

**Minutes of the Early Intervention & Prevention Committee of the  
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council  
June 19, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

**Present:** Chris Meyer, Kalene Engel, Ann McLaughlin

**Minutes by:** Kalene Engel

**Call to Order & Welcome:** 12:08 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes from April Meeting:** Approved by consensus without changes.

**Navigator Network:** The June presenter was PossAbilities, which provides disability services and respite care. A recording was not made because a new platform (Teams) was being used, but the notes and slides are stored in the Navigator Network Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sgL5G1BnSmz01jnrpjTGAf9dpF XuSZxT>.

The slides are also posted on the CJCC website at <https://winonacountycjcc.org/community-resources/>.

**Youth/Family Early Intervention/Prevention Program Coordination:**

- La Crosse Early Intervention Program Presentation: The La Crosse Area Family Collaborative and La Crosse Systems of Care presented to the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee meeting on May 9th. In the meeting prior to this presentation, the community extensively discussed issues with juvenile detention (which have also been discussed at length at the Juvenile Justice Committee meetings). The two La Crosse programs were identified as a possible way to prevent some of the need for placements at an earlier point in time.
- WRAP+ Presentation: WRAP+ has been asked to present (for a second time) to the HHS Advisory Committee, which is tentatively scheduled for July.
- Goals of the Health & Human Services Advisory Committee: To aid in the coordination of efforts between the HHS Advisory Committee and this committee, Chris Meyer shared the 2023 HHS Advisory Committee Goals, reproduced below:

Winona County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee  
Focus and Plan of Action for 2023  
Committee Goals

- Support Winona County leadership team with Opioid Settlement Program. Connect with community members and be results focused.

- Marcia Ward and Chris Meyer serve on the Opioid Settlement Team and will provide updates for our committee.
- Formulate ways to enhance community awareness of drug use and prevention services in Winona County. Learn more about possible impacts of legalizing marijuana in our community.
  - Plan to invite Phillip Huerta from ASAP (Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention) to provide a presentation about the efforts the ASAP group is conducting in the Winona area.
- Make a positive impact on Mental Health Programming in Winona County.
  - Receive updates from Mental Health Collaborative and/or CHIP Committee for Mental Health
- Determine how community services programming fits with and can support the jail process/WRAP Programming. In doing so, consider barriers to all demographics in accessing supportive services.
  - Plan to invite Katie Schild, Winona County Jail Social Worker, to provide a presentation about the efforts of WRAP+ program.
- To provide opportunities for Public Health to reinforce healthy people and healthy lifestyles.
  - Work with Kelsey Scott, Winona County Health Educator and SHIP (State Health Improvement Partnership). SHIP focuses on making the healthy choice the possible choice in communities, schools, and worksites in Winona County. They partner with community organizations to implement changes that support opportunities for healthy behavior.

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**Winona Mental Health Collaborative Update:** The Mental Health Collaborative is meeting monthly and collecting data from participants in a number of areas, such as how many police calls for service involve a mental health component, number of drug overdoses, length of waitlists. Much discussion is focused on earlier interventions, because if the issue is caught earlier, it will reduce the need for higher acuity services. The Winona Health Intensive Outpatient Program has been open since March and is hoping to expand. The IOP provides treatment for folks who between the outpatient and hospital level of care. Winona health recently hired a new doctor with an addiction specialty, who will also be providing education for staff. The elimination of the waiver for prescribing of suboxone has also prompted discussions about providing education for providers to increase knowledge base and competency in that area. The group plans to present at a joint city council/county board meeting sometime in July.

#### **Open Discussion:**

- **Opioid Settlement Funds:** Information is still being gathered as to the best use of the funds. Listening sessions for the community will probably occur in August. An Americorps volunteer has conducted interviews with persons with lived experience, which has provided valuable feedback and input. Plans are being developed to use some

of the funds to hire a speaker on the biochemistry of addiction to provide several presentations in the community.

- **Legislative Session:** Discussion was held on how to best communicate the legislative changes and how that might impact some of the departments, programs and agencies.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 12:48 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** To be determined. The current meeting time has proven to be challenging, as multiple holidays fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Chris will reach out to Karen Sanness to determine her availability for a meeting.