

WINNEBAGO COUNTY SAFE STREETS INITIATIVE

DATE: Friday, August 9th, 2024

TIME: Noon

LOCATION: **BR III – 2nd floor, room 240**

Voting Members PRESENT: Judge Bryan Keberlein, Morgan Hoffman (Designee for Jen Delfosse), Eric Sparr, Chris Susa, Jon Bellows, Leigh Anne Kohls (Interim Clerk of Court), Brianne Patzer

Also PRESENT: Tara Notzke, Faith Lohry-Jarvenpaa, Megan Kamien, Amanda Tennyson, Emily Peterson, Avry Hammen, Ashlee Rahmlow, Brian Defferding, Renee Soroko (DHS Designee)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 12:10 pm
2. Approve agenda – Motion to approve agenda- Sparr; Second- Susa; all in favor
3. Approve minutes of last meeting – No discussion needed. Motion to approve- Bellows; Second- Sparr; all in favor
4. Public Comments – No public Comments
5. Updates and possible action on:
 - a. **Safe Streets:**
 - i. **Drug Court** (Jen Delfosse),
Phase 1 – 5
Phase 2 – 3
Phase 3 – 8
Phase 4 – 6
Total active participants: 22
Total graduates: 172
Pending referrals: 5
Total CS hours as of 08/1/24: 45,077

We have three commencement ceremonies scheduled:

10:00 am, Br III – 2nd floor, room 240, in person, with a Zoom option offered as well.

8/22/24 (for one participant)

11/7/24 (for three participants)

12/19/24 (for two participants)

Drug Court Graduation Reception afterwards, right at the courthouse – it seems like we lose people if we do it across the parking lot for some reason. We hope you can attend either in person or virtually.

Discussed seeking volunteer for photography.

Judge Keberlein and Jen Delfosse have taught part of a course at FVTC.

One graduate considering starting a non-profit.

Involvement as a coach in the program.

We are also working on planning the annual Drug Court Picnic, stay tuned for dates! **(UPDATE: Drug Court Picnic will be on September 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm, location - Abe Rochlin Park across from Rainbow Park)**

- ii. **Jail Reintegration** (Morgan Hoffman),

-Monthly average clients serviced- 97/Monthly. Average clients serviced by groups 274.

iii. **STAR Program** (Dave Mack)



Winnebago County S.T.A.R Program Data

The STAR Program is comprised of several different services for inmates who have substance use disorders. The following services are all a part of the overarching STAR program:

1. *Recovery Pod Program* – Housing unit designed for those seeking recovery and wish to be housed with others who are also motivated to do the same. The Recovery Pod offers comprehensive programming including 10+ recovery groups per week facilitated by Solutions recovery coaches and DHS clinical team.
2. *One-on-One Recovery Coach Services* – Every inmate is offered a recovery coach upon entry into jail, regardless of whether they are housed on the Recovery Pod or not.
3. *Vivitrol Program* – Inmates may request to be given a Vivitrol injection prior to leaving incarceration. This program is for individuals who have a history of alcohol or opioid use.

Recovery Pod Data 3/1/2024 – 7/1/2024

Currently enrolled and Receiving Services in the Recovery Pod Program

48 Males	20 Females
Total # of inmates served in Recovery Pod	187
Groups provided by Solutions	166
Recovery Speakers	60

People in recovery share their story with inmates via Zoom 2x/wk

General STAR Data 9/2022-7/2024

Total active participants in jail (including Recovery Pod)	137
Number of inmates served	875
Number of in-person contacts	3,120
Number of phone calls to peer support from jail	803
Number of follow-up contacts	1,459
Number of naltrexone (Vivitrol) shots given	94
Direct releases/transport	89

"It's giving me the chance and the courage to kick my addiction. Allowing me to attend this with my peers has made it easier to open up. I have accepted what my addiction has caused and this has given me the mindset to recognize what I need to do now to be sober and restart my life. Thank you, recovery pod."

"It's lifted me up, I'm not just stuck in a cell depressed and hopeless. It's given me a safety net of people I can turn to in here and out of here. I know am able to work with human services, Solutions and important people who actually care and help us curb recidivism."

"I've learned many things so far. It has helped me in setting goals for myself and achieving them one step at a time and also learning to cope with challenges in and out of my control."

