

**MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MAY 3, 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	
Brown, Tara Public Member		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	X	Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	X
Carman, Gwen L-A Superintendent		Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Stoll, Rachel Public Member	
Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff		Meyer, Chris County Commissioner	X	Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Holte, Maureen Interim County Administrator		Peláez, José, City of St. Charles Police Chief	X	Williams, Tom Winona Police Chief	P

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Trish Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Katie Schild (Criminal Justice Social Worker); Andy Kranz (HVMHC); Ann Mclaughlin (Winona Health); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona Co. Atty); Marie Kovecsi (Hope for Homes); Jay Rasmussen (Winona Police Dept, Proxy for Tom Williams); Carin Hyter (Treatment Court of Winona County; Tina Schott (Winona Housing & Redevelopment Authority), Lori Paulson (Winona Friendship Center); Christy Ferrington (HVMHC); Danielle Swedberg (Family & Children’s Center), Linda Soderstrom (Lived Experience Individual); Crystal Hegge (Advocacy Center of Winona); Bill Moe (Dept. of Corrections), Carla Lundeen (Great Rivers 2-1-1)

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for May 3, 2023:** By consensus, the agenda was modified to allow Fatima Said to discuss the Project FINE fundraiser prior to the featured speaker.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from April 5, 2023:** The minutes were approved by consensus as presented.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**

- A. Project FINE Annual Fundraiser – Fatima Said: Included in the Meeting Packet was the invitation to Project FINE’s Annual Taste of International Cuisine Fundraiser which will be held on June 11, 2023 starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Kryzsko Ballroom at Winona State University. The featured cuisine and entertainment will celebrate the culture of Latin America. All are invited. Reach out to Fatima if you would like another invitation.
- B. Presentation by Lori Paulson of Winona Senior Friendship Center: Lori provided information on the Winona Senior Friendship Center, as follows:
- Lori is a Senior Advocate along with Marite Olmstead. Both are employees of the City of Winona. However, because their program also receives funding from the Southeast Agency Area on Aging, they are able to help residents aged 60 and older throughout the entire county.
 - There are a variety of services provided through the Senior Advocacy Program including assistance with taxes (income and renters/property tax rebates); helping complete application forms like SNAP, energy assistance and long-term care; referrals to other services such as health care and basically serving as an information and referral source. They will try hard to find answers to questions.
 - Because they are able to go into client’s homes, they are able to serve people that might not otherwise get assistance.
 - The services at the Center are open to persons aged 50 “and better.” Memberships cost \$30 per year and the fitness center fee is \$78 per year. There may be additional per class costs for different classes that are offered. Included in the fitness center cost is free access to Angelo, a trainer, who will develop a personalized workout program for anyone interested. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 4 pm.
 - Part of Lori’s job is to develop and promote dementia friendly programming. One of the programs is a choir called Forget Me Notes for people with memory loss and their caregivers. Another program is a Memory Café which is held in person and over Zoom. Spark! Is a program at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum intended to spark memories. There are several other programs to provide awareness of dementia and support for caregivers. Lori and Marite will also do training sessions for organizations, groups and clubs.
 - The Advocacy Center also offers other programs which are described in the newsletter which was linked in the agenda. There is a Chore Corps program to provide assistance with chores for older folks; a Continuing Connections Program to help people learn how to participate in virtual programs and Friendships Forever to help people participate in live programming at the center through Zoom.

C. Flyer/Links: See the meeting packet or hyperlinked sites for the following flyers: WRAP+ Trainings; Ready, Set, School Signup; Mental Health 1st Aid Training for Youth, Project FINE Fundraiser and MN Health Access.

D. CJCC Website: Check out the extensive updates to the CJCC website!

5) **Committee Reports.**

A. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee-Karin Sonneman

The committee had a very thorough and informative jail tour by Steve Buswell and Kelsie Horst on April 26. Karin was very impressed with the improvements from the old jail setup to the new. Carin Hyter was surprised at how bit the jail was on the inside and was impressed with the color changes and other accommodations made for inmates with mental illness.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2023 at noon

B. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee-Kalene Engel

WRAP+ enrollment continues to grow at a rapid pace with increasing numbers of successful completions. Rebecca Lundeen resigned to pursue other opportunities. HVMHC will be replacing her position with two ARMHS (Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services) workers, as that model fits the program better. Kalene will be submitting grant revisions during the month of May. The training schedule for WRAP+ was included in the meeting packet. Upcoming trainings include Housing (May); Employment (June) and Government Benefits (July). A policy meeting is scheduled for May 4th.

The Hope for Homes Workgroup continues to work on the Scattered Sites Supportive Housing Project and Local Housing Trust Fund. HVMHC has taken the lead on the Scattered Sites Project and is in the process of hiring a Housing Resource Specialist. The final in person Housing Institute is in July.

The Mental Health Collaborative is a group of higher-level policy makers who are meeting to review data and develop better responses, particularly with respect to civil commitments. Some adjustments have already been made and more are in the works.

No one was present to report on the Jail Programming Workgroup so attendees were referred to the minutes.

Next Meeting: May 24, 2023 at noon

C. Juvenile Justice Committee (Rebecca Church): The committee did not meet in April.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2023 at noon via Zoom

D. Courts Committee (Judge Buytendorp):

There are 17 participants in Treatment Court and two on the way. In March the monthly activity for Treatment Court was to pack food for Feed My Starving Children; in April the activity was a Lake Cleanup. Participants and Alumni are also participating in speaking engagements at local schools. The participant and policy handbook were recently updated. Gracie Kafar completed her internship.

Veteran's Treatment Court is going well. The Coordinator, Ashley Hall, will be attending a conference in June.

Becky Brandt provided an update on Emergency Filings and Courtroom Technology.

Trish Chandler discussed changes in the criminal history lookup options and received permission to discontinue bail evaluations on misdemeanor thefts and trespass.

Mike Kuehn discussed processes for appointment of public defenders.

Karin added that she had a meeting last week with Dr. Greg Richard of Winona State University and Kathy Sublett, who collaborate with students to operate the Expungement Clinic. Due to staffing shortages, Karin will be working with Dr. Richard and Ms. Sublett to have them assist with the prosecutor-initiated expungements that are available through the County Attorney's Office.

Next meeting: May 18, 2023 at 8:15 a.m.

E. Early Intervention & Prevention Committee (Andy Kranz & Chris Meyer):

The Committee met on April 17th and received an update on the upcoming presentations for the Navigator Network. The recorded presentations are located in a Google Drive and are now posted on the CJCC website. Restorative Justice will be presenting on May 9th; PossAbilities will be presenting in June and Crisis Response will be presenting in July.

The group reviewed the Engage Winona Summary Report and it was out of this discussion that suggestions to make the CJCC website more user-friendly arose. As noted earlier, those changes are being made.

The La Crosse Early Intervention Program and La Cross Systems of Care will present on May 9th at 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and could also be attended via Zoom.

Karen Sanness provided an update on the Opioid Settlement Funds. There have been two internal leadership team meetings and another is scheduled for May 16th. At the initial meeting, the team reviewed the date and a tentative timeline. At the second

meeting they looked at more data and talked about programming to generate ideas for Katelyn to research, as well as finalize a timeline for initiate. Yesterday, Katelyn and Karin met to finalize releases of information and data privacy documents for lived experience surveys that Katelyn will be doing. Karin also met with Carol Ackley, who does trainings on biochemistry of addiction.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2023 at noon via Zoom

Adjourn: 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2023 at noon via Zoom; Speaker will be Lisa Bork of Partners in Excellence