

Juvenile Justice
Committee Minutes

January through June 2018

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting

The Juvenile Justice Committee did not meet in January or February of 2018.

The next meeting of the committee is on March 15, 2018 at noon in the County Office Building, Conf. Room. B.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg. Room B

Present: Rebecca Church, Matt Brickl, Sara Langley, Teri Henderson, Kris Sather, Drew Althoff, Sarah Larson, Karen Sanness, Karen Wrolson

Von Wald: It was anticipated that Von Wald would be making a presentation at April's meeting.

Project Fine: Project Fine gave a presentation regarding a project they are working on. They presented the results from talking sessions they held last year. The committee talked about how the results affect us as professionals in our field and what we can do to make positive changes.

Staff Updates: Karen Wrolson is the new director at FCC.

Truancy: The truancy sub-committee meet earlier this week. Drew, Sarah, Rebecca, Karen, and Sherri Brekke were in attendance. The sub-committee discussed how the committee should go about reviewing the current truancy program. It was decided that the schools need to be at the table. Rebecca will reach out and contact the schools and hopefully get another meeting scheduled in the next couple weeks. Drew and Sarah do plan on attending the Juvenile Screening Team Meetings to better assist in the communication between Restorative Justice and Community Services.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.


Next Meeting: April 19, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Room B.

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Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2018 at noon at County Office Building. Room B

Present: Teri Henderson, Sara Larson, Sara Langley, Matt Brickl, Kalene Engel, Marie Kovecsi, Phil Huerta and Laura Johnson (Von Wald).



Von Wald: Laura Johnson, Program Manager of Von Wald Group Home in Rochester reported on the services provided at Von Wald and answered questions by committee members. Pertinent information is included below and on the attached brochure:

- It is a 12 bedroom co-ed group home located in southeast Rochester
- It provides 24 hour supervision, but is a non-secure group home licensed by the MN DOC
- It provides short term detention, shelter care and programs ranging from 2-3 day programs to 90 day programs.
- The service area is mostly southeast Minnesota
- Last year Von Wald served 193 kids
- Next to Olmsted County, Winona placed the most kids at Von Wald; currently there are three Winona County there.
- The people from Winona County who place the kids there are Sherri, Teri and Kris
- They have adopted the Phoenix Truancy curriculum which was used at Hayward Group Home
- If a child stays longer than one day, they will start programming for that child.
- They are able to maintain staff fairly easily. Between Winona State-Rochester and Winona State-Winona, they usually have a good pool of interns, some of whom stay on as employees.
- They have 14 staff, 12 of which have bachelors degrees.
- The current cost is \$191 per night; field trips are included in that price
- Cost of stay is billed to the county; sometimes that cost is passed onto the client; however, insurance doesn't cover the costs.
- They don't take all applicants. Some exclusions could be for very serious crimes and someone who has a sexual assault against a peer.
- They recently began to offer Rule 25 assessment; the cost for an assessment is \$109
- They provide progress reports every week and a discharge summary upon discharge.
- The Rochester School District pays for a full-time teacher and a paraprofessional.
- They try to do a variety of activities, such as going to the YMCA, rock climbing, going to Chesterwoods Park, etc.
- If a child had a job within the community before getting there, they would want that child to retain the job and would provide transportation if it were close enough. Otherwise, they would seek help from the county.
- Laura is working on setting up volunteer opportunities for the kids.
- The kids are expected to do light chores.
- The staff run various programs, such as coping skills. They also have providers come into the home to talk to the kids.

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- Visitors are allowed and preferred during the rec time or free hours. Minors are not allowed to visit as a rule, but special exceptions can be made.
 - Dr. Carten is still doing evaluations
 - During the last two years, 180 Degrees (which is the corporation that operates Von Wald) has reduced the number of mental health, counseling and chemical dependency programs they run and have increased their focus on youth.
 - Laura is able to (and will) provide Marie with the number of Winona County youth placed at Von Wald and cost of placement over a particular period.
 - Laura was strongly encouraged to ask the owners of 180 Degrees whether they had any interest in expanded into the Winona market.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Room B.



Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting

The Juvenile Justice Committee did not meet in May of 2018.

The next meeting of the committee is on June 21, 2018 at noon in the County Office Building, Conf. Room. B.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg. Room B

Present: Rebecca Church, Matt Brickl, Kalene Engel, Sara Langley, Teri Henderson, Sarah Larsen, Marie Kovecsi

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were approved without changes.

Truancy Subcommittee Update: The truancy subcommittee met and discussed action steps, one of which was to create a simple document to break down the steps in the process. That document has already been completed. The next step is to go through the process with involved individuals, including school representatives, but it has been difficult to get everyone together. The subcommittee feels that it is important to have school officials in positions of authority to be in attendance and engaged in the process, as they are the ones that have the ability to impose changes on processes and direct staff accordingly. Restorative Justice will continue to attempt to pull together the right people for a meeting to discuss the process.

A&D Process: Overall, it appears as though there have been some improvements. For example, there do not appear to be instances where a juvenile was capable of being detained by police, but advised that they should simply turn themselves in the following day. There continue to be concerns about warrants that sit for a while without being executed. Overall, there have been fewer warrants requested from DOC. The liaison officer's job is apparently being redefined, so that officer's duties with respect to warrants may be revised.

Presentations Suggestions: Rebecca asked the group for names of programs/presenters that they would like to hear from during upcoming meetings. The following list was generated:

- Restorative Justice
- Hiawatha Valley
- Engage Winona
- Solomon's Song
- Ruth Charles – ACES
- Carol Marchand – Kids First and College Bound
- Prairie Lakes

Due to the possible interest of non-committee members in hearing from some of these presenters, Rebecca will reach out to a wider audience and invite them to the presentations. She will also work on arranging a field trip to Von Wald.

Adjournment: 1:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2018 at noon at County Office Building, Conf. Room B.

Review of Current Programming: The hiring of a new Community Services Supervisor presents an excellent opportunity and reason to invite representatives of programs and services to meeting to explain

what they have to offer. Next month, a representative from Von Wald will be presenting. Family and Children's Center is also interested in presenting on its services.

- **Apprehension/Detention Process for Juveniles:** Similar to the truancy process issues, there seems to be a lack of understanding about the apprehension/detention process for juveniles with warrants. It is unclear as to what information is required from who in order to make sure that children with warrants get picked up on a timely basis.
- **Prevention Programs:** All present expressed an interest in spending more time on prevention programming.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 21, 2017 at noon at County Office Building, Room B.