

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
MARCH 7, 2018
KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM

Members Present: Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); Fatima Said (Project FINE); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); Marie Kovecsi (County Commissioner); Ken Fritz (County Administrator); Gerry Krage (City of Winona).

Members Absent: Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); Mike Flaherty (Assistant Winona City Attorney); Judy Gilow (Public Member); Jeff Apse (Supt. St. Charles School District); Rich Dahmen (Superintendent, Winona Area Public Schools); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept.); Kurt Knuesel (Winona County Bar Association); Justin Green (Public Member); Steve Buswell (Winona County Jail Administrator); Ron Ganrude (Winona County Sheriff); Wendy Van Duyne (Court Administrator); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); Heather Johnson (Winona County Community Services).

Guests Present: Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona County Attorney); Carin Hyter (Drug Court of Winona County); Bridget Klinger (Winona Police Dept. – Proxy for Paul Bostrack); Phil Huerta (Winona County ASAP-proxy for Travis Volkman); Chris Rogers (Winona Post); Jess Shattuck (CARE); Eve Martinson-McQuaid (CARE); Latrisha Green (CARE); Karina Kujawa (Safe Haven); Katie Van Eijl (Project FINE); Nick Guy (Peer Support Specialist).

Minutes by Latrisha Green; formatted by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:03 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for March 7, 2018:** Approved without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from January 3, 2018 Meeting:** Approved without changes.
- 4) **Information Items:**
 - a. Community Leadership Program: Phil Huerta, Bridget Klinger and Carin Hyter will be attending a Community Leadership Program.
 - b. Community and Healthcare Transformation – Project FINE: Project FINE has been working on the Community and Healthcare Transformation Project funded by the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. This project created space for refugees and immigrants in Winona County to share their experiences. The topics of discussion included connections to the community, challenges with the lack of legal status, racism on community and national levels, basic needs, and limited access to sufficient employment to meet basic needs. The collection of these experiences has created an awareness that our

immigrant and refugee community members are looking for meaningful ways to connect and be a part the Winona Community. Project FINE is offering an opportunity to intentionally share space called The Welcoming Table. The goal of the Welcoming Table is to provide opportunities for the community to come together to share a meal and build cross cultural relationships. The first meal is on March 19th at noon located at Central Lutheran Church 259 West Wabasha Street. All are welcome. To sign up register at projectfine.org under the calendar of events.

5) Committee Reports:

- a. Courts Committee-Hon. Nancy Buytendorp: The Courts Committee last met in January. Tyler Brown graduated from Drug Court with many previous graduates were in attendance. Drug Court numbers are steady-- they gained a new participant and 3 more are being considered. Next month, the Courts Committee will focus on strategic planning including pretrial and future initiatives.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2018 at 8 a.m. at Court Administration Conference Room, Courthouse 2nd Floor.

- b. Community Outreach & Diversity-Karin Sonneman: The Community Outreach Committee met to debrief on the recent elected public official forum. Karin reported that there was good dialogue and socializing. Law Day is at the end of April. The theme has not yet been solidified, but may be connected to opioids. The Fall Summit will address the issues with the jail and will include a dialogue with the community.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2018 at noon County Attorney's Office

- c. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee-Ken Fritz/La Green:

Jail Advisory Committee (Ken Fritz): The committee completed a Jail Tour; Chris Rogers was present to cover the event. Facilitator Tom Weber distributed a lengthy survey to look at safety and other deficiencies within the jail. The Committee is in the process of collecting data and is charged with creating a needs assessment to summarize who is in the jail and what kinds of need they have. The County Board will decide how to approach and respond to the community needs as they are revealed.

CARE: The CARE Grant is ending in September-ish, and La doesn't intend to stay in the same capacity once it's done. She will continue recommendations and cheerleading for filling gaps in a sustainable way, using data that has been collected and is being collected. La also described the work that many committees are doing to sustain services with an emphasis on mental health services in the jail sans CARE.

Housing: Justin interested in seeking funds to hire a consultant for the transitional housing group. He has been meeting with Poverty Round Table and Volunteer services to discuss options for transitional housing with services.

Strategic Plan: The JJA Strategic Plan includes (1) continued support of CARE; (2); support of the Jail Advisory Committee; (3) assist with the Supportive Housing Initiative of the Poverty Roundtable; (4) exploration of Yellow Line Project and (5) enhance collaboration between the criminal justice system and community services.

Next Meeting: March 22, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room

- d. Crime Prevention (ASAP)-Phil Huerta: ASAP submitted an enhancement grant application to address opioids in Winona County. They will find out in May if the competitive grant is awarded. Included in the grant request are resources to create a task force to maintain drop boxes and Narcan training. In February there was an appreciation event, gave the annual ASAP report, which is available in the CJCC Meeting packet on the CJCC Website. Hidden in plain sight was successful. Future plans are to investigate strategies for best affecting the community. The committee would like to diversify. Lewiston and St. Charles had a high number of minor consumption tickets recently. Members mentioned that these occurrences make spring the right timing to address underage drinking and social hosting ordinances again. Rebecca mentioned there will be some resistance and there is some rural-cultural engrained issues that the committee should be prepared for. Karin suggested strategic planning on how to help the resistance and fear surrounding hosting underage parties where alcohol is present using some education and clarification about the risk and culpability. Marie brought up concern about the currently legal substance called Kratom which is sold at local smoke shops. Council members acknowledged it was on the radar.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church

- e. Juvenile Justice Committee-Rebecca Church: The committee is planning to meet later this month, hosing a speaker from Von Wald and Project FINE. In addition, they would like to meet with Karen Sanness to discuss truancies.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B

6) **Adjourn:** 12:47 p.m.

Next CJCC Meeting: April 4, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room