

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE - MINUTES

DATE: Friday, January 9, 2026
TIME: Noon
LOCATION: **BR III – 2nd floor, room 240**

Voting Members PRESENT: Judge Bryan Keberlein, Jon Bellows, Brian Defferding, Jen Delfosse, Amy Geffers, John Matz, Brianne Patzer, Renee Soroko, Eric Sparr, Chris Susa, Desiree Bongers

Also PRESENT: Amanda Brown, Heather Foust, Avry Hammen, Eric Heywood, Leah Kelm (for Rep. Palmeri), Faith Lohry-Jarvenpaa, Sabra Lotto, Tara Notzke, Ashlee Rahmlow, Erica Roberts, Kate Zurn (left at 12:18 p.m.)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:04 p.m. by Judge Keberlein.
2. Approve agenda – Motion to approve – Matz; second - Defferding; all in favor, motion carried.
3. Approve minutes of last meeting – No discussion. Motion to approve - Bellows; second - Sparr; all in favor, motion carried.
4. Public Comments – None
5. Kate Zurn, Executive Director, Resolution Center, Inc., discussed the Center's role in the community and research into restorative justice conversations with juvenile offenders. A small group has investigated setting up a program where someone would meet with the juvenile offenders (16 and under) to review what occurred, the harm caused, and what can be done differently in the future. DA Sparr noted that participation would be optional for either party (juveniles and victims) and that this type of program has been effective in other locations that have implemented it.
6. Updates and possible action on:
 - a. **Safe Streets:**
 - i. **Drug Court** (report submitted by Jen Delfosse)
Numbers (Updated as of 12/21/25)
Phase 1 – 8
Phase 2 – 5
Phase 3 – 4
Phase 4 – 6
Total active participants: 23 [Added note: plus a few added this week]
Total graduates: 202
Pending referrals: 4
Total Community Service (CS) hours: 47,932
- We just had a commencement ceremony yesterday for four graduates.

- We added a law enforcement representative onto the team – welcome Lieutenant Melissa Rasmussen! [Added notes: She has been extremely helpful and is a good choice for the team. Patzer wondered whether other agencies will have representation? Not at this time.]
- The team is working on implementing a “buddy system” in which new participants just coming into the program will be paired up with another participant that is further along in the program to guide them through the first phase of DC. We asked the current participants about the idea and they love it and even came up with a list of guidelines of what that would look like.
- Judge and I spoke at FVTC a couple of weeks ago for the SUD class there and that continues to be a success. We also spoke at Oshkosh West High School this past Monday and have another one scheduled for spring. Beyond that, Judge spoke at his church a few weeks ago and even brought some current participants with him one of the weeks and it was awesome. These participants sharing their stories touched some members of the congregation so much that they chose to dedicate this year’s Giving Tuesdays donations to support drug addiction treatment in the Fox Valley in 2026.
- The team is planning on attending the annual WATCP conference in the Dells in March. We did nominate some graduates to serve on the graduate panel, so hopefully they get chosen.

There was a question from Defferding about the possibility of working with Jake’s Network of Hope. Someone thought they had closed or changed names. Bongers confirmed after the meeting that they have closed.

ii. Jail Reintegration (Faith Lohry-Jarvenpaa)

See attachment for statistics.

iii. STAR Program (Sheriff Matz for Melissa Rasmussen)

See attachment for report.

iv. 24/7 Alcohol (Amy Geffers)

See attachment for statistics.

v. 24/7 Drug (Amy Geffers)

See attachment for statistics.

vi. DHS Diversion (Amy Geffers)

See attachment for statistics. Geffers noted it was very busy at the end of summer last year.

vii. Teen Court (Amy Geffers)

One intake all year.

viii. SSTOP (Tara Notzke)

OPEN SSTOP

	Totals	Percentage
Males	27	67.50%
Females	13	32.50%
Total	40	

	2nd	3rd
OWI	36	4

CLOSED SSTOP

	Total	Percentage
Males	1191	74.44%
Females	409	25.56%
Total	1600	

D/C Status	R	Percentage	D	Percentage
Males	248	79.74%	920	73.13%
Females	63	20.26%	338	26.87%
Total	311		1258	

	R	Percent of Reoffenses	D	Percent of Reoffenses
Total	139	44.69%	289	22.97%

Total CS Completed	46431.7
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b. District Attorney Diversion Programs (Eric Sparr)

Several positions relating to the CONNECT program were transferred to the District Attorney's office from DHS to centralize case management, monitoring and court-related functions. There is no change in services.

