

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Courts 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

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Courts Committee will search for strategies and procedures that will enable the courts to function more effectively and at reasonable cost to the taxpayer while upholding due process and the rule of law.

Date: February 16, 2023

Time: 8:15 am

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Judge Buytendorp, Trish Chandler, Kalene Engel, Carin Hyter, Julie Koop, Michael Kuehn, Renee Rumpca, Katie Schild, Karin Sonneman, Dave Glithero, Ben Smith, Lacey Bartsch

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** There are 18 current participants and 9 graduates. Two are on the termination track with hearings today. One participant graduates next week on February 23. This is the **45th graduation from the program!** Two graduates are currently serving on CJCC. The CAMO criminal thinking group re-started this month with 8 participants and is going well. Selected to attend a virtual multi-track training in August. This will allow exploration into developing and adding a high-need, low-risk track to the current program. Still assessing the River Region’s needs and meeting again in early March. Pro-social event last week – Treatment Court was selected to create a mural in one of the parks in Winona in April.
Welcome Gracie! A senior at WSU interning with Carin.
- II. **Veteran’s Court Update – by Judge Buytendorp:** Ashley Hall from Freeborn County is the new Veteran’s Court Coordinator.
- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** 84 participants. 43 currently. 28 successful completions and 16 unsuccessful terminations. Have seen an increase in the number of outside referrals. Things continue to go well. Upcoming **training on ACES on March 29**. Large training in October concerning poverty. Hiawatha Valley’s website has training information available. CJCC also has a lot of information. Karin also provided that **next week** there is a domestic violence gender equity training with a focus on the LGBTQ community. This training is **free**.
- IV. **Pretrial Monitoring – by Becky Brandt:** This started on January 9 and the first check-in meeting is March 2 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. So far there have been 7 referrals but most have bonded out. There are currently 3 being supervised with 1 starting

electronic home monitoring. There are things to hash out at the March 2 meeting but otherwise so far so good.

- V. **CHIPS Hearing Pilot Update – by Becky Brandt:** Policy 525 allows exceptions for juvenile hearings regarding what is in person and what is remote. Winona County is piloting having all EPCs and Admit/Deny Hearings remotely for cost saving purposes, to make it easier on court-appointed attorneys, and because cases are less likely to settle at this stage. Pretrial, juvenile, and petty's are in person unless in a facility and transport is an issue because things are more likely to settle.
- VI. **Mini-Mental Health Summit Update – by Judge Buytendorp:** the January 26 event had a great turnout with most counties from the district having representation in attendance. Kalene presented on Winona County's efforts and someone from Olmsted County presented. Other counties in the district expressed interest and people seemed excited about the information shared. Planning to reach out to counties in about six months to see where they are at or if they need anything. Overall the event was very successful.

NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: March 16, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Judge Buytendorp, Trish Chandler, Kalene Engel, Carin Hyter, Michael Kuehn, Renee Rumpca, Katie Schild, Ashley Hall, Karin Sonneman, Kelly Wooden, Kelsie Horst, Gracie Kafar, and Lacey Bartsch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from February 16, 2023, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** One graduate is close to discharge from probation. Janna graduated on March 2 and there was a nice article in the Winona Post. There is an upcoming two-day training with virtual sessions. Participants have an upcoming volunteer event packaging food. There are two speaking events coming up at WSU and Winona Senior High School. The River Region Treatment Court Meetings continue and are headed in the right direction.
- II. **Veteran’s Court Update – by Ashley Hall:** Welcome Ashley!!! Veteran’s Court recently hired a new case manager so there are two case managers now. There are two possible participants coming up for commencement.
- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** Winona Re-entry Assistance Plus – There are a lot of great, free trainings coming up, many with the goal of creating a shared understanding of that topic’s process. *See attachment.* Information about most is available at www.hvmhc.org –28 new people this quarter

