

MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2021
VIA ZOOM MEETING

Members (Attendance shown by X, Proxy shown by P)					
Apse, Jeff St. Charles Superintendent		Ganrude, Ron Winona Co. Sheriff	X	Patterson, Rená DOC Supervisor	X
Brandt, Becky Court Administrator	X	Gilow, Judy Public Member	X	Robertson, Matt Asst. Winona City Atty	
Buswell, Steve Jail Administrator	X	Green, Justin Public Member	X	Said, Fatima Project Fine, Public Member	P
Buytendorp, Nancy District Court Judge	X	Kovecsi, Marie County Commissioner	X	Sanness, Karen Winona DHHS Director	X
Carman, Gwen L-A Superintendent		Kuehn, Michael Asst. Public Defender	X	Sonneman, Karin Winona Co. Attorney	X
Freiheit, Annette WAPS Superintendent	X	Lallemont, Angela Winona Co. Bar Assoc	X	Volkman, Travis Goodview Police Dept.	X
Fritz, Ken County Administrator	X	Moeller, Eileen Winona City Council		Williams, Tom Winona Police Chief	P

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Chris Meyer (Winona County Commissioner); Trish Chandler (Jail Intake Worker); Zach Kayser (Winona Post); Rebecca Church (Assistant Winona Co. Attorney); Carin Hyter (Coordinator, Treatment Court of Winona County); Erik Sievers (HVMHC Executive Director); Phil Huerta (ASAP Coordinator); Emma Severson (CJCC Intern); Ben Klinger (Winona County Emergency Management Director); Laura Madsen (SEMCIL); Destiny Walker (ASAP Intern); Deb McClellan (Livewell Winona), Tricia Klosky (St. Mary’s University); Katie Van Eijl, (Project FINE, proxy for Fatima Said); Jay Rasmussen (City of Winona Police Dept., proxy for Tom Williams).

.Minutes by Kalene Engel

- 1) **Call to Order:** Karin Sonneman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
- 2) **Review/Revise/Approve Agenda for June 2, 2021:** Agenda was approved by consensus.
- 3) **Review/Revise/Approve Draft Minutes from May 5, 2021:** Minutes were approved by consensus.
- 4) **Information/Action Items:**
 - A. Presentation on Winona County Emergency Management by Ben Klinger, Director:
Ben provided an overview of the Winona County Emergency Management Office, as follows:
 - The office has one full-time employee (Ben) and a part-time assistant director supplied by the Winona Fire Department. Volunteers provide assistance, mostly for severe weather issues County staff are used in disasters to staff the emergency

operations center, which is located in the basement of the law enforcement center.

- During COVID, a team met everyday to coordinate the county's response; currently they are meeting twice a week.
- Emergency management deals with all humanitarian aspects of emergencies, including preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery. The goal of emergency management is to reduce the harmful effects of all hazards, including disasters. During COVID, much of the department's time was spent on response, but typically a lot of what they do is focused on preparedness, including education.
- Every five years, the county must submit a hazard mitigation plan to FEMA. The plan goes through multiple levels of review.
- Smart911 is a program which can help provide critical information to emergency responders in the event of an emergency. Individuals can input information about themselves and their family into the Smart911 app on their phone, which would only be made accessible to emergency personnel if 911 was called. Otherwise, the information is stored on a secure server. Locations, photographs of children, vehicle information and mental health safety plans can all be put into the app.
- Other programs or duties within the Emergency Management's domain include EPCRA (emergency planning and information about the release of chemicals in the community); Emergency Response Plans, Emergency Response Maps; IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert Warning System); Outdoor Warning Sirens, emergency training exercises (at least 1 per year), SKYWARN (weather spotting), Mutual Aid (helping other communities) and recovery (obtaining financial recovery for disasters).

B. Action Item – Request for Support: The Minnesota Catholic Church, working with a bipartisan coalition of organizations in support of driver's licenses for all residents, has requested that the CJCC re-issue the letter of support that it provided in 2015. By consensus, councilmembers unanimously approved the request. Kalene will work with Ryan Hamilton of MCC to provide the requested letter.