Question from Judge Keberlein regarding Pod Speakers appearance by iPad for more engaged meetings, response was that they have talked about this at staffing meetings.

iv. **24/7 Alcohol** (Morgan Hoffman),

-Monthly client average – 106.6

v. **24/7 Drug** (Morgan Hoffman),

-Monthly client average – 73.7

vi. **Connect** (Morgan Hoffman),
 -Monthly client average – 60.7

vii. **SSTOP** (Tara Notzke),

OPEN SSTOP

	Totals	Percentage
Males	31	72.09%
Females	12	27.91%
Total	43	

TRTMT VS EDUCATION	Trtmt	Education	% Trtmt	% Education
Males	14	3	45.16%	9.68%
Females	7	2	58.33%	16.67%

	2nd	3rd
OWI	39	4

CLOSED SSTOP

	Total	Percentage
Males	1155	74.56%
Females	394	25.44%
Total	1549	

	2nd	3rd
OWI	841	705

D/C Status	R	D
Males	243	891
Females	59	327
Total	302	1218

	R	Percent of Reoffenses	D	Percent of Reoffenses
3rd	49	16.23%	110	9.03%
4th	63	20.86%	105	8.62%
5th	4	1.32%	4	0.33%
Total	116	38.41%	219	17.98%

Total CS Completed	44183.2
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viii. **Teen Court** (Morgan Hoffman)
 -Monthly client average – 21

Discussion after updates: August is Fentanyl Awareness Month. Discussion of upcoming newspaper articles being published in the Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News during August. They are personal essays from people affected by fentanyl and other drugs. Unedited and in their own words. First one ran in this week's newspaper.

INTRODUCTION ARTICLE:

Fentanyl's personal impact reflected in shared stories

August is Fentanyl Awareness Month, highlighting the impact of a drug that has contributed to 59% of the more than 150 overdose deaths in Winnebago County from 2018-2022. Many of these deaths were unintentional – and the number is rising.

In the 2023-24 Winnebago County Overdose Fatality Review team's annual report, it indicates fentanyl was the primary cause of death in 31 of the 47 (66%) overdoses. So far in 2024, the county has recorded 15 overdose deaths with four other fatalities pending as to cause.

Addiction, overdose, fentanyl – these are topics many of us believe will never



Karen Schneider
Publisher of the
Oshkosh Herald

impact our lives. You may be one of the lucky ones, but the tentacles of opioids are tenacious. One of my daughter's best childhood friends fights with addiction. Hearing the tough decisions parents take to protect their other children from one of their siblings is heartbreaking.

But what is a parent to do when

a child, released from jail on a drug charge, is back in jail within hours because the first stop wasn't going home; it was to the drug dealer. This is middle class. This is white. This is a military family. This wasn't supposed to happen to them.

This young woman is in recovery, but it wasn't – nor is it – an easy road.

The Oshkosh Herald and Neenah News are sharing personal essays of people who have been impacted by fentanyl and other drugs.

Some thought it would never happen to "me," some deal with the fallout in their careers, and some are doing the hard work in recovery.

These are the writers' stories in their own words, not retold through an interview. It takes courage to share so publicly, and I appreciate their willingness to be part of building community awareness on the ripple effect fentanyl and opioids have on our community.

Getting healthy is hard work and Winnebago County has many resources to connect with.

Winnebago County Public Health, sponsor of the fentanyl awareness series, has resources available at www.co.winnebago.wis.us/node/13313 or by calling 920-232-3000. Substance use harm reduction services are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PERSONAL ESSAY:

Sober living can be a matter of choosing the right ride

By William Winters

I first started drinking when I was 13 years old, which progressed into intravenous heroin use by the time I was 22. At that time, I was unemployed, selling drugs and living the lifestyle of a drug dealer.

I have spent many years of my life incarcerated. In 2010, I spent two years in prison due to a burglary charge and other drug-related charges.

I got out in 2012, stayed sober for a little bit, but eventually fell back into the old lifestyle again. Over the next 10 years, I spent about half of that in county jails on sanctions, holds and sentences.

On the night of Dec. 12, 2022, I was getting pulled over by the police, high on heroin, drugs in the car, and was charged with an OWI. I was taken to Winnebago County Jail and knew I was going to go through intense withdrawals. I remember when they first asked me if I was interested in a recovery coach and saying "I'm not." At that point, my mind was set on getting out and continuing to get high.

