

**MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 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	X	Kuehn, Michael Asst. Public Defender		Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	X
Carman, Gwen L-A Superintendent	X	Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Stoll, Rachel Public Member	X
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff	X	Meyer, Chris County Commissioner		Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Holte, Maureen Interim County Administrator				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 & Kotoko Yui (HVMHC); Ann Mclaughlin (Winona Health); Ben Smith (Public Defender); Rebecca Lundeen (Community Connector, WRAP+); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona CO. Atty); Katelyn Fox (Americorps); Carin Hyter (Treatment Court of Winona County); Bill Moe (Dept. of Corrections); Jose Pelaez (St. Charles Police Dept); Kay Peterson (Volunteer Services); Katie Rommes (Family & Children’s Center); Tina Schott (Winona Housing & Redevelopment Authority); Tyler Kinney (Intern).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for April 5, 2023:** The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from March 1, 2023:** The minutes were approved by consensus as presented.

4) **Information/Action Items:**

- A. Presentation by Katie Rommess of Family and Children’s Center’s Healthy Families Program: Katie provided an overview of the Healthy Families Program, as follows:

- Healthy Families America (HFA) is the signature program of Prevent Child Abuse America. HFA is a home visiting, early intervention and prevention program which uses best practice standards to serve families with young children who are or have experienced significant stress.
- HFA was developed in 1992 and the La Crosse FCC site was one of its first sites. In January, FCC received funding to open a new site in Winona, so now FCC has one of the oldest and one of the newest of the 600+ HFA sites in the United States.
- To enroll in the Winona HFA, a person must reside in Winona County and have a child three months of age or younger. The program is intended to serve highly stressed families, but will also serve the “worried well.”
- Services provided are tailored to the family and can include transportation to appointments, referrals to community resources, screenings, stress reduction activities, activities for parents and children, home safety exploration, childhood growth and development education and more.
- Eventually, the program will offer some sort of a social outing for participants, whether that is baking cookies together or walking around the lake or having parent “café’s” where parents can get together and build a network with other parents.
- The program is completely voluntary and costs nothing. To engage and retain participants, HFA knows it must produce something of value for the family so they work very hard to get to know the family and build trust and relationships.
- Most of the participants are mothers, but HFA encourages all parents to participant.
- HFA staff members must have some type of human services education, whether in special education, mental health, social work or lived experience. Because of the diversity of employees, when cases are staffed, they get a lot of different perspectives on how to approach and best serve a family.
- Referrals can be made by calling or e-mailing FCC or submitting a requeste through the FCC website. Referring parties will be asked additional information to help FCC better understand and connect with the person referred.
- There are 40 slots available for families in Winona. Once an eligible child in a family is identified, the entire family can be served through the program.
- FCC is working with Winona County to establish a “no wrong door” approach for families seeking of young children seeking assistance. That way, even if HFA is not the right program for a family, they could be referred to a program that was.
- Questions about HFA can be directed to Andrea Pierson at 608-668-2258 or via email: hfferral@fccnetwork.org.

B. Flyer/Links: See the meeting packet for the WRAP+ Training Flyer and link to the Advance Psychiatric Directive Training on April 13th.

5) **Committee Reports.**

- A. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee (Justin Green): For its March meeting, the committee received a tour of the new jail led by Jail Administrator, Steve Buswell. The tour was informative and thorough and included a walkthrough parts of the old jail, which served to show just much improved the new jail will be from the old version. Per Sheriff Ganrude, the jail is still on time and on budget.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2023 at noon via Zoom

- B. Juvenile Justice Committee (Rebecca Church): The committee met on March 17, 2023 and started out by talking about the lack of appropriate juvenile placements and how that is affecting our juveniles and communities as a whole. A workgroup was created to look at the data and explore what other counties are doing for juvenile placements. In conjunction with WRAP+, the committee has made arrangements for several trainings, as outlined in the minutes. Updates on truanancies, diversions and Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention activities were also received. There has been a large increase in truancy diversions and petitions. A recent policy change by Winona Area Public Schools has adversely affected the ability of Restorative Justice to do early intervention for truanancies. Karin suggested that a meeting with the schools be arranged; Kalene will coordinate.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 at noon

- C. Courts Committee (Hon. Nancy Buytendorp): The committee met on March 16, 2023. Treatment Court continues to go well. Janna Chandler graduated from Treatment Court on March 2nd and was featured in a great write-up in the newspaper. Upcoming trainings include the State Treatment Court Conference in June plus some virtual training sessions. A Treatment Court team participated in the Feed My Starving Children food packing event. Ashley Hall has been hired as the new Veteran's Treatment Court Coordinator, which also now has two case managers.

Kalene provided a WRAP+ update. Courtrooms 1 and 3 have new technology (computers) for trials. Minnesota Public Access is being phased out. Tara Brown and another Treatment Court participant gave a presentation to 14-16 year olds at Cotter Schools. They discussed drugs and the impact on their lives. It was a neat experiences for them and they believe it was impactful for the students.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.

- D. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Andy Kranz): At the March 20, 2023 meeting, committee members received a report on the Navigator Network, which meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2pm. After hearing about Hiawatha Hall in March, the group will be taking a month break in April, before resuming in May. Andy has been working with the La Crosse Family Collaborative and Systems of Care to arrange for a presentation to the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on May 9th at 3:30 p.m. Kalene has arranged for a training on Advanced

Psychiatric Directives to take place on April 13th at 9:00 a.m. Winona County is pulling together a team to discuss how to spend the opioid settlement funds.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2023 at noon via Zoom

- E. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee (Karin Sonneman): The Community Outreach & Diversity Committee did not meet in March. The April meeting will be a tour of the new jail.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2023 at noon at the new Winona County Jail

6) **Other:**

- Project FINE has been recognized by Welcoming America for the great efforts they have made to celebrate Welcoming Week. Due to these efforts, representatives from Project FINE and the City of St. Charles were selected to go to Australia to show them how we do Welcoming Week in this region. This year, Welcoming Week will be held from September 8-17. Fatima encouraged everyone to get involved in the activities. Visit the Project FINE website or reach out to Fatima to get a list of events.
- Happy Birthday to Karin Sonneman (and her twin, Jane). Be sure to tune in to the “Twins from Rural and Urban” podcast feature our very own Karin and Jane (mntwintalks.org).

Adjourn: 12:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2023 at noon via Zoom; Speaker will be Lori Paulson of Winona Friendship Center