

Jail Programming Workgroup
A Workgroup of the CJCC Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee
Monday April 24th 2023 10:30-11:30am

Attend:

Rachel Stoll, Chris Meyer, Mike Kuehn, Marleen Lundberg, Ms. Kathy Sublett, Jay Palmer, Terri Kopka, Chris Dahlke, Mark Jacobsen, Gracie Kafar, Katie Schild, Maurella Cunningham, Eileen Hanson, Tara, Linda S.

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.

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
- **Note Taker: Eileen Hanson** this person will take notes during the meeting and send them to the group or Facilitator to be sent out
- **Jail Program Volunteer Outreach: Justin Green** (we will keep the idea of an intern for this position in summer or fall)
- **Jail staff representative:** *still waiting to fill position*

Agenda:

Introductions - Name, organization

Jail staff updates:

- Updates on process for volunteers to begin the application process for programming? *No answer yet*
- Updates on staffing the Jail Programming role?
 - From Sgt. Kelsie Horst via email: “The application window closes today, but there are interviews to begin at the end of this week already. Hopefully it will be an efficient process and not drawn out too long. The new jail is coming along nicely also, starting to get cosmetic things done now.”

Jail opening update:

Opening in September, but may not yet have inmates right away.

Report-back

- Questionnaire results: Carin Hyter
Link to form: [Lived-experience Google Form](#)
Carin and Gracie have distributed about 20 and received some feedback (5).

- Project Proven: Jay Palmer (<https://www.westerntc.edu/re-entry-services>)
Visited Project Proven at Western Tech (LaCrosse) w/ Chris Dahlke
Provides: GED, living skills, some college credit courses, some case management
Very willing to share about their program with Winona County
Western Tech provides 2 staff, rooms, offices to the program
Support from outside the criminal justice system seems helpful

How can we leverage community partnerships?

Chris Dahlke will reach out to SE Tech

Jay Palmer will explore support from WSU

Terri Kopka (SMU) - nursing students might be a possibility to support programming

Chris Meyers - works with Dr Daniels (WSU?) - can connect if additional support is needed

- Funding update:
 - Funding from CJCC or WRAP+: No particular update - Rachel will continue to explore
 - Assn of MN Counties - legislative session is wrapping up - funding may be available for public safety and/or workforce
 - Possible grants through CJCC?
 - Opioid settlement - will come through the public health dept. - some potential funding there, on-going for years - there is a questionnaire for how money should be spent
 - Possible support from employers - esp for work release

Peer Support Specialists:

- What program(s) can include peer support specialists and what can this look like?
- Recruiting individuals with lived experience with the criminal justice system to become peer support specialists
- Thinking about how to bridge people who encounter programming while incarcerated to similar programming (a friendly face, familiar context) once they are released.
 - List of available meetings (AA, NA, CMA...)
 - Employment resources: DEED can assist (Marleen Lundberg)
 - Jail **Social Worker** can provide referrals to community agencies - thru WRAP+

- Individuals in custody if willing to meet with jail social worker get: Resource list, sign up for court reminders (text/email), HUB referrals for those that do not qualify for WRAP+ that would like to work with someone to access resources/navigate barriers post release, food, coordination of substance use assessments, and shelter options. Currently qualifying individuals in custody that screen for WRAP+ services get the above-mentioned things as well as coordination for mental health assessments and may work with jail social worker up to 60 days post release until a warm hand off can be made to another community provider that may work with the individual longer term i.e., HUB, ADM-TCM, ARHMS, ect.

Government phones available? Jail **Social Worker** (Katie Schild) provides info on how to get them if needed.

Open Discussion:

- Rachel encourages everyone to check out CJCC website (<https://winonacountycjcc.org/>) and WRAP+ page (<https://winonacountycjcc.org/wrapplus/>) to see the work that is already being done in Winona County.