

**APPROVED MINUTES
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2010 MEETING
THE KENSINGTON BANQUET ROOM**

Members Present: CJCC Chair Sally Cumiskey (Court Administrator—also proxy for Judge Bostrack); Justin Green (Public Member); Rená Patterson (Corrections' Supervisor); Deb Salyards (Winona City Council Member); Paul Bostrack (Winona Police Chief); Fatima Said (Public Member), Bruce Nelson (City of Winona), Steve Buswell (Jail Administrator); Mena Kaehler (County Commissioner); Travis Volkman (Goodview Police Dept), Judy Gilow (Public Member); Vice Chair Karin Sonneman (Assistant Public Defender).

Members Absent: The Honorable Nancy Bostrack (Winona County District Court Judge); Duane Hebert (County Administrator), Dave Brand (Winona County Sheriff); Chuck MacLean (Winona County Attorney), Craig Brooks (Director-Department of Human Services), Paul Bostrack (City of Winona Police Chief); J.P. Plachecki (Winona County Bar Association).

Guests Present: Kalene Engel (CJCC Executive Director); Carmaine Sturino (Chair of Community Outreach & Diversity Committee); Sharon Summers (Department of Human Services, proxy for Craig Brooks); Karen Bunkowski (Department of Human Services, proxy for Craig Brooks); Kevin Kearney (Winona Police Department, proxy for Paul Bostrack); Joannette Robertson (Family and Children's Center); Victor Souders (CARE Program); Nolan Rosenkrans (Winona Daily News); Julie Thompson (Department of Human Services); Kevin O'Laughlin (Assistant County Attorney, proxy for Chuck MacLean).

Minutes by Kalene Engel.

- 1. Call to Order:** 12:07 P.M.
- 2. Review/revise/approve Agenda for June 2, 2010:** Sally Cumiskey requested to add an agenda item regarding Fatima Said/Project FINE.
- 3. Review/revise/approve draft Minutes from May 5, 2010 meeting:** Approved without changes.
- 4. General Business**
 - A. Information Item – Fatima Said/Project FINE (Sally Cumiskey):** Congratulations to Fatima Said who was recently awarded the Woman of the Year Award from the Winona Women in Business. The Project FINE Taste of International Cuisine is being held on June 13, 2010 and tickets are still available.
 - B. Information Item-Dr. Timothy Wright Presentation on 6/4/10 (Julie Thompson):** Dr. Timothy Wright of Village Ranch Child and Family Services will be presenting on various juvenile treatment issues on June 4, 2010 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the County Office Building, Conference Room A. Following his presentation, he will offer time to consult with staff to discuss cases.
 - C. Information Item-County Fair Educational Project (Carmaine Sturino):** The CJCC County Fair booth will feature an educational component this year. All Council Members are being asked to furnish four department or justice-related questions to Kalene Engel as soon as possible.

- D. **Action Item-CJCC Budget (Kevin O’Laughlin):** Kevin O’Laughlin distributed proposed figures for the 2011 CJCC budget. These figures are unchanged from last year. By consensus, the council endorsed the proposed budget figures.

- E. **Action Item-Therapeutic Foster Care (Rena Patterson/Julie Thompson/Joanette Robertson):** The Juvenile Justice Committee has proposed that the CJCC endorse and recommend for approval to the County Board a Therapeutic Foster Care Program. Informational materials and statistics about the program and potential benefits (including cost savings) were distributed in advance of the meeting. Joanette Robertson from Family & Children’s Center (the agency that would provide the program) discussed the program. The foster care would provide structured therapeutic family settings for children in a variety of settings including placements involving Department of Corrections and Department of Human Services. Three levels of care would be provided, with the most intensive level of care offering the most intensive services. In addition to intensive case management, the program would provide an on staff clinical supervisor and psychiatrist and would also offer respite care. Several families have expressed an interest in becoming therapeutic foster care providers and to qualify, they would have to go through an intensive training process. One of the great benefits to this program is to keep the children within the community in the least restrictive setting where they would have access to their family as much as possible. FCC has operated a similar program in Wisconsin for many years with very good results. The potential cost savings, per Julie Thompson, are quite impressive, even using conservative figures. She noted that there are still going to be children that require intensive institutional placement for a period of time, but this would be a way to avoid long placements and possible institutionalization of those children. Carmaine Sturino sees this as a good stepping stone to getting back in the community. By consensus, the CJCC recommended that the County Board consider entering into a contract with FCC regarding the Therapeutic Foster Care Program.

