

**MINUTES**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 6, 2018**  
**KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM**

**Members Present:** Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); Marie Kovecsi (County Commissioner); Ken Fritz (County Administrator); Justin Green (Public Member); Steve Buswell (Winona County Jail Administrator); Judy Gilow (Public Member); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept.); Jeff Apse (Supt. St. Charles School District); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge)

**Members Absent:** Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); Mike Flaherty (Assistant Winona City Attorney); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor.); Rich Dahmen (Superintendent, Winona Area Public Schools); Kurt Knuesel (Winona County Bar Association); Darlene Larson (Acting Court Administrator); Heather Johnson (Winona County Community Services); Gerry Krage (City of Winona); Ron Ganrude (Winona County Sheriff); Fatima Said (Project FINE).

**Guests Present:** Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona County Attorney); Trish Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Phil Huerta (Winona County ASAP); Chris Rogers (Winona Post); Nick Guy (Peer Support Specialist); Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Steve Coddington (Common Ground); Dave Glithero (Sheriff's Department); Renee Rumpca (Dept. of Corrections – Proxy for Rená Patterson); Chong Sur Vong (Proxy for Fatima Said); Carin Hyter and Taylor Duellie of Drug Court of Winona County, Lexi Krause and Christy Ferrington of Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center.

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:05 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for June 6, 2018:** Approved without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from May 2, 2018 Meeting:** Approved without changes.
- 4) **Information Items:**
  - a. Project FINE Dinner: Project FINE is holding its Annual Taste of International Cuisine Fundraiser Dinner on June 10, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Lourdes Hall on St. Teresa's/Cotter's Campus. The theme for the event is "Journey to the Caribbean." Tickets are still available either online or by calling Project FINE..
  - b. Southeast Minnesota Crisis Response Team (Lexi Krause and Christy Ferrington): Ms. Krause and Ms. Ferrington provided information on the SE Minnesota Crisis Response Team as follows:

- The team was established in 2015 with Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center, Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center and South Central Human Relations (Owatonna).
- Services are now offered round the clock (24/7). Day time crisis services started in 2017.
- People call into a central number and speak to an individual who collects information and performs an initial assessment, then connects the caller to the mobile responder in that area, if appropriate.
  - Law enforcement and mental health professionals can bypass the screener and get right to the mobile crisis team.
- Mental health practitioners get called out in crisis situations to deal with the mental health portion of what is causing the crisis. The team looks at the situation, assesses for suicide risk, determines whether hospitalization is necessary and formulates next steps for the person.
- Responders talk to the client, find out where they are at and do a crisis assessment to assess for risk of self-harm or harm of others. Then they evaluate the capacity of family members to help them and availability of services that could help them.
- The service is very client centered and focuses on the client's needs, striving to return the person to their baseline level of functioning.
- Sometimes the person knows what they need and they just need to get hooked up with services. Other times, more intensive intervention is needed.
- Referrals come from a variety of sources such as family, law enforcement, schools emergency rooms and self-referrals.
  - Calls from law enforcement have been increasing because law enforcement has seen how the services is helping both the clients and law enforcement.
  - Referrals are expected to increase now that the hospital will no longer be providing a locked (involuntary) mental health unit.
- The goal of the team is to keep the individual in their homes, if possible. A consistent theme among individuals experiencing a mental health crisis is that they do not want to go to the hospital. It can be very disruptive to the lives of the individual to be hospitalized, as a hospitalization can result in a loss of a job, legal issues and financial burdens (from hospital bills, inability to work, etc.).
- The program also provides staff to work with individuals in crisis on the following day to establish a therapist or ARMHS worker, apply for medical assistance or other supportive services.
  - There is no end date for the crisis stabilization services provided after the call. The team's goal is to bridge the gap between no services and establishing services.
- The territorial area for the Winona-based response team includes Winona, Wabasha and Houston Counties and parts of Fillmore County. Essentially, from the main HVMHC in Winona, the responders travel approximately an hour. However, because the responders live in different locations, the actual response time could be greater than 1 hour.

