

**Minutes of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the  
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
May 18, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

**Present:** Rebecca Church, Kalene Engel, Chris Meyer, Kylie Davison, Kris Sather, Andy Kranz, Becky Brandt, Lori Klein, Alyssa Passehl, Teri Henderson

**Juvenile Placement Concerns:** Concerns continue about the lack of available placement options for youth. Just last night, the county was required to release a juvenile who was held for four hours and then released home because a suitable placement could not be located. This raised questions about whether there was a parent/guardian home and with the capacity to accept and care for the child. Many other counties pay to hold a bed at a detention center, but Winona County is not one of them. Chris stated that she recalled a conversation about possibly teaming up with other nearby counties to pay for a bed. She stated that it would be very helpful to have data on the need as well as a potential solution/recommendation. Becky will pull numbers from the detention court schedule for the past year and get it to Rebecca and Chris.

**Trainings:** Rebecca screen-shared the list of WRAP+ and other trainings (below) that have been scheduled thus for 2023. A juvenile-related training that was recently added is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder by Proof Alliance on September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am.

Month in 2023	Topic/Presenter	Format
January 30 <sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm	Motivational Interviewing – Dr. Debra Murray	In person at HVMHC
February 7 <sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm February 15 <sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm	Overview of MN Ombudsman Office by Wade Oldenburg and Civil Commitment by Stephanie Waters	Online
February 8 <sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm	Trauma Informed Care – Dr. Ruth Charles	In Person at HVMHC
March 29 from 12-2pm	Trauma Informed Care – Dr. Ruth Charles	In Person at HVMHC
March 30 <sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30 pm	*Civil Commitment Training – Full Training with Stephanie Waters and Andrea Strobel-Ayres	Online
April 13 from 9-10 am	*Advance Psychiatric Directives with Eren Sutherland of Disability Law Center	Online
April 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 8 <sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3pm	*Mental Health 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid Training for Youth with Craig Putz of Family and Children’s Center	Family and Children’s Center
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 <sup>th</sup> from 9-11 am July 27 <sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm	Government Benefits 101 by Nicole Mourgas 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 5th 9-11 am; taped	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder by Proof Alliance	Online
October 12 <sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 October 12 <sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3	Poverty Simulation Jen Timm and Ann Vandeberg of Winona State	In Person at Veteran's Center/Legion on Sarnia Street

The group was interested in arranging for a Stewards of Children Training, so Kalene will put Vanessa Southworth in touch with Alyssa to coordinate schedules.

**Truancy Updates:** There hasn't been any movement towards securing access by Restorative Justice to the attendance data. Many angles have been attempted to work with the schools and there is no forward progress. Judge Leahy has decided that hearings will no longer be held at the schools; next school year the hearings will be held at the courthouse and school personnel are expected to be present in person for the hearings, as the majority of hearings are in person. Chris suggested reaching out to Commissioner Voegele to start a dialogue about possible options.

**Restorative Justice:** Aside from truancies, things are going well with all of the other Restorative Justice Programs. RJ presented at the May Navigator Network Meeting. The RJ Golf Tournament will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Valley.

**Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention:** The Positive Community Norms Subcommittee is kicking off its work. It will have planning meetings in the summer and will be starting a campaign at the Winona Middle School in the fall. They would like to secure support from the school and have a meeting next week. ASAP is watching the marijuana bills and talking/thinking about what they can do to support the community and educate and protect youth. A small team will be doing a community scan to determine where THC is sold and how accessible it is.

**Other:**

- Lori Klein is the supervisor for the case processing team that handles CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services cases).
- The juvenile guidelines (truancies, diversion, delinquencies) are now posted on a new CJCC webpage.

**Adjourned:** 12:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** July 20, 2023 at noon