

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
January 16, 2013 Minutes

Present: Fatima Said, Kevin Kearney, Sally Cumiskey, Tami Mueller, Kalene Engel, Lynn Theurer

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

1. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2012 meeting: approved without changes.
2. Meeting schedule: To keep things consistent, the November through March meetings will start at 12:30 p.m.; April through October meetings will start at 8:00 a.m.
3. Family Support Group: Tami stated that Aarah Saugen, the enhanced caseload probation officer, has requested that the COD Committee look into the possibility of starting a support group for family members of people on plant food. Aarah has people contacting her frequently seeking support in this area. She feels a support group, similar to Al-Anon, would be helpful for them to discuss the challenges of having a family member with this issue and how to deal with them. After brainstorming, the group felt that the new Livewell Winona nonprofit group might have an interest in being involved in starting a support group. Currently, this group is gathering information and data on drug and alcohol use/abuse programs in the Winona area for a possible federal grant. Kevin will touch base with the coordinators at Livewell Winona to determine their interest level.
4. Legislative Outreach: Due to open meeting issues, our February 9, 2013 legislative outreach event has to be an open meeting. Senator Miller, Mayor Peterson and Representatives Pellowski and Drazkowski have already confirmed their attendance. Arrangements for food/drinks will be made as the meeting date approaches.
5. Judicial Outreach Event: The January 9, 2013 Judicial Outreach Event went well. About 25-30 people were in attendance in person. The event was also televised. The change being requested to judicial elections will require a constitutional amendment.
6. No MN Driver's License Workgroup: The workgroup is scheduled to meet on January 25, 2013. Part of the agenda for that meeting will be to prepare questions for the legislative outreach event.
7. Law Day: Law Day is scheduled for April 29, 2013. We will discuss details as the event approaches.
8. Outreach Opportunities:
 - a. Kevin will be doing a bullying presentation at the Healthy Kids Club Event this weekend at Winona Middle School.

- b. Karin and Sally are now on the board of the Winona-Dakota Unity Alliance (as is Kalene) and are co-chairing the Facilities Committee for the Dakota Gathering in September.
- c. The Better Living Show is in February; Earth Day is in April.
- d. On January 31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., Joe Morse and Helen Bagshaw will be talking about sexual and domestic violence prevention at Winona Health.
- e. On February 12, 2013 starting at 5:00 p.m., Project FINE will give their Annual Report to the Community.
- f. On February 22, 2013 the formal report on the Community Needs Assessment done by the domestic abuse prevention task force will be completed.

Adjourned 1:15 p.m.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
February 20, 2013

Present: Fatima Said, Kevin Kearney, Sally Cumiskey, Kalene Engel, Lynn Theurer, Karin Sonneman

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

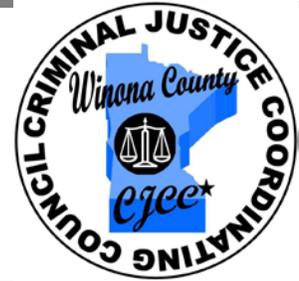
1. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2013 meeting: approved without changes.
2. Family Support Group: Kevin Kearney and Department of Corrections representatives met with Livewell Winona representatives. Kevin is going to follow up with Todd Hoffe of Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center to get some ideas regarding how to form and sustain such a group.
3. Legislative Outreach: The February 9, 2013 Legislative Outreach Event went very well. Sally, Fatima and Dave Brand did an outstanding job presenting the information/concerns from the “No Minnesota Driver’s License” workgroup. The League of Women Voters is interested in making this an annual event. After discussion, so is this committee.
4. No MN Driver’s License Workgroup: See above. Carmaine Sturino’s interns did a great job in putting together a position paper which was distributed at the Legislative Outreach Event (see attached). Following the event, Sally did receive a response from Senator Schmit who stated that Senator Scott Dibble was championing similar legislation and would be a good person to contact. Senator Schmit stated that the legislature would be unlikely to build support for such legislation in 2013, but that, given the immigration reforms currently going on at other levels, might see action in 18 months or so. Doug Nopar has invited our committee to attend an Immigration Reform meeting that he has planned for February 23rd in Rochester. No one from the committee was able to attend so Sally will ask Doug to send us his notes from the meeting. Kalene will circulate the contact information from the various other groups that have expressed an interest in this issue so that we can keep in touch and coordinate efforts.
5. Law Day: Law Day is scheduled for April 29, 2013. This Law Day will be for Winona Middle School 6th graders. Sally will look for dates for the Fall Law Day. We will need two days, with one set aside for Winona Middle School and the other for outlying schools. Kalene will send out a reminder e-mail to volunteers and Kevin will contact Cory Hanson at Winona Middle School to arrange times for the Pre-Law Day briefings.
6. Lewiston-Altura Career Fair: Karin distributed a letter from Lewiston-Altura Public Schools which included details on the upcoming Career Fair. The Fair will be held on March 7, 2013 from 8 a.m. to noon. CJCC will have a table. Karin, Sally, Kevin, Fatima and Dave Brand are all planning on attending. Kalene will send the information letter to CJCC members and ask them to contact Karin if interested in participating.