After about a week of withdrawal, one of the deputies posted a Solutions flyer in the pod I was in. It was kind of crazy; the first day I finally felt good, they came in with the flyer and something changed in me. I made the phone call and the person on the other end of the call said a coach would be in the following day to see me.

I thought to myself, "Yeah right, maybe next week." To my disbelief, a coach showed up the next day to talk to me.

I first met with a coach and he told me his story and asked whether I was interested in getting better. For whatever reason, I started to notice some willingness



Solution Recovery provides a six-month transitional living environment for men and women.

in myself and agreed to do whatever it took for my recovery. At that point, I wasn't sure when I would be out of jail. I had a small cash bond and wanted to get out for Christmas. On Dec. 23, I prayed for the first time. I asked God to help me and that I would do anything for my recovery. I was released that night.

When I got out of jail, it was minus 30 degrees outside, I had no money and my phone was dead. I called my brother from the jail phone and told him to pick me up from Kwik Trip.

I walked to Kwik Trip and was trying to buy myself a cup of coffee to warm up. As I approached the checkout, I knew I didn't have the money. A woman behind me noticed and graciously offered me \$20. I used that money to buy that cup of coffee and a phone charger.

As I was going through my things from jail trying to find my phone, I found the Solutions card. For whatever reason, a "God thing" or something else, I decided to call the number and a recovery coach said they could be at Kwik Trip in 10 minutes to pick me up. I knew if I went with my brother, I would end up doing the exact same thing I always did. Weird part

is, my brother and the recovery coach showed up at the exact same time and I just knew I had to go with the coach.

The coach drove me to the Day by Day Warming Shelter because there were no beds open at sober living. I ended up spending Christmas at the shelter. On Christmas Day, I spent my time down at Solutions and found a sponsor who helped me in my early days of recovery.

My coach also talked to me every day and helped me get into Father Carr's while I waited for a sober living bed to open. It was hard, but with the support of Solutions and people in the recovery community, I was able to stay sober.

A bed finally opened up at Solutions and I moved in. Since being in sober living, it has been amazing. I met a bunch of awesome guys and they all were supportive and made sure I felt a part of.

Today, I have a full-time job, my relationships with my family are improving, I talk to my kids every night, and I am making amends for past harms. I had no idea that I could be capable of feeling this good in sobriety. I have been sober before, but never felt like I do now because I actually work a solid program of

More information

Solutions Recovery Inc. provides sober living, peer support and a recovery center. Staff are available at 621 Evans St., Oshkosh, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and there is also a 24/7 Recovery Hotline to assist with addiction-related needs at 866-465-0010, or by stopping by the facility or going to solutionsrecovery.org and through its Facebook page for more information.

Day by Day Shelter at 420 Ceape Ave. provides temporary shelter, individualized services and opportunities for self-sufficiency to empower the most vulnerable adults in the community. Go to daybydayshelter.org or call 920-203-4865 for more information about its services.

Father Carr's Place2B at 1062 N. Koeller St. in Oshkosh carries on its namesake's mission of supporting community needs that began a half-century ago with a youth center and evolved into a multiservice center for food, housing and health essentials. Go to fathercarrs.org or call 920-231-2378 for more information.

recovery.

I would have never had this opportunity if it weren't for the jail program. I have never seen anything like it in any other jail I have been in. It saved my life.

Recovery coaches from Solutions met with Will when he became incarcerated in December 2022. He was released from jail, went to the warming shelter, then lived at Father Carr's, then moved into the Sober Living Program.



b. **District Attorney Diversion Programs** (Eric Sparr)

DA Office Diversion Numbers 8-2-24

8/2/2024								
	Active	Pending Offers	Extension Pending	Pending Offers-Warrant	Pending Dismissal	Pending Revo's	Pending Revo's Warrant	TOTALS
Pre-Charge Misdemeanor	41	20						61
Pre-Charge Felony	4							4
Pre-Charge Drug								0
Pre-Charge Worthless Check								0
Total Number of Precharge Agreements	45							
Post-Charge Misdemeanor	76	12			4	22	16	130
Post-Charge Felony	21	2				5	3	31
Child Support	2						3	5
SOAR Phase 2	4	1		1		3	1	10
Total Number of Post Charge Agreements	103							
GRAND TOTALS	148	35	0	1	4	30	23	241

SOAR grant time is ending – requesting to extend for use of remaining money.

