

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Community Outreach & Diversity Committee Minutes

January 2023 – December 2023*

*The committee may not have had a meeting in every month. The attached minutes are from every month in which a meeting was held

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
January 11, 2023 at noon
Via ZOOM**

Present: Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel, Kelly Wooden, Lynn Theurer, Ruth Charles, Chris Meyer, Fatima Said, Carin Hyter

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: 12:03 p.m.

Committee Charge: *To educate the public about initiatives, programs and services supported by the CJCC; to build an atmosphere of respect and inclusion toward the criminal justice system regardless of culture or background; to identify community concerns that are related to the responsibilities of the CJCC and to prepare a detailed, proactive public relations plan to address those concerns.*

IDI/Cultural Humility: At its last meeting, CJCC added three new members, two of whom were treatment court graduates with lived experience. The inclusion of members with lived experience is one of the strategies that was recommended in the Intercultural Development Inventory report. Project FINE is gathering information about what actions IDI recipients have done and would like us to document this action. An agenda item will be added to the February CJCC Meeting so that formal documentation of this action can be made.

Items of Interest:

- The “driver’s licenses for undocumented individuals” was again introduced as a bill. The Star Tribute had an article in the January 10th paper about the bill. Given the state of the legislature, the bills passage seems promising.
- Project FINE will be hosting its Annual Report to the Community on February 8th. Last year was one of the best and busiest for Project FINE.

Elected Officials’ Outreach Event: Karin has received confirmation from 5-6 elected officials for the event, so it will be a smaller event that in past years—but it is also the first one that we have sponsored since COVID. She will confirm final setup arrangements with the History Center. Water will be provided by the League of Women Voters. Other refreshments will be from Caribou coffee and Hy-vee and paid out of the County Attorney’s Office forfeiture funds. Ruth Charles will moderate the event. Cards will be made available to audience members for questions and League of Women Voters has also prepared some questions. Each participant will be allowed to make a two statement at the beginning of the event.

Community Collaboration Summit: Previously, this committee decided to host a Community Collaboration Summit on the new jail. This summit will happen this fall which should coincide with the opening of the new jail in September.

Law Day: Previously, this committee decided to re-start the Law Day for 6th graders in 2024.

Adjourn: 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 15, 2023 at noon

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
November 15, 2023 at noon
Via ZOOM**

Present: Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel, Kelly Wooden, Chris Meyer, Fatima Said, Carin Hyter

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: 12:03 p.m.

Committee Charge: *To educate the public about initiatives, programs and services supported by the CJCC; to build an atmosphere of respect and inclusion toward the criminal justice system regardless of culture or background; to identify community concerns that are related to the responsibilities of the CJCC and to prepare a detailed, proactive public relations plan to address those concerns.*

Elected Officials Forum: Members expressed an interest in sponsoring an Elected Officials' Forum again in January; Project FINE would like to co-sponsor. The legislature doesn't convene until February, so the following were identified as possible dates to hold the forum: 1/13; 1/20; 1/27 or 2/3. Karin will reach out to the League of Women Voters (Lynn Theurer) to enlist her help and will also check with the History Center about availability. She will email committee members regarding available dates, as that will need to be locked in soon.

Law Day for 6th Graders: Immediately prior to COVID, Law Day was done in April or May. There was interest among committee members in doing some sort of an event for Law Day this school year. Kalene noted that the availability of courtrooms and late notice to teachers could affect the size and scope of the event. Karin will check with Becky about possible dates that the courthouse could be made available yet this spring and report back to committee members.

Community Collaboration Summit: Post-COVID, the committee was going to host a Summit on the jail, but that was basically replaced by the Jail Tours that were held in September. Past summit topics have included domestic violence, mental health, substance use/vaping, the jail, housing, and a poverty simulation. Committee members were interested in hosting a summit in the fall and picked a possible date of October 24, 2024. Suggested topics for the summit included the following: opioid settlement funds, Mental Health Collaborative suggested programming, new marijuana laws and housing. In the past, the Winona Middle School was used as the location. Other options suggested included the HVMHC Training Room and the Veterans Center.

Public Relations and Outreach Plan: Noting that part of the committee's current charge is to create a detailed, proactive public relations plan, Karin inquired as to whether the committee was interested in formulating such a plan. CJCC has a website and Facebook and occasionally garners print media exposure. Kalene suggested that the CJCC may want to review the new national standards for CJCCs (available here: <https://nicic.gov/sponsors/national-network-criminal-justice-coordinating-councils>) to revisit the committee charge and goals. Karin will review those documents and bring it up for discussion at a future CJCC or COD meeting.

Adjourn: 12:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 20, 2023 at noon