7. Human Rights Expansion: Previously, the County Board adopted a resolution to have the Human Rights Commission be countywide. Per Karin, there was disagreement between the City and County on some of the terms of the joint powers agreement, specifically the number of county representatives requested (2). At that time, the workgroup decided to wait until after the mayoral election. Kevin will contact the new mayor, Mark Peterson to discuss the issue and possibly set up a meeting with other representatives of the workgroup.

8. Other – Bullying Presentations: The school counselors are pulling together a bullying curriculum for elementary-aged children. Karin and some of her staff will be giving bullying presentations at all local elementary schools in March and April. The sessions will range from 20 minutes for K-2 to 30 minutes for Grades 3-4.

Adjourned 1:15 p.m.

MN DL PROJECT



ISSUE

- ❖ **Persons driving to work, school, etc. without a valid driver's license or no driver's license at all create a public safety risk for law enforcement, crime victims, and residents of our community. Education, identifying and insuring all drivers increases public safety.**

PUBLIC SAFETY

- ❖ **Identification:**
 - It is important for law enforcement to be able to identify individuals whom they are in contact with; whether it's during a traffic stop, an accident, or as a victim.
- ❖ **Insurance:**
 - Individuals who do not have a valid license are likely not to have insurance.
 - If residents obtain a driver's license, local insurance agencies will provide required insurance to all motorists.
 - Such insurance would decrease the amount of hit and runs and allow individuals to protect themselves from possible civil and criminal liabilities.
- ❖ **Education:**
 - Improving road safety and the reduction of fatalities would be achieved by all motorists meeting the modest requirements, as it is currently required by licensed drivers.

FACTS

- ❖ **Statistics:**
 - Unlicensed drivers are three times more likely to cause a fatal crash compared to those who have a valid driver's license.
 - From 2007 through 2009, 12.8% of all drivers involved in fatal crashes, which is approximately 1 out of every 8, lacked a valid driver's license.
 - Nearly one in five fatal crashes (18.2%) from 2007 through 2009 involved an unlicensed driver.
 - **Sources:** California Department of Motor Vehicle (2012) and AAA Foundation: *Unlicensed to Kill* (2011)

CURRENT EVENT—ILLNOIS BILL SB 0957, Effective November 28, 2013

- ❖ Allows an undocumented individual to obtain a valid driver's license.

ANALYSIS

- ❖ How this project increases revenue for the state of Minnesota:
 - Unlicensed drivers will be required to pay for education, identification, and insurance.
 - Victims that are involved in accidents are more likely to be compensated.
 - The state of Minnesota's uncovered medical costs would decrease.
- ❖ Public safety will be achieved through proper education, identification, and insurance for residents of our community.