- IV. **New Technology in Courtrooms One (1) & Three (3) – by Becky Brandt & Judge Buytendorp:** Judge Buytendorp’s court reporter and a court clerk have offered to have an open house to help attorneys get acquainted with the new technology. *See attachment.* The updates include a Creston like other counties, screens at counsel tables, attorneys can hook up their laptops to screens, etc. In April courtroom 2 will be updated but all courtrooms should function the same.
- V. **MPA Remote & Online Access to Information – by Trish Chandler:** MPA is set to sunset on April 17. There is concern about the impact this will have on the Pre-Trial Evaluations/MNPATs process. Rumor is they will incorporate similar/same functions in MCRO before MPA sunsets.
- a. *Next Steps:* Becky is going to reach out to MPA
- VI. **Domestic Violence & Gender Equity Workshop – by Kelly Wooden:** Due to poor weather this workshop was rescheduled to April 3 from 1-3 at WSU. *See attachment.*

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: April 20, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Judge Buytendorp, Trish Chandler, Kalene Engel, Carin Hyter, Lacey Bartsch, Michael Kuehn, Renee Rumpca, Katie Schild, Ashley Hall, Karin Sonneman, Kelly Wooden

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from March 16, 2023, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** 17 current participants, 2 recent pleas taken for treatment court, and next graduation tentatively June 1. Last month the group participated in feed my children. Their community event for April will be a lake cleanup. 1 current participant and 1 graduate have been speaking at Cotter and next week will be at a college drug prevention event. Currently, the team is working on updates to the handbook and policy. National Treatment Court Month is in May. Gracie (intern) finishes up next week. THANK YOU GRACIE!!!
- II. **Veteran’s Court Update – by Ashley Hall:** 18 participants, 3 graduate Friday from Winona County, attending Rise 23 conference in June.
- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** 53 participants for the quarter: 11 successful completions, 4 unsuccessful, 38 carryover – highest number of successful completions – a significant number of people found housing which is a big deal! Working collaboratively with probation to best serve co-participants. Seeking a grant

extension. Upcoming staffing changes: Rebecca's last day = April 28 → will likely need to revisit the policy as Rebecca's moving on will require some restructuring of the program. Trish notes that the numbers have picked up as she is getting daily applications with many referrals from out in the community. Katie shared that she and Trish have given presentations on the program to local facilities and WSU social work students.

- IV. **Emergency Filings Update – by Becky Brandt:** process is to contact the case processing team instead of going through court administration team – trainings on this will be held on April 24 and April 26 → information was sent out by Angie Hutchins.
- V. **Courtroom Technology Update – by Becky Brandt:** all courtrooms updated with new technology – Becky is getting power strips on counsel tables so no one needs to go under the table to plug their devices in, as well as privacy screens for the computer monitors – if anyone needs training on using the system contact Becky.
- VI. **MNPATs & Criminal History Update – by Trish Chandler:** Is going to use old MNPATs – inquired as to how the group would feel if she no longer did MNPATs on misdemeanor thefts/trespasses → both Karin & Mike were ok with this. It was agreed that Trish will discontinue MNPATs for misdemeanor thefts and trespass and see how this goes.
- VII. **PD Appointments made on Record & Client Contact Info – by Michael Kuehn:** Identified four situations where they may not be getting client contact information:
(1) Detainer: PD is to review the detainer and if information is missing contact court administration; (2) Application: PD is to wait until the next day to review the application as it can take court admin until the end of the day to scan the application

and until the next day for the document to be accepted; (3) Contact Info taken on the Record: PD is to wait until after the court session and email court administration; and (4) No Application & Info Obtained on the Record: PD is to wait until after the court session and email court administration.

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: May 18, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Kelsie Horst, Julie Koop, Renee Rumpca, Trish Chandler,
WCSO Shift Commander Hohensee, Becky Brandt, Katie Schild,
Kalene Engel, Judge Buytendorp, Carin Hyter, Ashley Hall,
Karin Sonneman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from April 20, 2023, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** 18 current participants. 1 recent termination. 1 graduation coming up on June 1 at 1 pm in courtroom 1. The event of month in April had to be rescheduled to this coming Sunday. May 9 – gave a presentation to County board in celebration of National Treatment Month and two treatment court graduates shared their stories with the board. This was an overall good experience. One Commissioner asked the graduates to speak again at his class and this commissioner will be a guest speaker at the upcoming treatment court graduation. Another graduate spoke to a class at a tech school recently. May 1 – a very part-time intern started with Carin and will be with treatment court through October. Bill and Carin have 5-6 weeks left of the cognitive thinking class they teach. **Upcoming:** 6 members of the treatment court team will be attending a 2-day state conference in the cities.
- II. **Veteran’s Court Update – by Ashley Hall:** A couple graduations since the last meeting. There are currently 25 active participants with 3 accepted and waiting dates. 15 of the participants are on the East side with 2 from Winona county. **Upcoming:** June – Ashley and case managers will be attending a National Conference.
- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** started the quarter with rollover of 38 participants. There have been 5 successful graduates, 1 unsuccessful, and are currently 37 participants. There is a waiting list primarily because there currently is

