

**WINONA COUNTY**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2021**

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

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 Justin and seconded by Larry to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Power Point Presentation: Contract for Child Welfare Targeted Case Management (CWTCM) Services

Karen Sanness provided a presentation on rate setting and variables that impact rate decreases. CWTCM is a Medical Assistance benefit that counties and contracted providers can bill through a supplemental health care claim for a child that is considered high risk. CWTCM offsets some of the Child Welfare workers cost to the county. A child is identified for CWTCM through 1) child protection intake 2) child protection investigation 3) child welfare services intake 4) safety of the child is deemed to be at moderate to high risk through a structured decision making tool. The average monthly qualifying children and CWTCM monthly rate continues to rise resulting in overall increased monthly costs. Barriers to stabilizing CWTCM rates and serving more families include:

- Decreased services to families requesting Child Welfare Services
- Difficulty recruiting social workers for temporary positions when there is employee turnover
- Onboarding and training of temporary positions
- Cannot wait list to control the number of children coming into the system
- Employee overtime – costly and burnout

Committee members were asked to consider supporting a recommendation for Winona County to contract with a community provider(s) to provide CWTCM Services. In doing so, benefits realized include giving Winona County the ability to stabilize social service cost/# of children; eliminate the need to recruit temporary positions to cover employee turnover; reduced overtime; increase the number of families that can be served on a voluntary basis; families work with a community based provider vs government; costs are controlled through rate setting with providers.

Committee members were asked to review the Power Point presentation/proposal for consideration of support moving forward. This agenda item will be carried over to the next meeting for further discussion and/or approval/support of recommended action.

[Click here](#) for full Power Point presentation.

Jail Programming Updates

At their 4/13/2021 meeting, the Winona County Board approved the Klein-McCarthy Schematic Design of Proposed Jail and authorized the next step phase. The vote was 3 – 2 in favor of the design and next step phase. To view the 2019 Winona County Jail Facility, Space and Needs Assessment Report that was prepared for the Winona County Board of Commissioners by the Jail Advisory Committee [click here](#).

Winona County Justice Programs ~ listening session and survey shareback/next steps is set for April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m., and is open to all via Zoom

Justin reports SIM meetings are well attended. No final report/recommendations are yet available. Andy provided a list of Gaps identified per SIM meetings. [Click here](#) to view the full list.

Winona County COVID-19 Response Update

Winona County Public Health Manager, Melanie Tatge provided the Committee with an update of Winona County's COVID-19 response. [Click here](#) for a recap of the updates provided.

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Updates from Committee Members

Dr. Edin reports almost 100% of his patients have been voluntarily vaccinated for COVID-19.

Next Meeting

The next Winona County Health and Human Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11, 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

A motion was made by Justin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kendra Mann.*