C. COVID Updates:

- Winona Area Public Schools (Annette Freiheit): The last day for WAPS students is June 9th; staff are done after the 10th. The fourth quarter has gone well for in-person learning and activities, with just a few glitches in the middle school. Graduation for ALC will take place on June 7th at the ALC. Graduation for the high school will be on June 11th at Paul Giel Field, with each graduate limited to six guests. The school is grateful to the county for its work on COVID vaccinations.
- District Court (Becky Brandt): Justice Gildea issued another order; it is effective from June 14th through September 6th. The order increases the allowable in-person hearings, to include major criminal contested hearings as a default in-person hearing. Contested CHPS, juvenile delinquency and criminal settlement conferences can be in-person. Civil jury trials can be in person but only if they do not interfere with the major criminal background. The Winona calendar will not

change until July 1st. In the courtroom, either masks or a 6' social distancing must be maintained.

- Department of Health & Human Services (Karen Sanness): The County is now doing pop-up vaccinations at various events (Steamboat Days, Movie in the Park) instead of mass immunization clinics. Additionally, individuals who want a vaccine can call the Dept. of Health and Human Services to be put on a list. When there are enough people on the list, the county will schedule a clinic. DHHS is starting to do more outreach and in-person visits with clients. There are some legislative actions regarding COVID waivers that many counties would like to make permanent. Those are currently hanging in the balance. As it stands now, most programs will have 60 days to ramp back up to where they were pre-COVID.
- American Rescue Plan Money (Ken Fritz): The county will be receiving over \$9 million in funding. Ken is still digging through the federal legislation to determine possible uses for the funding.

D. Update on Replacement Jail-Steve Buswell: Steve Buswell showed a 3D computer image of the replacement jail, noting that the jail has fewer beds than the existing jail (80 compared to 83), but is designed to allow 14 different levels of classification. He showed images of the programming spaces, offices for the bail evaluator and social worker and inmate housing, noting that many accommodations were being made for inmate health concerns. In June, Market & Johnson should be providing more detailed cost information, which will go before the board on July 6th. Much effort is being devoted to the logistics of the building process to make sure that existing operations can continue as normally as possible. A request to reduce the number of fake windows for the jail will go before the City Board of Adjustment tonight.

E. Event Flyers-Karin Sonneman & Kalene Engel: Included within the CJCC Meeting Packet were several flyers on upcoming events or trainings, as follows:

- Smart911: Cell phone application which can provide critical information to emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.
- Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center – Peer Support Network Reopening: The PSN is reopening on June 14th.
- WRAP+ Trainings in June and August: Motivational Interviewing (June 22 and 29); Trauma Informed Care (August 24 and 31)

5) **Committee Reports**: The committee reports were abbreviated due to time constraints. Attendees were advised to review the committee minutes for further details.

A. Juvenile Justice (Rebecca Church): During the meeting, the committee completed the mapping of the truancy process. At the next meeting, Eldridge McClatchey will present on the Front Porch Unity initiative.

Next Meeting: June 24, 2021 at noon via Zoom

- B. Courts Committee (Nancy Buytendorp): Treatment Court recently celebrated two graduations; Mayor Scott Sherman was one of the speakers. The Minnesota moratorium on evictions was extended through at least June 14th, but the federal moratorium may be longer. The Minnesota moratorium may be extended on June 14th as the governor is expected to call a special session to address it. Applications are being accepted on the RentHelpMN.org website for assistance with housing-related expenses.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. via Zoom

- C. Crime Prevention/ASAP-Phil Huerta and Carin Hyter: Destiny Walker has joined ASAP as a summer intern. She will be helping with a policy research project and may be reaching out to CJCC members for this purpose. Three new subcommittees were formed: Alcohol, Tobacco and Youth Engagement. All board members have signed up for one of the ASAP committees. Six coalition members will be attending the Montana Institute, virtually.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

- D. Community Outreach & Diversity Committee-Karin Sonneman: No meeting was held in May.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2021 at noon via Zoom

- E. Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee & Jail Advisory Committee-Justin Green: Members received an update on WRAP+, discussed intercepts -1 and 0 of the Sequential Intercept Map and discussed the planning of a Section 8 workshop.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2021 at noon via Zoom

Adjourn: 1:06 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2021 at noon via Zoom.