LOCAL SUPPORTERS:

"This is an important topic to me. As a board member with Project FINE, I observe immigrants being put in an unfair position by not being allowed to legally gain a driver's license. As a law enforcement officer, I witness the dangers of an untrained and unlicensed immigrant who chooses to drive without a license. I strongly believe allowing illegal immigrants to get a driver's license in this state would be the safest and smartest thing to do."— Officer, Kevin Kearney

"The Winona City Human Rights Commission supports legislation that would allow immigrants who meet specific criteria to obtain a driving license."— Court Administrator, Sally Cumiskey

"Give me the tools to do my job. Either give me the authority to deport illegal aliens or give me the resources to identify victims of accidents and persons I come into contact with. I cannot do my job maintaining public safety without the ability to identify residents of my community."— Deputy, Bill Spitzer

"It is a public safety as well as a fairness issue that immigrants who reside, work, and raise their children in our community are denied the opportunity to become licensed drivers simply because of their immigration status. It is a small step in immigration reform, but a huge leap in public safety policy and reducing the costs to society to allow such immigrants to apply for a driver's license."— County Attorney, Karin Sonneman

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
March 20, 2013

Present: Fatima Said, Kevin Kearney, Sally Cumiskey, Kalene Engel, Karin Sonneman

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

1. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2013 meeting: approved without changes.
2. Family Support Group: Kevin Kearney and Department of Corrections are still planning to meet with Todd Hoffe. The meeting set for this week had to be rescheduled.
3. No MN Driver's License Workgroup: Legislation was introduced to unlink citizenship from driver's license qualification. At the request of one of the Immigration Law Center, committee members submitted a letter of support on behalf of the CJCC to several legislators. Sen. Miller followed up with Fatima Said to discuss his concerns that people would abuse the license and use it for improper purposes, such as attempting to vote. The legislation is still being considered
4. Strategic Planning: It has been six months since the CJCC Strategic Planning Sessions. Kalene asked committee chairs to review progress towards goals. The committee is making good progress on its 2012-13 goals, which are as follows:
 - **Continue participation in existing events**: Law Day, County Fair, Dakota Gathering, etc.
 - **Bullying**: focus energy on bullying awareness/prevention and work in conjunction with schools and other community groups
 - **Legislative outreach**: continue to reach out to legislators and maintain positive relationship
 - **Human Rights Expansion**: continue to work with Human Rights Commission and City of Winona to expand HRC from city-level to county-wide basis
5. Law Day: Law Day is scheduled for April 29, 2013. Kevin has been working with Corey Anson regarding numbers (227 students; 12 staff) and buses. His Pre-Law Day visit to the school is set for April 25th. The next Law Day events will be October 3, 2013 (outlying schools) and October 4, 2013 (Winona Middle School). Invitations have been sent.
6. Lewiston-Altura Career Fair: Several CJCC members participated in the event on March 7, 2013 and had good discussion with the students who stopped by the booth.
7. Human Rights Expansion: Karin spoke with Mayor Peterson regarding the joint powers agreement to expand the HRC countywide. Mayor Peterson obtained the latest version of the agreement from the City Attorney and requested feedback. The committee believes two changes are necessary—one capping the County's yearly financial contribution at \$1,500 and the other reserving two of the 15 HRC seats for county residents. The HRC annual expenses are usually less than \$1,000 and the HRC board typically has several vacancies anyway. Karin will communicate with Mark regarding these changes.
8. Other:
 - a. County Fair: County Fair is July 10-14, 2013. This committee would again like to help staff the Sheriff's Booth.
 - b. The Dakota Unity Alliance event is September 13-15, 2013.

Adjourned 1:27 p.m.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
April 17, 2013

Present: Fatima Said, Kevin Kearney, Sally Cumiskey, Kalene Engel, Karin Sonneman, Tami Mueller, Lynn Theurer, Justin Wesley

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

1. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2013 meeting: Approved with correction of dates of Dakota Gathering to September 13-15, 2013.
2. Family Support Group: Things are moving forward. A meeting was held last week and Livewell Winona is working on planning an event.
3. Law Day: Law Day is set for April 29, 2013. On April 25th, Kevin Kearney will be doing the pre-Law Day “briefings” at the Winona Middle School. We will have 215 students attending, with four groups in the morning session and four in the afternoon session. The students will also be visiting the History Center that day. On a related note, a 4th grade teacher at Jefferson School has inquired about similar programming for new curriculum that is being added. Karin Sonneman will be meeting with her on May 7 to see what kind of programming she is seeking.
4. Human Rights Expansion: City and Human Rights Commission representatives met on April 8, 2013 to discuss the agreement. The agreement has since been modified by the City to address the two issues that were of concern: the cap on expenditures and the addition of two representatives to the Board from the County. Karin will discuss the agreement with Duane Hebert to determine whether it needs to be approved by the Board of Commissioners.
5. Other:
 - a. County Fair: County Fair is July 10-14, 2013. This committee would again like to help staff the Sheriff’s Booth.
 - b. Project FINE’s Taste of International Cuisine is set for June 9, 2013 at Signatures Restaurant from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. The theme is southeast Asian.
 - c. Via post-meeting e-mail: Steve Schild has requested representatives of the No MN Driver’s License Workgroup to speak at his journalism class on April 24, 2013 from 1:30-2:45 p.m. at St. Marys University.

