

**Minutes of the Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee of the
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
July 26, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

Present: Justin Green, Andy Kranz, Trish Chandler, Mark Jacobson, Tara Brown, Kalene Engel, Chris Meyer, Katie Schild, Matt Hudson, Ann McLaughlin, Karen Bunkowski, Rachel Stoll, Christy Ferrington, Marie Kovcesi.

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: Kalene Engel called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2023 Meeting: Approved by consensus without changes.

WRAP+ Updates: The WRAP+ presentation to the County Board on July 27, 2023 went well in spite of an otherwise very long meeting, the warm temperature of the meeting room and audio/visual technical difficulties. The presentation followed presentations by the County Recorder and the Director of SEMMCHRA, both of whom referenced the need for expanded housing opportunities in Winona County. Data from the WRAP+ presentation confirmed the need for expanded housing, as that was, by far, the biggest need of WRAP+ participants. Both Trish Costello and Sierra Schier are accepting and working with clients. Starting in August, Kalene will be revising the policies and forms to reflect the change in the HVMHC positions. The second training on Government Benefits 101, Social Security and Unemployment Benefits will take place on July 27th. Upcoming trainings include Cultural Humility (August), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (September) and a Poverty Simulation (October), which puts participants into the place of individuals who are trying to get services.

Replacement Jail Updates: The DOC has raised concerns about opening the jail without a new backup generator. Options to install the generator or rent a generator until the generator purchased by the county arrives have been discussed. However, utilizing either of those two options would result in a disruption in services at some point when the new generator was installed. The County Administrator will be reaching out to the vendor about the new backup generator.

Hope for Homes: The final Housing Institute was held on July 12th and 13th in Rochester. The team was informed of options for reapplying for the \$10,000 grant which was made available to teams that participated in the institute. HVMHC is still attempting to hire staff for the Scattered Sites Supportive Housing Project. The Local Housing Trust Fund Project received a boost at the July 27th County Board Meeting, as the Board agreed to allocate \$50,000 into a Local Housing Trust Fund at SEMMCHRA's request. SEMMCHRA also received an allocation of \$40,000 to fund staff to apply for housing grants from the state. Winona County will be receiving approximately \$132,000 in local housing aid from the state and, if allowed, the two allocations to

SEMMCHRA would come from that. The next meeting of the Hope for Homes Workgroup will be held on July 28th with Harlan Buckalew of Minnesota Housing Partnership in attendance.

Jail Programming Workgroup: The Jail Programming Workgroup is going well, with 11-12 people attending each meeting on average. A jail tour for workgroup members will take place on August 2nd at 5pm. Kelsie Horst, Programs Director, has received applications from individuals interested in running programs on Narcotics Anonymous, Crystal Meth Anonymous, finance, employment and literacy. However, she has yet to receive applications on AA & Bible Study. Kalene will send out the jail application, which is also posted on the CJCC website.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2023 at noon