not a community connector. Hiawatha Valley has interviewed, and the hope is to hear soon that someone has filled that role. There have been lots of requests for funding. Kalene successfully submitted a grant extension request and is waiting for results. In the meantime, she is working on budget and program modification and expects to complete this by the end of the month. With Carin's help, they were able to get highly discounted used computers from WSU. WRAP gave away two bikes and has only one left but has a lead for more as this continues to be a popular option.

Upcoming: There are ongoing trainings, and this information is available on the CJCC website. There are going to be significant policy updates and currently the policy committee is working on evaluation report.

- IV. **Chemical Dependency Evaluations – question from Trish Chandler:** Noticed a spot in sentencing orders that refers to CD assessment with an associated charge. The question was whether or not an actual assessment was related to this expense. Both Becky and Judge Buytendorp confirmed that this is a state tax that is named in a manner that confuses people and that this fee cannot be waived.
- V. **For Next Month - Kelsie Horst:** Is working with Katie on gathering information to present to the committee the intent for the new facility's in-house jail treatment program which would technically be considered outpatient and the hopes that probation and judges can work hand in hand to complete treatment in house in jail. The hope is to have this program established before new facility opens.

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

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Date: June 15, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Judge Buytendorp, Carin Hyter, Kelsie Horst, Trish Chandler, Jeff Mueller, Kristen Christensen, Katie Schild, Kenton Neu, Paul Ellison, Dan Schaeppi, Renee Rumpca, Karin Sonneman, Ben Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from May 18, 2023, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** 17 participants, graduation on 6/1/23, 10 grads still supervised on probation 1 recently discharged successfully from probation, six of team attended treatment court conference in cities, heading to Big Sky Montana for conference, received email from Shelley Ellefson that budget is anticipated to increase to \$100,000 next fiscal year, getting an additional almost \$7,000 for the next fiscal year from leftovers of other courts.

- II. **Veteran’s Court Update – by Ashley Hall:** Ashley was unable to attend so she provided her update ahead of time as follows → There are currently 27 participants in the district, 15 on the East side with 3 in Winona County. We are looking at graduating several participants this summer. The week of Memorial Day, Ashley met with Jerry Obieglo as the Mentor Coordinator for the East side. We are very excited for him to be joining our team. Ashley has also been in touch with CAM Systems, who has offered veteran specific rates for participants. She believes this is something they plan to pitch to all Veteran Treatment Courts. Ashley and the case managers head to Houston at the end of the month for the NADCP Conference.

- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** Kalene was unable to attend so she provided the update ahead of time as follows → The request to extend the grant for a year was approved on June 12, 2023. The new end date for the grant is September 30, 2024. One of the Mental Health Practitioners hired by Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center for the WRAP+ Program started on 6/12. The other is pending the background check. Accepted applicants who have been waitlisted will be transitioned to them once they complete training. The July WRAP+ Training is on Government Benefits and Unemployment. One session is on July 11th from 9 am to 11 am and another is on July 27th from 1 pm to 3 pm. Both sessions are by Zoom and are free to all. Register at HVMHC.org by clicking on Community Mental Health Trainings. So far this quarter, we have had 9 successful completions and one unsuccessful termination.
- IV. **Adult & Teen Challenge Treatment Program at Jail – by Kelsie Horst:** Kenton Neu and Dan Schaeppi with MN Adult and Teen Challenge joined the meeting to discuss this program and answer questions. Currently the plan is for in person groups. Minimum number of participants required for a group is 8. An inmate would first be assessed and once deemed eligible to enter the program, be able to participate. Takes 1 to 2 weeks to be assessed and start the program. The length of the program is generally four days a week and takes about three months to complete. This can be re-worked to shorten it to about a month and a half. The program is able to be co-ed, either in person or could do this hybrid, for example: males in person females via Zoom and vice versa. The evidence-based methods used include CBT motivational interviewing and 12-step program for the 16-weeks, and the IOP program for the shorter 13 weeks. The program is hours based instead of a specific time frame like 30 days. Ability to finish the program does not determine eligibility to participate. It is ok for an inmate to not finish as long as appropriate aftercare is set up. Participants can enter the program regardless of where they are at in the criminal process (i.e., sentencing, pretrial, etc.). Participants should either be court ordered to the jail program or treatment. There are a lot of counties and programs that this can be modeled off of (i.e., Olmsted). This gets the treatment process started earlier for defendants while they are still in jail instead of waiting for a bed or aftercare to be established. The hope is that this will start in Winona sooner rather than later.
- V. **Alcohol Assessments by DOC Update – by Renee Rumpca:** Alcohol assessments have reconvened with DOC. The fee = \$125

- VI. **Civil Commitment Holds – by Judge Buytendorp:** There is a concern with individuals who have been civilly committed and are waiting in jail for a bed at a state hospital. DHS has very limited beds available, so people are ending up remaining in jail longer than the statute allows. A work group will be developed to address this issue. One consideration is to have regular administrative reviews by the judge. One suggestion was to insure we keep persons within the state because there are additional issues that may arise by sending persons to facilities outside of MN. *Next Steps* → Karin to schedule a workgroup meeting.

NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

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Date: July 20, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Judge Buytendorp, Trish Chandler, Kalene Engel, Carin Hyter, Lacey Bartsch, Michael Kuehn, Renee Rumpca, Katie Schild, and Jeff Mueller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from June 15, 2023, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Announcement re: Jail Tour:** The county board has authorized a public tour of the jail sometime in September. Karin Sonneman was named to head up the planning committee for the event. Anyone interested in being on the planning committee should email Karin.

- II. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** There are currently 19 participants with another taking a plea and being sentenced in September. This is the fullest treatment court has ever been. There are currently 10 graduates still on probation with one successfully discharging from probation this month. There was a budget increase this fiscal year to just shy of \$95,000. The CAMO group just wrapped up and in September, the next session should start. Treatment Court has made a lot of great connections for participants to contribute to including the Frozen River Film Festival, the Great River Shakespeare Festival, and now Joy Labs, who invited treatment court to do two art projects which are displayed under the bridge going into Wisconsin.

- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** There have been 49 participants with 2 unsuccessfully discharged and 14 successful completions. 14 of the 49 participants have found housing. There are 8 new accepted into the program this new quarter, all of whom came through the jail. The program got their grant extension and received approval for two ARMHS practitioners. It is anticipated that the board will fully fund the jail social worker position the program seeks. The program’s big focus right now is making sure it is clear who is helping who regarding accepted applications. There is a highly recommended training on the 27th of this month re: Government Benefits 101. A large poverty simulation training is scheduled for this fall. The capacity of attendees is 94. They need volunteers and are hopeful for a large turnout.
- IV. **Evictions – Public Housing – by Becky Brandt:** Starting August 1, 2023, a new law goes into effect regarding certain evictions. The State is currently working on forms. Essentially, where a tenant resides in public housing and cannot afford an attorney, they may have the right to a court-appointed attorney. More to come.
- V. **Rule 15 Petitions in Msd/Gmd Cases – by Becky Brandt:** It was brought to Becky’s attention that the state form when updated, took off enhancement language necessary for certain cases. This creates a problem for mail in plea petitions because then the enhancement notice is not on the record. Becky has submitted a service desk ticket to legal asking why this language was removed from the form. Attorney Kuehn provided that the Public Defender’s office uses their own forms, so this has little impact on them. Becky is going to send the proper forms with the appropriate language to Angie Lallemon to share with the Winona County Bar Association.

NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: October 19, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky Brandt, Mike Kuehn, Kelsie Horst, Katie Schild, Judge Buytendorp, Ashley Hall, Jeff Mueller, Carin Hyter, Trish Chandler, Kalene Engel

AGENDA UPDATES

- 1. Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** October 26, 2023, two participants will be graduating. There is currently 21 participants. There is one individual who has been sentenced to treatment court and should be transferring into treatment court after next week's graduations. There are 10 graduates under supervised probation that are still being monitored. Currently, there is one pending termination hearing that is coming up next week. The team went to a virtual National Drug Court Institution Multi Track Training. At the training an action plan was developed. There will be upcoming discussions, data collection and meetings to discuss if Winona County has the need and the financial support to add another track to our current treatment court. Carin has been very busy with speaking arrangements at local colleges and local schools. The criminal thinking course will be starting up again on November 7. This course is open to our treatment court participants and to felony level probationers. Contact Carin if you know of a probationer needing services.
- 2. Veteran's Court Update - by Ashley Hall:** East Side Veterans Court has 10 active participants. Tomorrow, October 20, 2023, three participants will be graduating. The

graduation information and Zoom link is listed below. Two new referrals have been received. Rebecca Church will be joining the team as the East Side Prosecutor.

- a. [3rd VTC Calendar July - Dec 2023.pdf](#) Veterans Court Graduation for 10/20/2023 is the **East Court Zoom**.

3. **WRAP+ Update - by Kalene Engel:** Currently there are 39 participants with 24 accepted applicants in the hopper waiting for evaluations to be concluded. Throughout the two years that the grant has been operational, there has been 57 successful completions and 23 unsuccessful. There was a successful simulation training last week on poverty. Drug identification simulation training is coming up on November 15th.

4. **Jail Opening Status - by Kelsie Horst:** Currently there is no date for opening of the new jail. The County is busy training staff on the transition. There are still a few vendors on site doing some slight things in the background. Again training and daily meetings are still taking place. Stay tuned.

5. **NEXT MEETING:** November 16, 2023, at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Date: November 16, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: BECKY BRANDT, JUDGE BUYTENDORP, CARIN HYTER, KATHERINE MEINKE, TRISH CHANDLER, KATIE SCHILD, LACEY BARTSCH, ASHLEY HALL, KALENE ENGEL, JEFF MUELLER, KARIN SONNEMAN, MIKE KUEHN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from October 19, 2023, were approved.

AGENDA UPDATES

- I. **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** There are currently 20 participants, 2 recent graduates, 10 graduates still under supervision, and one pending termination with a hearing in December. The team recently attended a multi-track training. Participants attended a Halloween event. Three participants were invited to speak at Cotter High School by law enforcement and this went well. WRAP+ continues to be a huge asset to treatment court participants. 9 people currently in the criminal thinking group. The team is doing home visits are today.
- II. **Veteran’s Court Update – by Ashley Hall:** There is 1 active participant through Winona County who is looking at graduation shortly with 1 participant starting in December. Ashley, Judge Leuning, and Judge Chase all presented on Veteran’s Court in Olmsted County regarding continuing to stay in Olmsted County. Recent audit through federal grants shows that all programmatic issues have been resolved, Justice for Vets reports are back with the recommendation to create a steering committee

possibly with someone from each county participating. Veteran's Court is in need of a prosecutor and defense attorney on the East side.

- III. **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** There are 41 active participants and 3 will be discharged this quarter. Additionally, there are 20 accepted applicants in various stages of becoming participants. WRAP+ continues to get a number of different requests. There have been a variety of successful trainings lately including the poverty simulation which had well over 100 attendants. Yesterday, an officer provided training on the drugs that are circulating to over 100 persons. The monthly case manager meeting tomorrow. There is continued waiting for federal grant manager to approve budget. Katie and Kelsey may undergo Decision Point training early next year. Kalene is leaving CJCC at the end of year.
- IV. **Psychosexual Evaluations – by Katherine Meinke:** Katherine works for DOC and plans to start attending these meetings to help bridge any communication gaps. She brought to the group's attention that other counties assisting with PSI's will not do them if a psychosexual evaluation is required but not ordered to be completed prior to the PSI. The statute states these evaluations are to be ordered prior to sentencing. "When a person is convicted of a sex offense, the court shall order an independent professional assessment of the offender's need of sex offender treatment to be completed before sentencing." Minn. Stat. § 609.3457, subd. 1.

