

## **Jail Programming Workgroup**

A Workgroup of the CJCC Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee

Monday, May 22 2023 Noon-1pm

### **Attendance:**

Chris Meyer, Eileen Hanson, Rebecca Lundeen, Rachel Stoll, Kelsie Horst, Katie Schild, Tara Brown, Kalene Engel, Jen Timm, Chris Dahlke, Mike Keuhn, Tim Hunter, Sheriff Ron Ganrude, Justin Green, 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:**  
Sgt Kelsie Horst is now the Program Coordinator/Training Officer and is the liaison for jail programming.

### **Jail opening update:**

Opening in September, but may not yet have inmates right away. Sheriff Ganrude reports that they are aiming for having inmates in October, but that they need to hire staff.

### **Report Back: Jail Programming Questionnaire results: Eileen Hanson**

All of the surveys returned to date are from Treatment Court participants. Below is a summary of responses. Programming activities are listed in the order they appeared on the survey, with the number people who checked the box indicating they found it helpful, or think it would be beneficial to people in jail in Winona County.

Question: If you engaged in any jail programming during past in custody experiences, what was most beneficial? Which of the following might be most helpful to others? Check all that apply.

<b>Total: 18 responses</b>	
	Activity
12	Work release
16	<b>AA/NA/CMA</b>
11	church
10	Bible Study
12	Substance Use Disorder treatment
11	mental health therapy
17	<b>Recreation/Social time</b>
11	Artwork/art time
5	Yoga
7	Meditation
10	GED Courses
6	College Courses
13	Library
5	Budgeting
7	Domestic Violence Prevention
7	Cognitive Skills
8	Parenting
<i>in comments/other</i>	Employment readiness/assistance

Question : If you received a certificate of completion for jail programming offered to you, was this helpful?

<b>Certification programs helpful?</b>	
	7 yes
	6 no

**Update: Leveraging community partnerships:**

Chris Dahlke reached out to SE Tech: continue employment training classes in the jail, developing a way to take college level classes prior to GED completion, hopeful to keep this communication on-going and develop new opportunities

Justin Green - has spoken to pastors in town who are willing and supportive - believes that it would be beneficial to develop program plan, and then recruit volunteers

Tara Brown - CMA/NA/AA people are eager to get involved

Sgt. Kelsie Horst:

Applications for jail programming volunteers, with background check - can get started ASAP. County has an existing application, which should work.

Applications can be picked up at Sherrif's Dept, or complete digital version. Sgt Horst will send digital copy to this committee.

Completed forms can be returned at Sherrif's dept or email to Sgt Horst.

Currently working to schedule the programming in terms of Treatment with Teen Challenge, and then will reach out to Tara and Justin to begin scheduling CMA/AA/NA and Bible Study.

## **Funding Update**

- Funding from CJCC or WRAP+: Kalene Engle manages the grants that provide the funding.

Update that follows is from Kalene Engel and groups discussion:

- Current WRAP+ can access pools of funding in various categories. All on the WRAP+ website <https://winonacountycjcc.org/wrap-forms/>
  - Link for Instructions - [Excerpt from Policy and Procedure manual \(PDF download\)](#) - lists categories of available funding
    - Tier 1 funding - for people not quite full participants in WRAP+ - limited funding, mostly for assessments (mental health and substance use disorder), and small amount for monitoring services
    - Tier 2: people who meet the criteria and have done MH eval
  - Money not given direct to participant, therefore no gas cards are available as that is considered a direct payment
  - \$2,000 per person cap
  - Other things are available at times;
    - Got some free laptops from WSU for participants
    - Some bikes available
  - Cognitive/behavioral skills education - was avail in the jail pre-construction... want to bring this back

- Funding is not unlimited ... Kalene Engel has requested an extension, ideally funding will run through June of 2024
- Note that this is a mental health grant, so spending must broadly meet this need.
- Winona County is in our second round of this grant .. can try for a third. If we apply and are awarded a third round, funding would be available probably October 2024.
- **If there are priorities that will require more funding .. Kalene needs to know by the end of May in order to submit budget modification request.** Needs to know if there are new/different program categories .... money is already available for on-going participant expenses like ID's, etc.
  - Do our priority programs (AA/NA/CMA, treatment, and bible study) need any funding?
  - Education opportunities - do those require any funding?
    - P2P grant classes - no additional funding needed
    - GED services can be provided free
  - Per discussion, our top program priorities seem to be covered at this time.
- WRAP+ can really only fund needs of people in the program due to constraints of federal grant requirements.
  - SW, Katie - whose position is funded by WRAP+ money - helps people fill out application, and refers to other resources if they don't qualify, or choose not to enroll ...but otherwise WRAP+ can't assist people that don't qualify or enroll

#### **Open Discussion:**

- Jail Tour for the workgroup - Sgt Horst will connect with Steve B to schedule something for people that are interested.
- Meeting will be on 4th Monday at noon, moving forward. Rachel will continue to facilitate, send out agenda and link.