

WINONA COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2021

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

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

Others Present: Ann Smolenski ~ PHN Intern, Hannah Worley – PHN Intern

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 May 11, 2021 meeting. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Jail Programming Updates/Follow-ups

Winona County Administrator Ken Fritz updated committee members with timelines for jail construction as follows: The Winona County Board approved moving forward with an 80 bed (53 cell) jail. Final plans and cost estimates are in progress. Once finalized they will be brought before the County Board for approval. Once approved, the bidding process can begin. Upon the County Board selection/approval of the construction contractor, ground breaking can commence, anticipated for the end of August, 2021. Project completion is anticipated to be 16 months. There will be no juvenile detention facility.

Commissioner Kovcesi reports the Juvenile Justice Committee of the CJCC is working on SIM mapping truancies. Representatives from the schools, probation, Restorative Justice, and County Attorney's Office were participants in the mapping exercise.

Also reported is the formulation of a contract between the City of Winona and Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center (HVMHC) for an Alternative Response Team (ART) of trained mental health professionals who will respond to emergency calls alongside police. Approval has been obtained for HVMHC to recruit for two mental health professionals assigned to ART. An implementation date for ART to emergency calls has yet to be determined.

Commissioner Ward announced a Southeast Regional Crisis Center is being built in Rochester that will provide services to individuals in counties in the Southeast MN region who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Andy reports upcoming WRAP+ trainings as follows: June = Motivational Interviewing; July = Trauma Informed in conjunction with HVMHC. Further detail about the trainings is likely to be posted on the CJCC website.

SIM Report for Intercepts -1 and 0

Justin provided an overview of Intercepts -1 and 0 findings report per the recent SIM exercise conducted by the CJCC Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee. Ease of navigating access to county mental health services was an identified gap. A motion was made by Justin and seconded by Andy to create a subcommittee of the Health & Human Services Advisory Committee whose role would be to further study the SIM Report and report back to the full committee with recommendations for addressing/filling gaps to improve navigation and access to county mental health services. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Those volunteering to be part of the subcommittee who will further study the SIM findings report include: Justin, Commissioner Meyer, Commissioner Kovcesi, Tim Hopkins, Andy Kranz.

Presentation on Options for Juvenile Justice Supervision

Karen Sanness gave a PowerPoint presentation on Title IV-E in Juvenile Corrections and Impacts on Services for Children. Benefits of Title IV-E for the juvenile justice system include:

- Title IV-E provided federal resources to help pay the cost of placements, administration, and training
- Title IV-E help to expand the range of available placement options for youth who cannot live at home. Some states have obtained Title IV-E Waivers to permit the use of Title IV-E funds for youth who remain at home or to fund effective alternatives to incarceration through programs that combine comprehensive case management and treatment services in a family setting.

Currently, juvenile corrections children are not afforded Title IV-E protections in Winona County. Winona County has no Title IV-E Agreement with the Department of Corrections.

The questions now is: Where do we go from here? Possible options to consider, with each having pros and cons in doing so, include:

1. No change and we continue to do business as usual
2. Sign a Title IV-E Agreement with the DOC
3. Winona County HHS becomes a Community Correction Agency and Juvenile Correction is administered through HHS
4. Winona County could become a County Probation Office (CPO)

[Click here](#) to view full PowerPoint presentation.

Per recommendation of the Committee, representation by all affected offices/agencies needs to be at the table for any future planning discussions. With that being said, this agenda item was tabled until the next meeting. For the next meeting representatives from the County Attorney's Office, the DOC, Restorative Justice, Juvenile Justice Committee, others (?), will be invited to participate in discussion. Additionally Karen Sanness will provide the Committee with a cost analysis of each of the above four (4) options.

County Board Approval of Future Agenda Item to Discuss Content of Human Rights Commission Resolution

This item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Winona County COVID-19 Response Update

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

Updates from Committee Members

Sammy shared Pleasant Valley Church is sponsoring a family seeking asylum from Honduras. They have been in the Winona community for approximately 1 month, are doing well and feeling very welcomed by the Winona community.

Andy commented options 3 and 4 per Karen Sanness' Juvenile Justice Supervision presentation sound excellent and worth investigating with staff from the DOC, as there appears to be potential with both in diverting individuals from crisis.

Next Meeting

The next Winona County Health and Human Services Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2021, starting at 3 p.m. This will be an in-person meeting. The location is to be determined and will be announced in an upcoming email.

Adjournment

By consensus of committee members, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.