

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

Members Present: Jen Whetstone, Ruth Charles, Larry Goodlund, Justin Green, Chris Meyer, Andy Kranz, Marie Kovacs, Sammy Gondola, Tim Hopkins

Staff Present: Karen Bunkowski, Naomi Morris, Melanie Tatge

Others Present: Kalene Engel, Winona County CJCC

1. Presentation: Winona County Re-Entry Assistance Program (WRAP+) by Kalene Engel. Kalene Engel presented a project funded in October 15, 2020 by the Dept of Justice to support the WRAP+ program. The Power Point will be distributed to the committee members.
2. Welcome and Introduction of Newly Appointed Members – All attendees introduced themselves to the rest of the committee. Currently we have 4 newly appointed members and 4 continuing members.
3. Approve Minutes from February 9, 2021 Meeting - A motion to approve the minutes was given by Justin Green, a second by Andy Kranz. No discussion. Minutes were approved unanimously
4. Jail Programming Updates/Follow-ups (Listening Sessions, SIM Mapping, CJCC Meetings, etc.)
 1. Listening sessions- Justin- Ken Fritz is setting up listening sessions as a result of conversations with the public at the County Board meetings on replacing the jail and juvenile services. Currently he is doing preliminary work. Brian Voerding will lead them. The first will be in March with the community, the second in April with the county staff and organizations, and the third in May with both groups where they will work out a strategy to keep communications going.
 2. SIM Mapping- will be happening March 19th 9-4 and March 23rd 9-1. Justin Green, Andy Kranz, Ruth Charles, and Chris Meyer will be attending and will report back to the committee.
 3. CJCC meetings and others are open to the public- CJCC meets are at noon on the 1st Wednesday of the month, Contact Kalene Engel for the Zoom link. The Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday at noon. Details as to the work of the Winona County CJCC can be found by clicking on the following link: <http://winonacountycjcc.org/ourwork/>
5. Review/Approve Committee Goals 2021
 1. The committee discussed the four (4) goals that had been previously written. There was agreement that we would continue with these goals.

2. Sammy stated that Pleasant Valley Church hosts a support group for foster care parents. He asked if anyone had any resources or leads to share with him for this group.
3. Justin Green asked that we put the WRAP+ program on the agenda in 2-3 months so we can be updated on whether they have been able to hire a jail social worker and how the federal funds have changed. We should also add an update on the information on the SIMS mapping for review and consider looking for ways to be more involved.
4. Goal 3 refers to the work that this committee has done with ASAP. Justin Green suggested we should bring in someone, possibly Travis Volkman , police officer with the Goodview PD, to discuss what ASAP has been doing as it relates to our goal. ASAP is hiring a new executive director, so have them come at some point within the next several months.
5. Goal 4- continue to provide accurate information to the community.
6. Winona County COVID-19 Response Update was provided by Winona County PHN Manager, Melanie Tatge. A recap of updates will be provided to committee members.
 1. Marie Kovecsi asked if there were going to be any clinics in Maplewood Townhomes. Melanie said that there will be. Working on new dates as things changed with the newly updated guidelines offered today by Gov. Walz.
 2. Partnering with Project Fine to reach those who may have difficulty especially with language. Support is also available through the MN Department of Health Connectors.
 3. Vaccine clinics are being held greater Winona County, i.e., in Lewiston, Wilson, Goodview, St Charles and Dakota
7. Updates from Committee Members
 1. Jen Whetstone and Ruth Charles talked about the Trauma Informed Educators Project that is done through Resilient Winona County. HVMH have 4 therapists who are working with this group in developing a community of practice. Twenty staff from 6 different school districts in Winona County participated in this pilot project. Curriculum covered psycho educational material, historical and racial trauma, cultural humility and other topics.
8. Determine Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 starting at 3:00 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.