

**Minutes of the Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee of the
Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
August 23, 2023 at noon via Zoom**

Present: Justin Green, Andy Kranz, Mark Jacobson, Tara Brown, Kalene Engel, Chris Meyer, Matt Hudson, Ann McLaughlin, Christy Ferrington, Marie Kovecsi, Judy Gilow, Mike Kuehn

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: Justin Green called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from July 26, 2023 Meeting: Approved by consensus without changes.

WRAP+ Updates: Kalene is still working on getting the budget modification accepted by BJA. She has updated the Policy & Procedure Manual and forms to reflect the change in project scope. Katie and Kalene gave a presentation to the Health and Human Services Advisory Board earlier this month with additional presentation/conversations in the works with other groups. The 2nd Cultural Humility Training was held earlier today with approximately 60 people in attendance. Upcoming trainings include Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (September), a Poverty Simulation (October), and Street Drug Recognition/Impact (November). There will be no trainings scheduled for December.

Replacement Jail Updates: A temporary occupancy permit has been issued. The generator problem was solved by installing the old generator, which was acceptable to whomever was conducting the inspections. Jail staff is in the process of doing training in the new jail. Public tours of the jail will be offered on Sunday, September 17th from 1 to 4 pm. Volunteer tour guides will lead small groups of people through 8 different stations at the jail. The stations will be manned by jail staff who will give a brief presentation about the functions at that station. Light refreshments will be served. Additional law enforcement-related groups (such as SOAR, Sheriff's Posse, Canine Unit) will be present in the parking lot to provide demonstrations and discuss their work. Photos of the old jail and a time lapse video of the construction of the new jail will be shown on the tv monitors. Although several people have already volunteered to serve as a tour guide, if anyone is still interested in volunteering, they will be put to work somewhere.

Hope for Homes: The grant writing group consisting of Tim Hunter, Crystal Hegge and Marie Kovecsi are finishing up two grants: one for Minnesota Housing Partnership for \$10,000 to be used for supplies or materials for supportive housing units and a second for Winona Community Foundation for \$7,500 to be used as a flex fund for housing needs. The group held a robust discussion on the future organizational structure of the group, which is currently functioning as a CJCC workgroup. Ideas discussed included becoming a 501(c)(3) and being spun off as a separate entity, much like what occurred with Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Jail Programming Workgroup: Kelsie has received and approved several volunteer applications. Although she is still soliciting applications, her current focus has shifted to training of staff. Justin noted that he sent emails to a list of clergy and has received a couple of responses. Tara stated that she is aware of several people from recovery groups who plan to apply, but who have concerns about the length of sobriety requirements, which they hope could be re-evaluated.

Other: Judy is co-teaching a NAMI Family to Family Class which will be held at the Winona Middle School Media Center from 6:30-9pm starting on September 25th and running for four weeks. Reach out to Judy at 507-458-0714 for more information.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 12:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2023 at noon