NEXT MEETING: Dec. 21 at 8:15 a.m.

COURTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Courts Committee will search for strategies and procedures that will enable the courts to function more effectively and at reasonable cost to the taxpayer while upholding due process and the rule of law.

Date: December 21, 2023

Time: 8:15 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE: Judge Buytendorp, Kalene Engel, Rebecca Church, Katherine Meinke, Becky Brandt, Katie Schild, Trish Chandler, Carin Hyter, Lacey Bartsch, Jeff Mueller, Renee Rumpca, Kelsie Horst, Mattea McGuire

AGENDA UPDATES

- **Treatment Court Update – by Carin Hyter:** Currently there are 20 participants in treatment court with 11 graduates that are still under supervision. The next graduation is tentatively set for January 25th with the hopes of having two graduates. Last week's Treatment Court hearing was extra special with the recognition of Judge Buytendorp's commitment and service for the past 12 years. Judge Sturino will take over on January 1st, 2024.
- **Veteran's Court Update – by Ashley Hall:** Ashley was unable to attend meeting but advised that there are two active participants through Winona County.
- **WRAP+ Update – by Kalene Engel:** There is a new Federal Grant Manager. Notification has been received that an exception has been made in which we don't have to try to match \$140,000. The revised budget has been completed and sent out pending approval. Katie and Kelsie have agreed to attend decision points allowing them to deliver behavioral skills in jail. The YMCA has decided to allow the most discounted rate for WRAP+ participants. Currently there is 45 participants active this quarter with several probably being discharged. These are strong numbers, showing that word is getting out in regard to this program. There will be three mental health

trainings for January, February, and March. More information on this will be in the CJCC packet.

- **Recovery House Update - by Mattea McGuire:** ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) will be cutting the medium intensity program starting January 1, 2024. Recovery House has decided to switch to IOP with lodging. Transition of the housing is starting. There will be a house just for men, housing 20 individuals. There will be a house just for woman, housing 14 individuals. There will be one sober house for women only. There will be staff on site for most of the time. Starting a few months ago, health care services have been provided virtually through an RN. The RN will take over some care coordination virtually, do some education, and will follow up with medication administration for clients. There will still be 3-1/2 counselors on site at the outpatient location. There will be continued assistance with finding food programs. December 31, 2023 is the last day of medium intensity and January 1, 2024 will be the beginning of the outpatient with lodging. Outpatient with lodging does require individuals to come to the Recovery House treatment program.
- **MNPATs - by Trish Chandler:** MNPATs is starting on January 1, 2024. The form is on MNCOURTS.gov under pretrial initiatives. Judge Leahy will address at the March meeting.
- **Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Outpatient Program - by Kelsie Horst:** The new jail is open, and progress is being made to get programs up and running. Teen Challenge will be offered as an outpatient program. Participants will need to have an intake completed. The Court will have to order the Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge outpatient jail program. The program is currently structured to be a 6-8 week program. This program will be structured as Monday-Thursday, 9-Noon group sessions and afternoon will have individual sessions. 14-16 applicants/participants is maximum available. Becky Brandt has some experience with this from working in Olmsted County. She will work with Judge Buytendorp on the wording for the orders requiring this program. Kelsie is hoping that in the next month they can get this program up and running. Teen Challenge would also continue to work with individuals on aftercare. Inmates can also join this program on a volunteer basis if room allows, but the Court ordered inmates would take priority

over those volunteering to join. This will be put on the next month's agenda for an update.

- **Miscellaneous - Becky Brandt:** Sign and release warrants will go into effect January 1st. They will be heard on Tuesdays at 11 o'clock. Evictions, law enforcement currently serves parties with the summons. They will now have to have not only the summons but also a copy of the written notice and a copy of the lease. Community work service, Judge Leahy and Judge Buytendorp have signed an order increasing the community work service/STS to be increased from \$10 to \$15 per hour, starting January 1, 2024. MPA, will no longer be available after January 3, 2024.

Merry Christmas

NEXT MEETING: January 18 at 8:15 a.m.