- The target response time goal is for the responders to leave their homes within 15 minutes of receiving the call.
- The demand for services is growing:
  - In 2017, there were 1800 calls for the 10 counties served in the region; 275 of the calls involving adults and 83 of the calls involving kids required a response team.
  - In 2017, there were a total of 40 callouts in the Winona region, 25 in Winona County, 7 each in Wabasha and Houston Counties and 1 in Fillmore Counties.
- Already in 2018, there have been 52 callouts.
- If the individual has a weapon or is physically violent, the response team is going to be very limited in what they can do. They do not want to put themselves in harms way and do not want to escalate the situation. Similarly, if the person is intoxicated or under the influence, response team services will not be helpful. If a physical threat can be extinguished, the response team will work in tandem with law enforcement.
- Frequently, the individuals in crisis are well known to the response team and have services in place, but it is after normal business hours and they need someone to talk to.
- “Crisis” is a very subjective word, but if an individual is calling the crisis line, it means that it is a crisis for that person.
- There are 10 mental health practitioner responders on the Winona-based team, two of whom are always on from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. All of the responders are currently ARMHS workers. There is also a mental health professional that the response team can consult.
- Right now, the CRT is funded through a grant from the State of Minnesota, supplemental funding from counties and Medical Assistance (for billable services)
- Holidays are often a difficult time for people who have lost a loved one, so calls escalate during the holidays.

## 5) Committee Reports:

- a. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Group-Justin Green:  
 Committee members reviewed the storyboards on the jail that were assembled by a subcommittee of the Community Outreach and Diversity Committee (Carin Hyter, Bridge Klinger and Claire Exley). The storyboards were used at the Know Your Neighbor Event at the East End Rec at the end of May to help educate the public about the current state of the jail. Bridget felt the event went very well, with good interaction from community members. The storyboards will be used at future Know Your Neighbor Events and at the County Fair. Additionally, committee members were briefed on the work of the Jail Advisory Committee.

**Next Meeting: June 27, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room**

- b. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Travis Volkman: ASAP administered a student survey and is preparing to analyze the results. The grantor will be making a site visit in

July for evaluation purposes. A coalition member gave a presentation on JUULing (or jewelng) which is vaping from a device that looks like a flash drive. With jewelng, youth can vape discreetly, even in classrooms in the presence of teachers.

**Next Meeting: June 18, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church**

- c. Juvenile Justice Committee-Rebecca Church: The committee did not meet in June of 2018. A meeting of the truancy subcommittee is set for next week.

**Next Meeting: June 21, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B**

- d. Courts Committee-Hon. Nancy Buytendorp: Committee members have been discussing the Yellow Line Project, observing that Winona County already has many of the components of the program in place. However, there are still issues with individuals in crisis (mental health or otherwise) and how to deal with them. Drug Court is going really well, with 19 participants. Kalene will invite members of the Southeast Minnesota Crisis Response Team to the next committee meeting so that they can join in the discussion of the Yellow Line Project.

**Next Meeting: June 21, 2018 at 8 a.m. in Court Admin Conference Room.**

- e. Community Outreach & Diversity-Karin Sonneman: The Jail Advisory Committee Outreach Subcommittee is getting the word out about the jail through the Know Your Neighbor Events. They will also have the jail storyboards at the County Fair. The Community Collaboration Summit in October will feature the work of the Jail Advisory Committee (JAC). The Winona County website has a page devoted to updates on the JAC.

**Next Meeting: June 20, 2018 at 8 a.m.in County Attorney's Office**

6) **Other:**

- a. Drug Court Appreciation Event: The Friends of Drug Court Appreciation Event on May 21<sup>st</sup> was very well attended and very well received. There was a good outpouring of community support for the drug court program.
- b. Opioid Litigation: The Winona County Board approved going forward with pursuing a claim against opioid manufacturers. The Bri and Benson Law Firm will handle the matter on behalf of the County.

7) **Adjourn:** 1:05 p.m.

Next CJCC Meeting: August 1, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room (no meeting in July).