Adjourned 8:40 a.m.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
May 15, 2013

Present: Fatima Said, Kevin Kearney, Sally Cumiskey, Kalene Engel, Karin Sonneman, Lynn Theurer, Justin Wesley

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

1. Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2013 meeting: Approved without corrections.
2. Law Day: Law Day was successful, despite some challenges posed by frac sand protestors, outdated schedules and unassigned mock trial roles. The presenters and tour guides adjusted well to the challenges and provided a very good educational opportunity for the children. Kalene and Kevin will attend a debriefing session with the Winona Middle School organizer, Cory Hanson, on May 30th. Preparations are already underway for our next Law Day events, scheduled for October 3rd (non-Winona Middle School students) and October 4th (Winona Middle School students).
3. Human Rights Expansion: The current proposal is very close to what the County originally wanted. The only difference is that the County can recommend the two “out of city” appointments to the Commission, but the Mayor has final approval power. Karin needs to check with Winona County’s insurance carrier (Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust) to ensure that there are no issues with insurance, after which it must be signed by the City, then by the County Board Chair. It is hoped that this expansion can be approved by July.
4. No MN Driver’s License Update: With the consensus approval of the CJCC, a letter of support for the driver’s license legislation was submitted to Governor Dayton earlier this month. The vote was delayed from when it was originally scheduled. Kalene will check with Felipe Illescas to find out the current status and report the update in the minutes.
5. County Fair: The sign-up sheet for the County Fair booth was passed around.
6. National Night Out: There will be two National Night Out events this year in Winona: August 6 and August 29th. The August 6th date is the nationwide NNO date. Target will provide some funding for this event and there will be fewer neighborhood gatherings to visit, which will allow for more time at each gathering. The August 29th date is the Winona State NNO. Vicki English has retired, so it is hoped that someone else at WSU will step up to help coordinate this event.
7. Taste of International Cuisine: Project FINE’s Taste of International Cuisine will take place on June 9, 2013 at Signatures Event Center from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. The theme is southeast Asian.
8. Other:

- a. County Bar President: Kurt Knuesel was recently elected President of the Winona County Bar Association. He will be the County Bar representative on CJCC.
- b. Survey: Results of the survey conducted by the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence are available. Lynn will provide hard copies to committee members. The next step is to develop and action plan.
- c. Bullying: legislation on bullying was under consideration at the legislature, but its current status is unknown.
- d. Community Stabilization and Integration Unit (CSI): As mentioned by Maureen Holte at the CJCC Meeting, County Administration plans to bring a proposal before the County Board regarding the creation of a CSI Unit in Community Services. This Unit would “house” the various preventative justice-related programs that have been developed (or are being developed) such as CARE, Drug Court and Pre-Trial Services. The proposal will be introduced at a Committee of the Board meeting on June 11. Approval for creation of the Unit will be sought at the June 25 (evening) Board meeting. Kalene invited committee members to attend one/both meetings.

Adjourned 8:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
June 19, 2013

Present: Kevin Kearney, Sally Cumiskey, Justin Wesley, Samantha Carter

Minutes by: Kevin Kearney

1. Update on Human Rights Expansion

It appears the agreement has been written, and is in the 'signature' phase.

2. County Fair

Begins July 10. Please see Kalene, or Sheriff Dave Brand, for scheduled times to assist in working the booth. This is a great opportunity for CJCC outreach.

3. National Night Out

There is a meeting tomorrow (June 20) to plan the event.

National Night Out will have TWO dates this year, August 6 and August 29.

