

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MARCH 1, 2023
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
Brown, Tara Public Member	X	Green, Justin Public Member	X	Polus, Jeremy Public Member	
Buswell, Steve Jail Administrator		Klinger, Ben City of Goodview Mayor		Said, Fatima Project Fine, Public Member	X
Buytendorp, Nancy District Court Judge		Kuehn, Michael Asst. Public Defender		Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	
Carman, Gwen L-A Superintendent		Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Stoll, Rachel Public Member	X
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff	X	Meyer, Chris County Commissioner	X	Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Holte, Maureen Interim County Administrator	X			Williams, Tom Winona Police Chief	

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Trish Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Katie Schild (Criminal Justice Social Worker); Andy Kranz & intern (HVMHC); Ann Mclaughlin (Winona Health); Ben Smith (Public Defender); Rebecca Lundeen (Community Connector, WRAP+); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona CO. Atty); Katelyn Fox (Americorps); Marie Kovcesi (Hope for Homes); Jay Rasmussen (Winona Police Dept); Carin Hyter and Gracie Kafar (Treatment Court of Winona County; Bill Moe (Dept. of Corrections)

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for March 1, 2023:** The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from February 1, 2023:** The minutes were approved by consensus as presented.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - A. Presentation by Brandon Hennessey of Winona Recovery Center: Brandon provided information on the Winona Recovery Center (with assistance from Nicki Hennessey), as follows:

- The Center’s mission is to have fun in recovery and embrace the opportunity to change by finding new pathways. The Center’s vision and values are to provide a fun, comfortable, respectful and compassionate environment in which individuals can and do recover.
- The Center is located at 767 East 5th Street, next to the Athletic Club, in a pretty open space and homey environment with lots of couches and stuff hanging on the walls.
- They offer NA meetings twice a week and all recovery meetings twice a week.
- Additional offerings include mentorship, community work service, community support, job and housing search support, fellowship, game nights and other schedule activities.
- Planned future activities include peer recovery specialist services, additional meetings (AA, NAMI, Cancer Support, Al-Anon, Recovery Yoga, Teen Support), Narcan Education and Distribution, Fentanyl Strip Distribution and a Children’s Activity Room.
- The current board includes Nicki and Brandon Hennessey, both of whom have successfully completed treatment programs and are active in recovery. They have knowledge of recovery and self help meetings and how it works. They are seeking additional board members.
- They chose Winona because there is no existing community center for the recovery community in Winona and felt that there was an increased probability of sustaining long-term recovery if there was a supportive environment conducive to recovery in the area.
- They serve adult men and women who are interested in staying sober and fostering a healthy recovery from substance use disorder or other addictions.
- They are working with Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention to get teen education and support groups going.
- Approximately two weeks ago they were approved for 5013c status, retroactive to November of 2022.
- More information can be accessed at winonarecoverycenter.com or on the Winona Recovery Center Facebook page by emailing winonarecoverycenter@gmail.com or by calling [\(507\) 312-9198](tel:5073129198)

B. Flyer/Links: See the meeting packet or hyperlinked sites for the following flyers: Restorative Justice, WRAP+ Trainings; Affordable and Safe Housing. Rachel is participating in the Affordable and Safe Housing panel discussion sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

5) **Committee Reports.**

A. Juvenile Justice Committee (Rebecca Church): The committee did not meet in February.

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- B. Courts Committee (Carin Hyter & Kalene Engel for Judge Buytendorp): There are 18 people in treatment court with one graduating on March 7th and three on deck to enter the program, which would bring the program to capacity by mid-March. There are also 10 graduates being supervised on probation. Last month's pro-social event was a Joy Labs event painting murals which will be displaced in different community parks. WRAP+ has had 86 participants, with 28 completing the program successfully and 16 being discharged unsuccessfully. There are currently 47 active participants. Based upon feedback from the local Children's Justice Initiative Members, changes were made to the remote versus in-person requirements for different CHIPS hearings. The Pretrial Monitoring Workgroup will be holding a follow-up meeting on March 2nd to discuss how the program is going thus far.

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- C. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Andy Kranz & Chris Meyer): Lisa Bork and Kevin Estenson from Partners in Excellence gave a presentation to the Navigator Network in February. Andy is working with the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee to arrange for the La Crosse Area Collaborative and La Crosse Systems of Care to present to the Committee. The Community Needs Assessment was discussed. Melanie Frazier of Winona County Public Health is heading up the formation of committees to discuss the four priority areas identified in the Assessment: Mental Health and Well-being; Health Equity; Healthy Behaviors and Social Connectedness. Discussion was held about the possible formation of a workgroup on Advance Psychiatric Directives. Kalene is making arrangements for the Disability Law Center to give a presentation on Advance Psychiatric Directives.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2023 at noon via Zoom

- D. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee (Karin Sonneman): The Community Outreach & Diversity Committee discussed partnering with WRAP+ on hosting a Poverty Simulation later this year. The 2023 Community Collaboration Summit will be on the new jail and many possible ideas about the format of the summit were discussed. Karin will make arrangements for the committee to tour the jail for the March meeting.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2023 at noon via Zoom

- E. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee (Ron Ganrude & Justin Green): The iron workers have installed the stairways and mezzanines and will be working on the guardrails next (which is what will be necessary to safely conduct tours). Plumbers have started installing some of the plumbing fixtures. Kitchen and cabinet installation is also stating. Approximately 35% of the jail has been painted. The Department of Corrections has been conducting inspections so they are in the loop. Approximately 50 people on average are working on the jail each day currently. Karin was able to discuss a local option sales tax at the state legislature. This option could generate up to 1.5 million each year to help fund the jail. The jail volunteer work group met and

had a good initial discussion on how to structure and run the group. The minutes of the workgroup will be posted on the CJCC website.

Next Meeting: March 22, 2023 at noon via Zoom

6) **Other:**

- Congratulations to Kalene on 15 years as the CJCC Executive Director!
- Be sure to tune in to the “Twins from Rural and Urban” podcast feature our very own Karin Sonneman and her sister Jane Leonard.

Adjourn: 12:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 5 2023 at noon via Zoom; Speaker will be Andrea Pierson from Family and Children’s Center Healthy Families