Diversion Numbers December 12, 2025

12/12/2025								
	Active	Pending Offers	Extension Pending	Pending Offers-Warrant	Pending Dismissal	Pending Revo's	Pending Revo's Warrant	TOTALS
Pre-Charge Misdemeanor	33	1						34
Pre-Charge Felony	11							11
Pre-Charge Drug								0
Pre-Charge Worthless Check	1							1
Total Number of Precharge Agreements	45							
Post-Charge Misdemeanor	122	9		2	1	14	16	164
Post-Charge Felony	35	1				4	1	41
Child Support	1						2	3
SOAR Phase 2							1	1
Total Number of Post Charge Agreements	158							
GRAND TOTALS	203	11	0	2	1	18	20	255
Post Charge Mental Health Court DAA	4							
High Frequency	25	2				7	3	
Total Active with MH & HFO	233	44						

c. Mental Health Court (Erica Roberts)

Have three participants. A new two-track system is being implemented, with the first track post charge and the second track diversion. At the State Street Center, six people have been showing up and spending time there. Defferding asked if she has been in touch with NAMI; yes, the Executive Director has attended Mental Health Court.

d. Breakwater (Ashlee Rahmlow)

Breakwater is the recipient of the Chairman's Award being presented at the 2026 CADCA National Leadership Forum. This award recognizes a coalition academy graduate who has mastered proven strategies and tools and transformed them into action in their community. Breakwater continues to host weekly prevention groups at Vel Phillips and B&GC and has been presenting on marijuana and vaping to Oshkosh middle and high school health classes.

e. Public Health (Ashlee Rahmlow)

- Launched the Gold Cross EMS Leave Behind Narcan Program in 2025, which was a collaboration between Gold Cross and Winnebago, Outagamie, Calumet, Appleton and Menasha Health Departments. During its 6-month pilot, 30 kits were left behind.
- Neenah Overdose Intervention Pilot focused on increasing naloxone access and decreasing overdose deaths in collaboration with Neenah PD, Fox Crossing PD, Winnebago County Public Health, and Apricity and in partnership with local businesses and organizations throughout the area
- **Overdose Fatality Review** Created the Winnebago County Treatment Guide. Available [here](#).
- Finishing Version 2.0 of the We Heart You App, which we expect to complete by March 4, 2026.
- Continue to support the Handle with Care program throughout the county, implementing the new dispo code referral system. Between July 1 and December 5, 2025, 963 HWC referrals were sent on behalf of 1,584 children county-wide. The winter quarterly report is linked [here](#).
- The 2026 We Heart You: Recovery in Our Community event is on March 4, 2026, from 9:30am-3pm at the UW Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center. This is a FREE event, and it does sell out, so early registration is strongly encouraged. Register here: <https://solutionsrecoveryinc-bloom.kindful.com/e/we-heart-you->
- **Harm Reduction Program** Hired Andy Scheu as a Community Health Worker within our prevention and harm reduction programs - youth work with Breakwater 2 days/ week and harm reduction/ vending machine oversight 3 days/ week.

f. Step Up (Chee Vang, absent)

No updates at this time.

7. New Business

- a. Connect update – see notes above under 6.b.
- b. Adding law enforcement to Drug Court team – Lt. Rasmussen is already part of the team informally. Sparr moved, Susa seconded, to officially add Lt. Rasmussen to the Drug Court team. Motion carried.

8. **Next Meeting** – Friday, April 17, 2026. Noon, Branch III Courtroom – 2nd floor, room 240. Bellows and Bongers will be absent.

➤ **PIZZA for 4/17/26 meeting – Renee Soroko, DHS**

➤ Upcoming pizza rotation schedule:

- Judge Keberlein
- County Executive Hintz
- Judge Gibbs
- Sheriff ???
- DA Sparr

9. **Adjourn** – Meeting concluded at 12:55 pm.

Upon request, provisions will be made for people with disabilities upon 24 hours prior notice to the Office of the County Clerk. Phone Number: 920-232-3430

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Emergency Management
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