August 6 event will be city wide (this date coincides with the nation-wide 'National Night Out')

August 29 will be WSU's neighborhood block party.

4. Alcohol Retailer Training

Last week, approx. **150 people** (local bartenders, waitresses, bouncers) attended alcohol retailer training provided by the Winona Police Department (Kevin). Great turnout.

Focus of the training was overserving, underage access, fake ID's, along with personal and social liability of alcohol.

5. Drug Court

We welcomed our new Drug Court Coordinator, Samantha Carter. There are many outreach opportunities coming up with this committee (CJCC COD) and drug court. Both will stay separate, but we expect to work together (and support each other) in the future.

Welcome Samantha!

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
July 17, 2013

Present: Sally Cumiskey, Tami Mueller, Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel, Lynn Theurer, Fatima Said

Chaired by Karin Sonneman

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

- Call to order at 8:05 p.m.
- Minutes of June 19, 2013 meeting approved without changes.
- Update on Human Rights Expansion: On July 15th the Winona City Council formally approved the expansion of the Human Rights Commission to Winona County. The Winona County Board of Commissioners had previously approved the expansion. Congratulations and thank you to all who worked on this effort.
- Winona County Fair: Several CJCC members participated in the County Fair booth last week. The booth was again a success, with over 1000 prizes handed out to children who successfully answered a question about the justice system. The goody bags of brochures and other give-aways was great way to distribute the many brochures obtained by the Sheriff's Department. Thank you to Sheriff Brand for allowing CJCC to share the booth space again this year.
- Report on Select Committee on Controlled Substances and Synthetic Drugs: Karin Sonneman and Christina Davenport testified before a Minnesota House of Representatives Committee on Controlled Substances and Synthetic Drugs. The purpose of the hearing was to provide information to committee members which will form the basis for recommendations on legislation. Attached to the minutes are some newspaper articles on the hearing. Much of the hearing focused on synthetic marijuana—as opposed to other synthetic drugs.
- Synthetic Drug Family Support Group: Tami inquired as to the status of the Synthetic Drug Family Support Group. She noted that synthetic drugs are still a big problem in Winona. She also wondered how many deaths had occurred in this area due to synthetic drugs. Lynn stated that the Minnesota Department of Health should have that information and offered to check into that statistic. Kalene offered to follow up with Livewell Winona on the status of the Support Group.
- No MN Driver's License: Lynn provided an article on the immigrant driver's license bill issue from a May edition of the Minneapolis Star Tribune. She stated that she felt there was a lot of support for the bill (even though it did not pass) and that it would likely come up again. Karin noted that the issue is gaining broader bipartisan support on a national level.
- National Night Out: Reminder of National Night Out on August 6th (Citywide) and August 29th (WSU Neighborhood Block Parties)
- Law Day: Reminder of Law Day on October 3rd and 4th. Kalene is seeking additional funding from the Winona County Bar.
- Dakota Gathering: Dakota Gathering is scheduled for September 13-15th; volunteers will be needed.
- Other Items – Ideas for next year
 - ✓ Collateral Consequences Seminar
 - ✓ Information Exchange with WSU/College Reps regarding criminal justice processing
 - ✓ WSU Career Day Q&A
- Next meetings: August 21st, September 18th, October 16th.

Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Community Outreach & Diversity Committee
August 21, 2013

Present: Sally Cumiskey, Tami Mueller, Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel, Lynn Theurer, Fatima Said

