

**MINUTES**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**AUGUST 1, 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.); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); Karrie Espinoza (Court Administrator); Jennifer Backer-Johnson (Superintendent, Lewiston-Altura School District); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); Heather Johnson (Winona County Community Services); Ron Ganrude (Winona County Sheriff).

**Members Absent:** Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); Mike Flaherty (Assistant Winona City Attorney); Rich Dahmen (Superintendent, Winona Area Public Schools); Kurt Knuesel (Winona County Bar Association); Gerry Krage (City of Winona); Fatima Said (Project FINE). Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); Marie Kovecsi (County Commissioner); Ken Fritz (County Administrator).

**Guests Present:** Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona County Attorney); Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Steve Coddington (Common Ground); Dave Glithero (Sheriff's Department); Chong Sur Vong (Proxy for Fatima Said); Catherine Illies and Marissa Ambrose (CRAFT Program), Yvette Mergenthaler (Rice County); Peter Gifford (proxy for Mike Flaherty); Jim Pomeroy (Winona County Commissioner, proxy for Marie Kovecsi); Chris Meyer (member of public); Chris Rogers (Winona Post); Bridget Klinger (Winona Police Department, proxy for Paul Bostrack); Karina Kujawa (Family and Children's Center).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:06 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for August 1, 2018:** Approved without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from June 6, 2018 Meeting:** Approved without changes.
- 4) **Information Items:**
  - a. Restorative Justice Golf Tournament: The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Restorative Justice Golf Scramble will be held on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Cedar Valley with shotgun start at noon.
  - b. Empower CTC Domestic Violence Treatment for Men: Empower CTC is starting a Domestic Violence Treatment Program on September 10, 2018. The program fills a gap created when Hiawatha Valley discontinued its Counseling for Abusive Men Program.

- c. Workforce Center Employment Seminar: CJCC is co-sponsoring a seminar for employers interested in employing ex-offenders. The seminar will be held at the Minnesota Southeast College Tandeski Center on September 14, 2018.
- d. Presentation on CRAFT Program – Catherine Illies and Marissa Ambrose: Ms. Illies and Ms. Ambrose provided information on the CRAFT Program as follows:
  - CRAFT stands for Community of Recovery Aiding Families in Transition.
  - The program is grant-funded and has already been operational in Olmsted County.
  - The purpose of the program is to decrease the use of alcohol and drugs in pregnant women or mothers with young children who have struggled with sobriety. One of the main goals of the program is to have babies born chemical free.
  - The target population is anyone 17 years or older who has a past history of drug and/or alcohol abuse and who is currently pregnant or has a child under the age of 3.
  - The CRAFT Case Managers provide one-on-one visits each month, or more frequently if needed. They help mother coordinate services, set goals and keep them on track. They can also provide UAs.
  - With appropriate releases of information, they will provide information and coordinate services with others who may be involved with the mother, such as probation or child protection.
  - A major part of the program is the weekly two-hour group sessions, which includes time for discussion, lunch and a speaker. Transportation is available to/from the group sessions. A child educator will be present at all groups.
  - For mothers who participate in at least three group sessions each month, a sober social activity will be offered.
  - Steve Coddington noted that he has had experience with the Olmsted County CRAFT Program and feels that the programming is excellent.
  - The phone number for the Winona CRAFT Program is 507-474-4810.

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

- a. 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>. The display boards on the jail, including a new board with data charts, will be available at the final Know Your Neighbor Event on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Karin announced that her office will be involved in hosting a trauma-informed care training on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for law enforcement professionals and social workers. More details on the training will be available soon.

**Next Meeting: August 15, 2018 at 8am at County Attorney's Office**

- b. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Committee-Kalene Engel & Justin Green: CARE Staff provided a staffing and programming update. Jessica Shattuck's last day with CARE is August 14<sup>th</sup> and La Green's last day is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Grant funds are available to extend the program beyond the grant term (September 30<sup>th</sup>), but the state wants assurance that a case manager will be in place upon La's departure. The current position is a contract position through Express. Committee members felt that the position could be hired before La leaves, but action would need to be taken soon. According to the recently completed quarterly report, CARE served 54 people in the past quarter. La presented at a recently training session in Rochester on "Addressing the Mentally Ill in the Criminal System." Reports were also provided on the JMHC Grant. Kalene completed the 2018 Quarter 2 grant report; approximately 1/3 of the Federal funds have been spent with 15 months remaining on the grant. Trish felt that people are appreciative of the information she is providing in the bail studies. She is now completing the short screeners as well as the bail evaluations. She distributed copies of the short screeners (GAIN-SS and ORAS-CSST) to committee members. Heather reported on the progress of the Jail Advisory Committee and its workgroups. Justin completed a Request for Proposals to fund a consultant to help the Transitional/Supportive Housing Task Force.

**Next Meeting: August 22, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room**

- c. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Travis Volkman: ASAP did not meet in July, but had a site visit and other executive meetings. An analysis of the student survey data revealed that student usage has decreased for alcohol, marijuana and drugs. However, the perception of use has increased. In other words, kids are not using as much but believe that their peers are using. The "marijuana video" was created to address the perception issue. Efforts will be made to promote that video and further address the perception issue. In June, ASAP cut ties with its evaluator. They will be moving to a more local evaluator who can attend some meetings and better analyze/present survey results. Kalene, Phil Huerta and Janneke Sobeck recently met with representatives of Fillmore County who are interested in starting a Drug Free Communities Coalition.

**Next Meeting: August 20, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church**

- d. Juvenile Justice Committee-Rebecca Church: In June, the committee reviewed the work of the Truancy Subcommittee. They also discussed how to make the committee meetings more meaningful, with a suggestion for monthly speakers. Currently, there are speakers arranged for every meeting through December, along with a list of speakers for 2019. At the July meeting, Carol Marchant presented on the Kids First and College Bound Program. These programs are held at Maplewood and provide excellent after school educational programming for children for free. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, four committee members travelled to Rochester for a tour of the Von Wald facility. The tour allowed participants to gain a better understanding of what children experience while at Von Wald.

**Next Meeting: August 16, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B**

- e. Courts Committee-Hon. Nancy Buytendorp: In June, committee members discussed the Yellow Line Project, noting that Winona County already has several of the Project's components in place. Karin also presented her Comprehensive Budget Proposal. The Crisis Response Team spoke at the July meeting. Committee members were able to identify many ways to work together with the CRT, including more use of ARMHS services. Drug Court had two graduates in June and currently have 15 participants. Two team members attended the National Drug Court Conference. The Drug Court Team recently held a lengthy policy meeting and will hold an operational tune-up meeting in September.

**Next Meeting: August 16, 2018 at 8 a.m. in Court Admin Conference Room.**

- 6) **Other:** Karin discussed her Comprehensive Criminal Justice Budget Proposal which requests county funding for the CARE Case Manager, Drug Court Coordinator and Jail Intake Worker. Due to remaining grant funding, 2019 would be a transition year with a lower amount of funding requested. The budget proposal will be discussed at a work session of the board sometime this fall. Karin will be asking for support from the CJCC when the proposal is presented to the County Board.
- 7) **Adjourn:** 1:05 p.m.

Next CJCC Meeting: September 5, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room.