

WINONA COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2021

Members in Attendance: Justin Green, Larry Goodlund, Ruth Charles, Andrew Kranz; Timothy Hopkins; Dr. Andrew Edin; Commissioner Marie Kovacs; Commissioner Chris Meyer; Commissioner Marcia Ward

Staff in Attendance: Karen Sanness, Karen Bunkowski, Naomi Morris, Jon Loomis, Melanie Tatge, Kendra Mann

The RingCentral virtual/call-in meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

A motion was made by Dr. Edin and seconded by Justin to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Determine Committee's Help/Involvement with Jail Programming Efforts

Karen Sanness reports facilitated listening sessions are being coordinated that will determine jail programming moving forward. Committee members are encouraged to be involved in listening sessions. The Winona County Board approved a 70 – 80 bed option for future jail needs. Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping meetings are being coordinated by the Winona County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for March 12th and 26th. There is a limit of 60 participants for each meeting. SIM was developed as a conception model to inform community-based responses to the involvement of people with mental and substance use disorders in the criminal justice system. During the SIM mapping process, community stakeholders are introduced to evidence-based practices and emerging best practices from around the country. The culmination of the mapping process is the creation of a local strategic plan based on gaps, resources, and priorities identified by community stakeholders.

Additionally, the Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee of the CJCC meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Those interested in attending SIM mapping sessions or Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee meetings can contact Justin for further details. Karen Sanness will reach out to Kalene Engel, CJCC Coordinator, and request that an invitation for their next meeting be sent out to those expressing interest in attending. Karen will also follow up with Rebecca Church of the CJCC Juvenile Justice Committee and Kalene Engel with the Winona County Re-Entry Assistance Program (WRAP) to see if they would consider providing a programming in-service at a future Winona County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee meeting.

Foster Care Supports Follow-up

Now that Minnesota educators and Child Care providers are being vaccinated for COVID-19, are or is it possible for Foster Care providers to also be vaccinated? Follow up on this questions is recommended.

Review Committee Goals

The Committee reviewed its focus and plan of action for the coming year. An updated document outlining the Committee's recommended goals for 2021 will be available for review and final approval at the next meeting.

Winona County COVID-19 Response Update

Since December 2020, a downward trend in confirmed COVID-19 cases is being realized in Winona County. Another surge of infection could occur in February, along with variant strains starting to crop up in March. Vigilance with prevention of COVID spread still is needed. Currently, two hundred (200) doses of COVID19 vaccine are received by Winona County per week. Of the 200 received, 100 are earmarked for K12 inoculations. Phase 1a is almost completed. A press release is scheduled to go out this week announcing the availability of vaccination services to the over 65 population, of which there are 4200 in Winona County. Vaccination for the general public is not yet available. Closed vaccination clinics have been held at the Winona East End Rec Center. Currently there are no vaccination clinics being held at the Winona County Parkview Office. Winona County's COVID19 response team has a plan and is staffed to effectively and efficiently serve the needs of its citizens. Kudos to those involved with the great work being done!!! Details as to COVID19 vaccine resource allocation, testing, updates, etc. can be found on the Minnesota Department of Health Website: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/>

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Updates from Committee Members

There were no updates reported.

Next Meeting

The next Winona County Health and Human Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2021, starting at 3 p.m. To remain in compliance with social distancing requirements, a RingCentral virtual/call-in meeting will be arranged. An email containing sign-in details will go out to committee members approximately one week in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment

By consensus of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kendra Mann.