Chaired by Karin Sonneman

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

- Call to order at 8:05 p.m.
- Minutes of July 17, 2013 meeting approved without changes.
- McKnight Award: Congratulations to Fatima Said for receiving a Virginia McKnight Award from the McKnight Foundation for her work in the community. Fatima was very honored to receive the award and has donated her \$10,000 prize award to Project FINE to fund a “Faces of Winona” traveling exhibit.
- National Night Out: The first NNO event was held on August 6th at Maplewood and East End Rec with a few CJCC representatives in attendance. Members are encouraged to attend the WSU-based NNO on August 29th with more details to be provided by Kevin Kearney.
- Substance Abuse Town Hall Forum: A Substance Abuse Town Hall Forum will be held on September 3, 2013 from 5-6:00 p.m. at the Winona Middle School.
- Synthetic Drug Family Support Group: Livewell Winona is attempting to find space to house the group so it can hold its first meeting.
- No MN Driver’s License: Sally provided information on immigration reform efforts being pursued by the Land Stewardship Group. The no MN Driver’s License reform will continue to be a strategic planning goal for this committee for next year.
- Law Day: Law Day is scheduled for October 3rd (non-Winona Middle School) and October 4th (Winona Middle School). Donations of \$750 (3rd Judicial District) and \$500 (Winona County Bar Association) have been received to offset bussing costs. Kalene will send out reminders to the schools and volunteers, including the results of the event debriefing that took place last spring.
- Strategic Planning: In addition to the items mentioned last meeting and the No MN DL issue, the committee would like to continue standing events and expand its elected official outreach events to include a visit to the Capitol.
- Elected Official Outreach: The committee approved another CJCC/League of Women Voters-sponsored Elected Official Outreach. The date is tentatively set for January 11, 2014 starting at 9:00 a.m. Karin will coordinate securing the facility (History Center) for the event. This will be an open public event.
- Dakota Gathering: Dakota Gathering is scheduled for September 13-15th; volunteers will be needed. Signup can be accomplished through the Dakota Unity Alliance website: <http://is.gd/GreatDakotaGathering2013> or www.winonadakotaunityalliance.org
- Victim’s Services: The Winona County Attorney’s Office received a grant from the Office of Justice Programs to fund a ¾ time Victim’s Services Coordinator. Funding begins October 1st pending County Board approval of the grant.
- Other Events:
 - ✓ Drug Court Forum: Kalene and Karin will be participating in a Drug Court Forum in Olmsted County on September 4, 2013.
 - ✓ Project FINE has scheduled a Citizenship Day to honor individuals who have passed their citizenship test for September 27, 2013 from 2-3:00 p.m. at the County Office Building, Conference Room 1.
 - ✓ Project FINE is holding a car wash on August 28, 2013 from 11 am to 2 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church. Funds raised will support higher education costs for the participating students.
 - ✓ Project FINE will again be selling egg rolls in September to support programming costs. The Boathouse Restaurant is assisting in this effort.
- Next meetings: September 18th at 8:00 a.m., October 16th at noon.

Community Outreach & Diversity Committee Meeting
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
September 18, 2013

Present: Lynn Theurer, Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel, Tami Mueller

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: 8:18 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2013 Meeting: Approved without changes.

Synthetic Drug Town Hall Meeting: The Synthetic Drug Town Hall Meeting that was held at Winona Middle School on September 3rd went very well. Over 50 people were in attendance and a Winona County Board member asked one of the panelists if the forum could also be presented at the Winona High School. Karin talked with two Winona Health nurses following the meeting who identified the reinstatement of a 24 hour crisis bed at the hospital as being a worthwhile pursuit. Karin is meeting with Rachelle Schultz on September 23rd and will bring this issue up with her at that time.

Synthetic Drug Family Support Group: Tami distributed a flyer for the new Synthetic Drug Family Support Group which will hold its first meeting on September 19th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Parkview Conference Room at Winona Health. Todd Hoffe will facilitate the group and it will meet on a monthly basis. Department of Corrections representatives will not be in attendance unless asked to attend by Mr. Hoffe.

National Night Out at WSU: This event is pending rescheduling.

Law Day: Preparations for the Law Day Events on October 3rd and 4th are almost complete. Volunteer slots have been filled.

No MN Driver's License: Felipe Illescas of the Immigration Law Center of Minnesota has requested speakers for an October 5, 2013 immigration reform event in the Twin Cities.

Dakota Gathering: The Dakota Gathering was held on September 13-15th and went very well. Traffic flow was much improved for the elementary student education day on Friday. Despite rainy weather on Sunday, the overall attendance was good.

Strategic Planning: Strategic Planning goals were reviewed and approved, as follows:

- Continue to Support Existing Events, i.e. Law Day, County Fair, Dakota Gathering, National Night Out, Synthetic Drug Forums
- Immigration Reform/No MN DL
- Education about direct and collateral consequences of criminal behavior
- Elected Official Outreach to include a visit to the Capitol

Other: On September 4, 2013, Karin and Kalene were panelists on a very well attended Drug Court Forum at the Rochester Public Library.

