

**Minutes of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
March 17, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

Present: Rebecca Church, Kalene Engel, Chris Meyer, Kylie Davison, Katie Illies, Kris Sather, Karrie Hahn, Andy Kranz, Becky Brandt, Sally Poepping

Juvenile Placement Concerns: Kris noted that, since COVID, many juvenile facilities have closed or reduced capacity. Anoka (which has a great program) has entered into contracts with other counties and has few or no beds available for counties without contracts. Winona County is struggling mightily to find placements for juveniles due to lack of facility space. When placements are located, they are often very long distances away. Other counties are having the same challenges. Chris asked whether Winona County could get a contract for space, possibly in conjunction with other area counties. After discussion, the committee decided to form a workgroup to further discuss this issue. Kris will pull together some numbers on the needs for placement and Kalene will arrange for a meeting. Kalene, Karen, Kris and Chris agreed to be on the workgroup.

Trainings: Kalene and Sally reviewed the list of trainings that have been scheduled through WRAP+, as follows:

March 29 from 12-2pm	Trauma Informed Care – Dr. Ruth Charles	In Person at HVMHC
April 18 th from 9-11 am (tentative, check with Sally)	Panel Discussion on CBT, DBT, EMDR, TIC, ITFC with Michelle Ellenberg, Andy/Jen Whetstone, Michelle Monerson	Online
May 16, 2023 from 1-3pm	Understanding Housing Support in Winona County Maia Uhrich, MN Dept of Human Services Megan Toney, HVMHC Andie Smith, Winona Co HHS	Online
June 6, 2023 from 1-3pm	Employment Services: How to Help Individuals Get Work. Erin Main & Marleen Lundberg, Dept of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); Troy Miller and Amanda Swart (Goodwill Easter Seals, IPS Program)	Online
July 11 th from 9-11 am July 27 th from 1-3pm	Government Benefits 101 by Nicole Mourgaz of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services; Joel Kinder	Online
August 10 from 10-noon August 23 from 10-noon	Cultural Humility	In Person at HVMHC
September	TBD	TBD
October – date TBD	Poverty Simulation	In Person at Veteran’s Center

	Jen Timm and Ann Vandeberg of Winona State	
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Karrie noted that FCC has a grant funding that will fund free Mental Health 1st Aid, Youth Mental Health 1st Aid and Suicide Prevention Trainings through the end of June. She will reach out to the trainers to see if some sessions can be scheduled. Katie and Kyle are willing to do a training on Restorative Justice. Sally is having a tough time nailing down a trainer for a Fetal Alcohol Training.

Truancies: The Winona Area Public Schools have restricted probation/Restorative Justice’s access to the student information system due to privacy concerns, claiming that they need court orders or authorizations on every student for which information is sought. Judge Leahy has provided the school with a proposed Memorandum of Understanding to share data but things are at a standstill. Because they cannot access attendance information, Restorative Justice has a difficult time helping with early interventions or diversions. WAPS is trying to handle its own early intervention processes but the truancies continue to skyrocket. Becky noted that fewer hearings are taking place at school and wonders whether it is a good use of judicial resources. Rebecca explained the rationale behind why the hearings were originally moved to the school (to make sure the administrators were available). Sally noted that there are a lot of children who are on the verge of education neglect, who simply refuse to go to school and the parents are at wits end and don’t make them go to school. Kalene suggested a possible waiver of attendance information through the student handbook. Judge Leahy is planning to have a meeting with the school so holding court at the school can possibly be re-evaluated.

Diversions: When a case is closed through a diversion, Court Administration needs a court order to dismiss the case

Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention: Phil Huerta and Helen Bagshaw took a group of 40 kids to the Day at the Capitol and the adults with whom they interacted had positive things to say about them. The Positive Community Norms Subcommittee has a meeting set up with the Winona Middle School. They are hoping to launch a campaign next school year. The Alcohol Subcommittee is working with the High School Prom committee to possibly present a positive community norms message during prom. Both the alcohol committee and the tobacco committee are working on doing compliance checks again. Everyone is watching the marijuana legislation.

Calendar Changes: Court Administration will be modifying juvenile calendars to make more times for CHIPS, including truancies and runaways. Juveniles will stay on Tuesdays.

Juvenile Justice Mental Health Diversion: Discussion deferred until the May meeting due to lack of time.

Adjourned: 12:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 at noon