

**Minutes of the Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee of the
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
May 24, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

Present: Christy Ferrington, Kalene Engel, Tara Brown, Kelsie Horst, Mark Jacobson, Ann McLaughlin, Judy Gilow

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2023 Meeting: Approved by consensus without changes.

Legislative Updates: Chris recently attended a meeting where she received updates on the new Minnesota legislation for Community Crime and Violence Prevention. There will be a lot of increased funding available for programming such as juvenile diversion, probation innovation, alternatives to incarceration and community based programming.

WRAP+ Program Updates:

- Implementation Progress:
 - Kalene submitted the grant extension request on the 15th and provided additional requested information this morning. She plans to submit a program modification for the change from the HUB Community Connector to the Mental Health Practitioners next.
 - Christy has hired two WRAP+ Mental Health Practitioners: Trish Costello and Sierra Schier. They will start on June 12th.
 - Kalene, Trish, Katie and Rachel are working on compiling a comprehensive list of WRAP+ accepted applicants and participants along with their assigned case managers (or waitlist designation). Kalene has been receiving calls from people who have been accepted into WRAP+ wanting to speak to their case manager. Unfortunately, there is still a waitlist.
 - The Policy Committee has met and is continuing to work through the Evaluation Report. More meetings will be scheduled.
 - The last two trainings have now been uploaded and are posted on the HVMHC website. Kalene will get them posted on the CJCC website. An additional training called Stewards of Children is being scheduled through the Juvenile Justice Committee. A complete list of trainings will be in the CJCC Meeting Packet.

Replacement Jail Updates: The jail is still on schedule. Sidewalk and curbing is being installed, carpet is being laid, wire/cabling is being run and big equipment is being installed. The

backup generator is still delayed; however, there is a backup plan in place and the lack of a backup generator should not hold up the opening of the jail.

Hope for Homes: The workgroup did not meet in May. HVMHC is still trying to hire personnel for the Scattered Sites Project. The Minnesota Housing Partnership did not award the \$10,000 Strengthening Rural Communities Grant for the Local Housing Trust Fund, mostly because the funds would not be guaranteed to be used up within a determined time period.

Jail Programming Workgroup: The group had another productive meeting. Kelsie Horst has official been named as the Jail Programming Coordinator and Training Officer. Katie and Kelsie are meeting with Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge next week to discuss an in-jail chemical dependency treatment program. They are asking anyone who has questions or concerns they want raised about MATC to get them to Kelsie before next week. Kalene talked about the WRAP+ grant funding, both funding that was currently available and funding that could be reallocated. NO one had any immediate suggestions for funding needs for new programming. Kelsie confirmed that Huber and STS will be offered in the new jail. Kelsie has finalized the Volunteer Form (available on the CJCC website at <https://winonacountycjcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Winona-County-Program-Volunteer-Application-02.2023.pdf>). She would like to have flowcharts or sheets outlining the process for certain common activities or tasks that inmates might undertake, such as obtaining IDs. Kalene will send her the “cheat sheets” that have been developed by WRAP+ case managers.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 12:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 28, 2023 at noon