Adjourned: 8:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2013 at noon (note "winter" meeting time)

Community Outreach & Diversity Committee Meeting
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
October 16, 2013

Present: Sally Cumiskey, Tami Mueller, Lynn Theurer, Fatima Said, Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: 12:10 p.m.

Law Day Wrap-Up: The Law Day events on October 3rd and 4th went well. After encountering some conflicts with the “in-jail” tour on the 3rd—namely, the need to book inmates--the jail portion of Law Day was scaled back on the second day to a presentation in the jail lobby and the sallyport. Jail administration has given permission to distribute the jail video to the schools in order to allow them a closer up view of the jail. Other suggestions for improvement include holding Law Day in the spring and not having Law Day on back to back days. Kalene will contact the schools to seek input on the best time of the year to have Law Day and also to offer the jail videos.

Elected Official Outreach: At a recent Transitional Housing Workgroup Meeting (a JJA workgroup), Rep. Gene Pelowski was present and gave some suggestions for what information would be most helpful to the legislators at the Elected Official Event in January. His suggestions were as follows:

- The State collected a record number of dollars in taxes last year and allocated more money to local governments and education. To justify continued increased investment in local governments, show the legislators what the local government used the money—and that it was used wisely.
- The legislature is looking at getting rid of mandates this session so if there are mandates that we feel should be eliminated, provide a list of those mandates.
- Pick 3 or 4 priority areas for funding and identify the gaps and what is needed.

Community Assessment: Winona Health recently completed a Community Assessment. This will be discussed at the Courts Committee tomorrow.

New Chairperson: Congratulations to Kevin Kearney on his promotion to Sargeant! As a result of his promotion, he will not be able to continue as chair of the committee. Karin Sonneman was unanimously elected as the new chairperson of the committee.

Collateral Consequences of Crimes: One of the committee’s strategic planning goals is to provide/increased education regarding collateral consequences of crimes. Earlier this year, Karin gave a presentation to WSU Freshman Orientation Leaders regarding this subject. This issue has also come up recently in the payables/diversion context where a couple of college students paid their minor consumption tickets (which resulted in a conviction for a misdemeanor) and then attempted to vacate the conviction. The committee discussed possibly engaging college students to help plan the best way to provide education to their peer group (and others) about collateral consequences of crimes.

Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.

Community Outreach & Diversity Committee Meeting
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
November 20, 2013

Present: Sally Cumiskey, Lynn Theurer, Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: 12:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2013 Meeting: Approved without changes.

New Community Liaison Officer: Karin announced that Eric Mueller was named as the new Winona Police Department Community Liaison Officer. He will replace Kevin Kearney, who was promoted to Sargeant. Eric will join the committee once the transition process is complete.

Report on Collateral Sanctions Seminar: On November 15, 2013, Carmaine Sturino and Kalene attended the Collateral Sanctions Seminar sponsored by the Council on Crime and Justice. The seminar was well-attended, with several legislators in attendance. Currently there are 571 collateral sanctions in Minnesota and over 1,000 more federally imposed sanctions. (Collateral sanction is defined as a governmental imposed sanction based on a person's past). These sanctions have been catalogued at www.abacollateralconsequences.org. Since Minnesota has a very high rate of people with a criminal record of some sort, these sanctions (many of which do not even require a criminal conviction and/or continue for years beyond a person is off correctional control) have caused a significant impact for those people to obtain employment. The focus of the session was to brainstorm on possible ways to mitigate/eliminate the collateral sanctions. Some possible solutions include expungement (which has significant limitations); a judicial order of limited relief to excuse a specific sanction or a higher level of proof required before a sanction can be imposed. The committee will consider including a collateral sanctions component in the upcoming Elected Official Outreach Forum.

Community Assessment Panel Reminder: Karin reminded the group of the Winona Health Community Assessment Feedback Panel on November 21, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in County Office Building, Room A.

