

**MINUTES**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**  
**KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM**

**Members Present:** Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney); Justin Green (Public Member); Steve Buswell (Winona County Jail Administrator); Judy Gilow (Public Member); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept.); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); Rich Dahmen (Superintendent, Winona Area Public Schools); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); Marie Kovacs (County Commissioner); Ken Fritz (County Administrator).

**Members Absent:** Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); Mike Flaherty (Assistant Winona City Attorney); Kurt Knuesel (Winona County Bar Association); Gerry Krage (City of Winona); Fatima Said (Project FINE); Karrie Espinoza (Court Administrator); Jennifer Backer-Johnson (Superintendent, Lewiston-Altura School District); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); Heather Johnson (Winona County Community Services); Ron Garrude (Winona County Sheriff).

**Guests Present:** Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona County Attorney); Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Phil Huerta (Winona County Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention); Jeff Mueller (Sheriff's Department, proxy for Ron Garrude); Karin Bunkowski (Winona County Community Services Supervisor, proxy for Heather Johnson); Brian Voerding (Engage Winona); Chong Sur Vong (proxy for Fatima Said); Bridget Klinger (Winona Police Department, proxy for Paul Bostrack); Nicholas Guy (Certified Peer Specialist); Renee Rumpca (Dept. of Corrections, proxy for Rená Patterson); Trisha Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Dave Glithero (Winona County Sheriff's Department).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:04 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for September 2, 2018:** Approved without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from August 1, 2018 Meeting:** Approved without changes.
- 4) **Information Items:**
  - a. Workforce Shortage Solution Seminar: The CJCC, County Attorney's Office, Drug Court of Winona County and several others are collaborating with the Minnesota Workforce Center to sponsor a seminar about employing past offenders. This free seminar will be held on September 14, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MSC Southeast Tandeski Center.

- b. Welcoming Week: Project FINE, the City of Winona, the City of St. Charles and Welcoming America are sponsoring Welcoming Week from September 14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Welcoming Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of immigrants and refugees and the role communities play in fostering greater welcome for everyone. Multiple events are taking place during the week at various locations. See <http://bit.ly/WelcomingWinonaCounty> for a complete schedule.
- c. Wellness in the Woods: Nicholas Guy has worked very hard to secure funding from SAMHSA to provide a WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) seminar in Winona. The free seminar will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4:30 p.m. at the BA Miller Auditorium at Winona Health. The seminar will guide the process of developing a wellness action plan.
- d. Community Collaboration Summit: CJCC will be holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Collaboration Summit on October 25, 2018 from 6 to 8 pm at the Winona Middle School. The event is intended for anyone interested in learning more about the Winona County Jail: its history, purpose, challenges and future.
- e. Investigation of Sexual Assault and the Neurobiology of Trauma Training: The Winona County Attorney's Office is co-sponsoring a free training for law enforcement and prosecutors regarding sexual assault investigations. The free training will take place on November 2, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Tau Center at Winona State University.
- f. Presentation on Engage Winona (EW): Brian Voerding, Executive Director of Engage Winona, provided an overview of Engage Winona's purpose and current activities, as follows:
- EW is a nonprofit community engagement center, that provides support services or resources to people and groups who are advocating for projects or programs to benefit the Winona community.
  - EW has been in existence for about 18 months and arose out of community conversations which identified a need for a way help changemakers succeed in launching their new ideas.
  - EW also convenes groups that are working on similar issues so that they can effectively share information and ideas.
  - EW has worked with the Winona Dakota Unity Alliance, Drug Court of Winona County, CARE, the Alternative Learning Center, the ACEs group and Winona State University.
  - Currently, EW is working with four collaborative groups: Nonprofit Leaders Roundtable, Youth Mental Health, Next Ones Up and Connect. Engage. Thrive.
  - The Youth Mental Health Group recently concluded a round of youth listening sessions, which were designed to ask kids what they needed. They were asked what was working in their lives, what were their challenges and what they did to deal with times of stress.

- Adult facilitators held approximately 30 different conversations with 250 kids in grades 7-12, and compiled results.
- Currently, the group is working on discussing ways to share the results. They have discussed creating a community exhibit and sharing what they heard with decision makers.
- Some of the things they heard were as follows:
  - Kids felt lonely and disconnected, lacking strong peer relationships.
  - Kids wanted more things to do in Winona; transportation is a challenge.
  - Kids wanted to be more involved in community work and extracurriculars.
- All EW services are free.
- Brian is the only employee but hopes to pull in some interns and eventually add more staff.
- EW is funded by grants and donations.

#### 5) **Committee Reports:**

- a. Courts-Judge Nancy Buytendorp: Drug Court (now known as Treatment Court) currently has 15 participants. The Treatment Court Team will be attending an operational tune-up with other treatment courts in the Third Judicial District on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. A new process will be implemented to comply with Minnesota Statute Section 152.0271, which requires suspension of a driver's license when a person is convicted of a controlled substance effect while in a motor vehicle. Instead of having court administration personnel review pleadings to determine whether the offense occurred in a motor vehicle, the judges want the facts to be disclosed during sentencing. A new and quicker type of testing (microcrystal) has been developed for drugs. It is similar to a field test and is intended to help cases resolve more quickly, without the need for the more time consuming, traditional testing.

**Next Meeting: September 20, 2018 at 8 a.m. at Court Admin Conference Room**

- b. Community Outreach & Diversity-Karin Sonneman: In addition to involvement in the Workforce Center Employer Seminar, the Committee is also planning the annual Community Collaboration Summit. The Summit, which will focus on the Jail, will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Karin's will be discussing her Comprehensive Criminal Budget proposal during a working session of the County Board on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, starting at approximately 11 a.m. CJCC member and guests were encouraged to attend to show support for the proposal.

**Next Meeting: September 19, 2018 at 8am at County Attorney's Office**

- c. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Committee-Justin Green: Community Members spent the majority of the meeting discussing the programs

and positions that are currently grant funded: CARE, Treatment Court and Jail Intake Worker. CARE is slowing down operations in anticipation of terminating operations at the end of September. An update on the Jail Advisory Committee and Community Collaboration Summit was also provided.

**Next Meeting: September 26, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room**

- d. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Travis Volkman: Winona Health's new prescription drop box has been delivered. Goltz Pharmacy may also add one. Businesses are being asked to host the Hidden in Plain Sight exhibit. A new program evaluator has been hired. The new evaluator is local and will be able to provide more hands on evaluation services. ASAP obtained Director's and Officer's Insurance as an added level of protection. The Operational Calendar was reviewed and updated. The Data and Evaluation Team reviewed the latest student survey and are considering ways to share the information with the community. ASAP is hosting two, one-hour webinars at Livewell Winona on Youth Substance Use Policymaking, one on September 25<sup>th</sup> and the second on September 28<sup>th</sup>, both of which start at 1pm.

**Next Meeting: September 17, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church**

- e. Juvenile Justice Committee-Kalene Engel/Rebecca Church: The majority of meeting time was spent learning about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization from its staff. BBBS is the oldest, largest, most student and most successful youth mentoring program in the United States. The process to become a mentor is involved, but it results in high quality matches. Judge Leahy, Rebecca Church, Preston Selleck and Drew Althoff have been meeting as a Truancy Subcommittee to look at different ways to be more proactive about truancy interventions. Judge Leahy really wants to hold truancy court in the schools and it appears as though that will be happening.

**Next Meeting: September 20, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B**

6) **Adjourn:** 1:50 p.m.

Next CJCC Meeting: October 3, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room.