

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2018
KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM

Members Present: Karin Sonneman (Winona County Attorney); Justin Green (Public Member); Steve Buswell (Winona County Jail Administrator); Ron Ganrude (Winona County Sheriff); The Honorable Nancy Buytendorp (District Court Judge); Fatima Said (Project FINE); Mike Kuehn (Assistant Public Defender); Marie Kovcesi (County Commissioner); Ken Fritz (County Administrator); Wendy Van Duyne (Court Administrator); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); Heather Johnson (Winona County Community Services).

Members Absent: Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); Mike Flaherty (Assistant Winona City Attorney); Judy Gilow (Public Member); Gerry Krage (City of Winona); 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).

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Rebecca Church (Asst. Winona County Attorney); Carin Hyter (Drug Court of Winona County); Steve Coddington (Common Ground); Bridget Klinger (Winona Police Dept. – Proxy for Paul Bostrack); Ben Klinger (Winona County Jail); Janneke Sobeck (Winona County ASAP-proxy for Travis Volkman); The Honorable Mary Leahy (District Court Judge); The Honorable Jeffrey Thompson (District Court Judge); John Goodman (Avumedia); Chris Rogers (Winona Post); Jeff Mueller (Chief Deputy, Winona County Sheriff's Dept.).

Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** 12:05 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for January 3, 2018:** Approved without changes.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from December 5, 2017 Meeting:** Approved without changes.
- 4) **Information Items:**
 - a. New Winona County Community Services Director: Heather Johnson was introduced as the new Winona County Community Services Director.
 - b. Importance of CJCCs – The Honorable Jeffrey D. Thompson: Judge Thompson spoke at the National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executives (NAPCO) Conference in September of last year and also attended a breakout session on CJCCs. After seeing and hearing about the court systems in other areas of the country and state, he deemed it important to let the Winona County CJCC

know how special, important and well-run it was. He also noted that there was a good likelihood that judge seat that he holds will be moved to Olmsted County due to the weighted caseload and recognized need for an additional judge in that county. He offered to share with members his written thoughts on the location of the judge seat, but will not be taking an official position on the matter. Wendy Van Duynes noted that the loss of a judgeship in Winona County will have a significant impact on Winona County, including Drug Court.

5) **Committee Reports:**

- a. Community Outreach & Diversity-Karin Sonneman: Committee members are preparing for the January 20, 2018 Elected Official's Outreach Forum. All of the elected officials from the area are invited. They will be allowed to give a brief statement on their upcoming term and then will answer written questions posed by the audience. The forum will be held at the Winona History Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The public is invited and a continental breakfast will be served. The next event for the committee is Law Day, which is scheduled for the end of April.

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

- b. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee-Justin Green: CARE provided statistical updates via e-mail. Committee members spent the majority of the meeting time discussing strategic planning. One goal identified by members was to foster greater collaboration between the criminal justice system and social services. Much of the work that the committee has already tackled has been to address the challenge of recidivism and to prevent people from going through the revolving door back to jail, so that will always be a focus of the committee. Committee members also expressed interest in working on ways to strengthen drug court. Marie provided information on Project Yellow Line, which is a Blue Earth program that contains many of the same elements of our existing system and could serve as a model for Winona County to use to tie in those elements into a coordinated system. A meeting about Project Yellow Line was held earlier in the day and Heather Johnson is working on arranging a meeting with Blue Earth officials to learn more about the project. Ken Fritz noted that the Winona County Board approved a contract with Tom Weber to facilitate the Jail Advisory Committee. A meeting of that committee will be scheduled in the near future.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room

- c. Crime Prevention (ASAP)-Janneke Sobeck: Phil attended Youth Engagement Training in December to learn more about establishing better connections with youth. University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is hosting two sessions of a workshop entitled Effective Strategies for Working with Youth; for more details see: <https://www.uwlax.edu/conted/effective-strategies/#tab-details>. The Program team is working on an Appreciation Event for volunteers and the Outreach Team is working on the Annual Report. ASAP will be applying for an enhancement

grant to address the topic of opioids and methamphetamines. Beth Moe gave a presentation on nonprofits.

Next Meeting: January 22, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Church

- d. Juvenile Justice Committee-Rebecca Church: Committee members continued strategic planning discussions. The possibility of forming a workgroup to address truancies was also discussed. Representatives from Von Wald were unable to attend the meeting due to the weather, so their presentation was rescheduled until January. Future meetings will include presentations from other juvenile-justice related groups.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2018 at noon at County Office Bldg, Room B

- e. Courts Committee (Pre-Trial Services)-Wendy Van Duyne: Drug Court team trainings for 2018 have been solidified. Carin has been meeting with Trish Chandler to discuss ways to increase referrals to Drug Court. The grant agreement for the Courthouse Safety Grant has been received from the state and forwarded to County Administration. Wendy will be scheduling a workgroup meeting to discuss the in-kind contribution required of the County under the grant agreement. Hopefully the new metal detector will be purchased soon. Court Clerk Debbie Stark transferred to Wabasha County recently so Court Administration is down one clerk on the civil side and may not process things as quickly as normally. Wendy is unsure as to whether she will be allowed to hire someone to replace Debbie.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2018 at 8 a.m. at Count Administration Conference Room, Courthouse 2nd Floor.

- f. Other: Janneke Sobeck announced that the Blandin Community Leadership Program is seeking applicants for its next round of training and encouraged everyone to consider whether the program was a good fit for them. The deadline for registration is January 15th and there is no cost to attend. The Engage Winona project was created by recent Blandin graduates.

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

Next CJCC Meeting: February 7, 2018 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room