

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

January 18, 2019

Circuit Courtroom Branch 4

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jon Bellows, Barry Busby, Todd Christie, Jennifer Delfosse, Paul Eisen, Christian Gossett, Mark Harris, Bryan Keberlein, Joan Koch, John Matz, Linda Meier, Carol Morack, Chris Rose, Michael Schraa, Karen Seifert, Renee Soroko, Rachael Van Dyke, Bill Wingren, Scott Woldt
OTHERS PRESENT:	Makenzie Reinke,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from meeting on October 12, 2018 approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Bill Wingren nominated Judge Karen Seifert as committee chair, which nomination was seconded by Judge Scott Woldt. Judge Seifert was elected as chair after vote by the committee members present.

MENTAL HEALTH COURT:

The subcommittee has observed the Outagamie County Mental Health Court and is exploring other options. It has been determined that the selection criteria used by Outagamie County would have limited applicability to the Winnebago County jail population. The county is exploring other options including the use of the DHS Diversion program, additional screening and staffing of serious mental health issues present with some inmates at the jail. The subcommittee plans to meet one more time and will report back to the Safe Streets Committee with recommendations at the meeting in April, 2019.

OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW

The review committee continues to track trends and make recommendations. Other counties have been observing the committee as a model. According the Barry Busby the DOJ has indicated that Winnebago County's model is ahead of the game. Presentations for the committee have included information about medical treatment and a representative from Solutions has been added to the committee.

STATUS REPORTS:

DRUG COURT:

The numbers for Drug Court and all other Safe Streets programs are attached.

At the time of the meeting there were 33 participants. There was a graduation on January 31, 2019. The graduates of the program are reported to be very active in the recovery community.

The ACES (adverse childhood effects) test is being utilized and there is an effort to be more trauma informed.

SSTOP:

Numbers are attached.

24/7 PROGRAM:

There are approximately 31 participants in the Drug program and 115 in the alcohol program. The average number of participants is 27 and 98 respectively. Sheriff Mats reported that in the drug program the violation rate and the rate of "no shows" is high.

The 24/7 alcohol program is being used as a condition of some of the DA diversion agreements.

Representative Schraw will check on the status of legislation regarding the use of the 24/7 program post-conviction.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIVERSION PROGRAMS:

The programs that were previously listed as diversion programs will now be included under a general DA Diversion Program update. The DA's office has a number of diversion programs that are offered (attached). Each individual that is offered a diversion agreement is assessed for their risks and needs and an individualized contract with conditions is created.

STEP UP PROGRAM:

No update available. Judge Seifert will contact Oshkosh Police Department for a representative to attend the Safe Streets meetings.

RE: THINK

No update available. Doug Gieryn (health department) or Melissa Pingel will be asked to report on this program in the future.

Good Choices

No new referrals. The program is still only used by Winnebago County and city of Menasha.

DHS Diversion Program

Numbers attached. There continues to be an increase in referrals to the program with individuals using internal and external services.

Teen Court

Numbers attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

Representative Schraa stated that there is discussion following a recent referendum regarding legalization of medical marijuana. He requested information from all sides of the issue.

Mark Harris reported that Rep. Evan Goyke presented information regarding sentencing guidelines and parole rules/violations.

There has been legislative action on Juvenile Corrections reform to include a plan to close Lincoln Hills School, creation of a Type I institution in Milwaukee, and regional Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCY).

There is a plan to look at Adult Corrections reform that will include looking at prison overcrowding and sentencing reform.

Rep. Schraa reported that he is open to receiving information from everyone regarding these issues.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 26, 2019 at noon in Br. 4 courtroom (2nd floor).

(pizza – Linda Meier; pop – leftovers)

Please advise if you are not able to attend the meeting.

