

**Minutes of the Early Intervention & Prevention Committee of the
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
August 9, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

Present: Chris Meyer, Andy Kranz, Justin Green, Kalene Engel, Rachel Stoll, Amber Ziegler, Kyle Davison, Jocylyn Poehler, John Mullen

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order & Welcome: 12:03 p.m.

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

Navigator Network: The workgroup has been meeting monthly for approximately 1.5 years and things are going well. The group is made up of people who help other people navigate systems (criminal justice, social services, etc.) and the monthly meetings consist of a speaker, organizational updates and networking. At yesterday's meeting, the group heard from a substance use disorder inpatient/outpatient treatment provider located near the Twin Cities. Rachel is looking to add organizations to the list of presenters. More information is available on the Navigator Network Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sgL5G1BnSmz01jnrpjTGAf9dpFxuSZxT>.

Youth/Family Early Intervention/Prevention Program Coordination:

- WRAP+ Presentation: Kalene and Kate Schild presented to the Health and Human Services advisory committee yesterday. The presentation was well received and the attendees asked good questions. Kalene is hopeful that the WRAP+ model of pairing a person in need of assistance with someone who can help them navigate multiple systems and resources will serve as an example to other programs and services.
- Other updates from the HHS Advisory Committee: Amber and Rachel were invited to speak on their respective organizations at future meetings of the committee. Four different groups are meeting to discuss the Community Health Improvement Plan: social connectedness, health equity, healthy behaviors and mental health.
- Brainstorm on Public Education/Barrier Free Access to Programs: Previously, the Navigator Network had compiled a list of programs that serve families and children in the Winona area. Karen Sannes, former Community Services Director, stated that she was working on a “no wrong door” admission process into these programs and services. The concept behind the no wrong door approach is that someone could go to one place and receive appropriate referrals to the correct program/service for their child or family. It is unclear what progress was made on this initiative, so the idea was brought back to this committee for further discussion. Rachel noted that it was one task to gather information about resources and try and

redistribute that information to interested persons, but another task to restructure the way we handle referrals. Kalene will reach out to Katie Rommes at FCC about what progress was made on the “no wrong door” approach.

Winona Mental Health Collaborative Update: Ann McLaughlin was not able to attend the meeting but provided the following update via email:

On July 19th, the Mental Health Collaborative – a group of top leadership from local mental health providers, law enforcement, Winona City and County, and the CJCC – gave a presentation to a joint Winona City Council – Winona County Board of Commissioners meeting. The goal of the joint session was to share mental health data trends for the past several years in Winona City and County as well as a month-by-month breakdown of mental health- and substance use-specific data that Collaborative members have been tracking since late 2022. After the presentation, there was a Q&A session giving elected officials a chance to ask follow up questions of the Collaborative. While this joint session was entirely informational, there is intent to have a follow-up presentation in early 2024. At that point, the Collaborative will have determined its next steps to improve mental health care provision locally and will share how the City and County can help to improve care as well. Feel free to send this link to people who would like to see the slides: [eSCRIBE Agenda Package \(escribemeetings.com\)](#). The slides are below the meeting agenda. And here’s the article that the Winona Post ran on the meeting: [Winona organizations weigh mental health needs | News | winonapost.com](#)

Open Discussion:

- **Housing:** The Winona County Board almost doubled the amount of funding provided to SEMMCHRA (Southeast Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority). Part of the funding will be used to pay a grant writer to go after the larger state housing grants and \$50,000 will be put into a Local Housing Trust Fund for local (county) housing needs.
- **Restorative Justice:** The annual Restorative Justice Golf Fundraiser is on Friday afternoon. There are still spots open if anyone wants to participate.
- **Impact Center:** Impact Center is a new youth center opening in Winona on September 6th next to Grace Place. An open house will be held on August 26th from 1-3. The program serves children ages 5 and up. Please see the following article in the Winona Post for more information: [New Youth Center Opening in Winona September 6](#).

Meeting Adjourned: 9:44 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.