Elected Official Outreach: The Elected Official Outreach Forum co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and CJCC will be held on January 11, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Winona History Center. The format will be the same as last year, with each elected official being allowed to speak briefly about his/her term in office, followed by questions from the audience. A light breakfast will be served and the event is open to the public. Possible key topics to address with the legislature include the following:

- Collateral Sanctions
- Transitional Housing
- Driver's License for Undocumented Individuals
- Elimination of Unnecessary Unfunded Mandates
- Impartial Justice
- Dime-a-Drink/Substance Abuse Costs

- Synthetic Drugs
- Safety in the Schools

Kalene will reach out to the Council on Crime and Justice and the Immigration Law Center of Minnesota to see if either/both would be interested in contributing to a “White Paper” or questions to be given to legislators in advance of the meeting. The committee also discussed a possible field trip to the capital, possibly in conjunction with a lobbying effort for the No Minnesota Driver’s License movement that the CJCC supported last year.

Outreach Opportunity-Frozen Film Festival: The County Attorney’s Office has been invited to participate in the Frozen River Film Festival in January. The theme of the FRFF is Civic Engagement/Social Justice. Karin has invited the CJCC to join the County Attorney’s table at Stark Atrium on January 25, 2014.

Jail Video: As a follow-up to Law Day, the committee viewed the 20 minute jail video, which is played twice a day in the jail and which provides a good overview of what is expected of inmates while incarcerated. The committee agreed that this video would be beneficial for the students participating in Law Day, but that it would also be important to have a jail station, where the children could learn more about the jail and see the sally port, transport vehicles, time-out chair and other interesting “tools” used by jail staff in performing their job.

Next Meeting Date: December 18, 2013 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room.

Adjourned: 1:05 p.m.

Community Outreach & Diversity Committee Meeting
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
December 18, 2013

Present: Sally Cumiskey, Lynn Theurer, Karin Sonneman, Kalene Engel, Michele Rudnik, Fatima Said

Minutes by: Kalene Engel

Call to Order: 12:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2013 Meeting: Approved without changes.

Elected Official Outreach: The Elected Official Outreach Forum co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and CJCC will be held on January 11, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at the Winona History Center. Thus far, the following officials have confirmed that they will be attending the event: Rep. Gene Pelowski, Sen. Matt Schmidt, Mayor Bill Spitzer (St. Charles), Sheriff Dave Brand, Judge Mary Leahy, Judge Jeffrey Thompson and Larry Rupprecht, Councilperson from City of Lewiston. Lynn will follow up on the invitations after Christmas. Kalene distributed “white papers” on the topics of Collateral Sanctions, Driver’s Licenses for Undocumented Drivers and Transitional Housing. Emily Baxter from The Council on Crime and Justice will be present regarding the Collateral Sanctions issue. Felipe Ilescas of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota will be present regarding the Driver’s License issue. Latrisha Green, chair of the CJCC Transitional Housing Workgroup will also try to attend. Committee members agreed that those individuals were in the best position to draft questions for elected officials about those topics. Lynn would like those questions by no later than January 2nd. Kalene will put the white paper information into a standard format for advance distribution to the elected officials, along with the prepared questions. The League of Women Voters intends to discuss two additional issues: Timely Restoration of a Felon’s Right to Vote and Electronic Voting Systems. Karin will finalize arrangements for the History Center and supply coffee; Kalene and Lynn will take care of the breakfast items.

Frozen Film Festival: Karin has not received any new information on the Festival. We are planning to host a booth on January 25th at the science atrium at Winona State from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Since the theme of the event is social justice, we can distribute the white papers from the Elected Official Outreach event to raise awareness of those issues.

2014 Calendar of Events: members identified possible activities in which the committee would participate during 2014:

- January: Elected Official Outreach; Frozen River Film Festival
- April: Possible Crime Victim’s Week event; perhaps with a presentation on human sex trafficking
- May 1st: Possible Law Day event for 4th graders. (Our next Law Day for 6th graders won’t take place until April/May of 2015)
- July: County Fair
- August: National Night Out
- September: Dakota Gathering
- October: WSU Homecoming
- December: CJCC Appreciation Dinner

Other: The Project FINE Annual Report presentation will be held at the Toner Center at SMU on February 11, 2013 from 5-7pm. The new traveling educational exhibit will be unveiled and will thereafter be available for display around the community.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2014 at noon at Kensington Banquet Room