisclosure to Judge Leahy.

Restorative Justice: [An update was provided by Restorative Justice staff via email following the meeting. The following is a summary of that update].

Restorative Justice is still working with families on truancy diversions. They ended their first semester of Life Skills (credit recovery course for high school students) in January and will be starting their second semester at the end of February. They are still rebuilding their mentoring program, doing more presentations at the local colleges to try and recruit more mentors. Diversions have been going really well with many being returned to the County Attorney's Office as successful. They are hoping to do more community group conferences with diversions. More kids have been referred for community work services so they have been out in the community working on various projects to help the kids complete their hours. They will be starting to work on their golf tournament fundraiser in the next month or so.

Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention: ASAP is continuing to expand engagement with youth as leaders and important voices in the work of the organization. ASAP is partnering with law enforcement on alcohol compliance checks. The Tobacco Committee has given presentations to the Winona City Council and Winona County Board. The Positive Community Norms Committee is working on projects which will teach the schools and communities about the work of ASAP. The 2022 ASAP Impact Report was recently released; it is digital and interactive and can be accessed by clicking the following link: [2022 Impact Report - Winona County ASAP](#). The local schools are looking into getting vape detectors. The ASAP federal funding would not cover the cost of the vape detectors, but Phil wants to do more research on the efficacy of the detectors and what kind of programming could be offered in conjunction with the detectors.

A question about ASAP's position on marijuana legalization arose at the board meeting—thus far, the organization has not come forward with a recommendation but is following the legislation closely. The recent Minnesota Student Survey results showed a slight uptick in the use of marijuana. Not only is marijuana use up, but the perception that everyone is doing it and that it is not a big deal has also increased. Judge Leahy commented that she often sees pre-sentence investigation reports where the offender relates that their drug use history started with marijuana use in middle school or shortly after entering high school. Jay Rasmussen shared a story where police were recently called to a school for a student who was found with a vape pen that they had taken from a parent. When the parent arrived at school, they seemed more concerned about the theft of the pen than the child's use of it. Discussion was held about ways to address the perception that "it's not a big deal," possibly by noting the correlation between early onset marijuana use and criminal justice involvement.

Adjourned: 12:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023 at noon

FREE Mental Health/Criminal Justice Training

In Person Training (HVMHC-Winona Office)

Motivational Interviewing for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professionals

Dr. Debra Murray –Viterbo University

January 30, 12PM—4 PM

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/503447112867>

Webinar

Understanding the Minnesota Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and Civil Commitments

Stephanie Waters and Wade Oldenburg

February 7 & 15 1-3PM

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/492037977837>

In Person Training (HVMHC-Winona Office)

Understanding the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)- An interactive session!

Dr Ruth Charles- WSU-Social Work Dept

February 8 1-3 PM

March 29 12-2 PM

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/492828803217>

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