Discussions are taking place in figuring out a different way of dealing with high number of offenders of minor offenses. This is eating up a lot of resources in law enforcement, courts, and DA. Discussion/questions on how to fill in gaps for DHS services.

c. **Mental Health Court** (Eric Sparr)

Reviews are done by DHS and then Compass. Several reviewed. At most, there will be 2. No active participants yet. Recent one did not meet all criteria. On radar for DHS to apply for TAD Grant. (already noted under New Business). Discussion of the uniqueness of Mental Health issues. Even low cash bond will end up keeping them in custody. Goal is to getting needs met and opportunities for participants to say “yes” to the programs.

d. **Breakwater -formerly WCDAC** (Ashlee Rahmlow)

-Grant is limited to vicinity of Oshkosh

Leading two youth groups in partnership with B&GC. Youth coordinator working with local middle/ high schools to do prevention education through health classes

e. **Public Health** (Ashlee Rahmlow)

OFR: Steering team met in July to discuss plans as funding is only guaranteed through Fall, 2025

ST plans to continue to work with the evaluator to evaluate community change connected to OFR

The group sees benefit in continuing and will continue to look for additional funding

Harm Reduction and Overdose Prevention

Public Health Vending Machines- Machines will be installed and fully operational for the unveiling event on 9/20 at the Neenah Human Services building at 9am.

Clients that utilized the Harm Reduction Program reported they used Narcan to save 74 lives July and so far, 32 in August

The partnership between PH and Connect continues to grow and strengthen. One of the barriers for people has been transportation so we are collaboratively working on solutions to reduce barriers to ensure more successful outcomes for people.

f. **Lifepoint** (Amanda Tennyson)

Morgan Hoffman and Amanda Tennyson will be presenting at the 2024 SUDs Conference at FVTC (September 19 & 20, 2024) to educate providers on the effectiveness and importance of incorporating harm reduction into service delivery for those working with people with substance use disorders.

Findings from client interactions

When program participants report that they need to use Narcan in the event of an overdose, they are asked if they called 911. When they say no, we then ask why they are not calling 911. The data from the Harm Reduction Program shows that the main reason a person is not calling 911 in the event of an overdose is that no one wants to get in trouble.

Program participants are asked to report back the results of their FTS usage. Clients have reported a decrease in positive results in the meth supply. Clients are reporting they are not testing the heroin supply because it is assumed that the heroin always has fentanyl.

g. **StepUp** (Chee Vang)

Chee Vang unavailable, typed note read and handed in for the minutes: "Step Up update going great we have 12 consistent kids on a weekly basis and have a waiting list. Step Up has changed from running through the school year to running in the summer to help with year round resources."

7. New Business

a. Vacant Committee Spots

–Private Citizen, County Board Chair and Judiciary and Public Safety designees currently vacant.
Assignment of Clerk of Court vacancy forthcoming.

b. Approval for Human Services to apply for TAD grant for Mental Health court

TAD Grant info: there is a pre-application process. Has been around since 2005. It is a competitive grant. With development of our program, may be eligible for up to \$150,000.00.
Deadline October 21, 2024.

Oversight committee needs to motion for approval of DHS to move forward applying for the grant. Judge Keberlein motions; 2nd by Patzer

Discussions: Who is point person at DHS? –Amy Geffers. DA Sparr figuring out at ground level how to collect data. If not enough money granted, could turn the grant down. Will need to be aware of what would be the conditions of the grant and amount provided. Apply to find this all out.

Motion carried, no objections. Approved.

8. Next Meeting – November 8, 2024. Noon, Branch III Courtroom – 2nd floor, room 240.

- Encouragement from Judge Keberlein to participate in and attend the meetings. It helps to learn from each other. Encouraged to share stories. The program is only as good as we make it through participation.
- **PIZZA for 11/08/24 meeting- Judge Keberlein**
- Pizza rotation schedule:

- Sheriff Matz
- DA Sparr
- Judge Keberlein
- County Executive Jon Doemel
- Judge Gibbs
- Sheriff Matz

9. Adjourn – Meeting concluded at 12:49 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: 232-3430.'

****This meeting is also being posted as a committee meeting for:
Judiciary & Public Safety
Emergency Management
Facilities & Property Management**