- E. **Action Item – Community Health Services Representation on CJCC (Sally Cumiskey):** At the request of Duane Hebert, this item was tabled until the July meeting.

- F. **Action Item – City Prosecutor Representation on CJCC (Sally Cumiskey):** Although the County Attorney is currently handling the criminal prosecution for the City, the civil work is still being handled by Bruce Nelson’s office. Bruce is willing to stay on the CJCC and there were no objections to this by any Council Member.

5. Committee Reports

- A. **Data Information Committee - Steve Buswell:** No report.

- B. **Courts Committee – Sally Cumiskey, proxy for Judge Bostrack**

Conciliation Court Referees will be starting on June 21st. The five referees are Kalene Engel, Carmaine Sturino, Wayne Schauble, Greg Wohletz and David Kuehner. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with the architect regarding soundproofing issues. Last month work was completed in Judge Thompson’s jury room. The County Attorney’s Office and Winona Police Department are working in conjunction with County Informational Technology Department on e-discovery. As of right now, the State Public Defender’s position on electronic discovery is that discovery can be accepted electronically via CD or DVD. Locally, however, e-mailed discovery is common practice.

- C. **Community Outreach & Diversity Committee – Carmaine Sturino**

The next major undertaking for this group will be a Minnesota Constitution Day Event in October. This might involve going into the classrooms and talking to 6th grade students and/or inviting them to the Courthouse and other government buildings. Kalene Engel is contacting the schools to see what would be of interest to them. This weekend several committee members are volunteering at the Dakota Gathering. The County Fair is taking place on July 7-11th and volunteers for the CJCC booth are still needed. Kalene Engel created a hardcover scrapbook of the October 4, 2009 Courthouse Open House event. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the book, please let her know.

D. Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee – Sharon Summers

The CARE Program is starting its ninth month. Thus far, 85-90 applicants have been screened for admission into the program and there are 23 active clients. Six of the active clients are employed. The CARE Team meets every other week to review referrals and develop CARE Team plans. New language has been developed for clients who leave the program to allow them to redeem themselves within 90 days. An aftercare component has also been developed. The Committee also discussed the predatory offender release concerns referred to it by the Crime Prevention Committee and concluded that it was likely an anomaly, as most often other entities would have some advance notice of an impending release. Karen Bunkowski added that the Level 3 Sex Offender would not have been eligible for the CARE Program.

E. Crime Prevention Committee – Travis Volkman

Much discussion was had on concerns raised when a Level 3 Sex Offender was released into the community from a treatment center with no advance warning. The concerns centered on getting notification of the release as well as the need for additional housing. This issue was referred to the Jail and Jail Alternatives Committee. The Social Host Ordinance is being considered for passage both by the City of Goodview and County of Winona. Mena Kaehler indicated that she was concerned that a landowner could get charged with no notice that underage consumption was occurring on their land. Bruce Nelson noted that the City of Winona version contained language that the landowner must know or have reason to know of the underage consumption. The Downtown Tavern League is teaming up with the Downtown Revitalization Committee to hold three clean-up days in Downtown Winona. The Committee continues to explore crime reporting software and local options. St. Mary's University was approached, but not interested in providing the service. Kevin Kearney is checking with the Rochester Police Department regarding the cost and service provider for its crime reporting software. Winona State University is continuing to pursue a Restorative Justice Program for its students. Travis Volkman will be researching what other universities, such as UW-River Falls, are doing in this area. Deb Salyards will be joining this Committee.

F. Juvenile Justice Committee – Rená Patterson

Most of the meeting was spent discussing Therapeutic Foster Care Program (discussed above). The first Adolescent Substance Abuse Class was held on May 24, 2010. Night Campus is up and running with six juveniles.

6. Adjournment: 1:18 p.m.