

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

VERNON COUNTY COURT & COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL
OCTOBER 10, 2019 @ 12:00 P.M.
VERNON COUNTY COURTHOUSE – JURY ROOM

Members in attendance:

Darcy J. Rood, Circuit Court Judge
Melony Hansen, VCDHS
Samantha Brye, VCDHS
JeriLynn Lindner, VCDHS
Chuck Mulvaney-Kemp, Teen Court
Rebecca Salmon, Passages
Cindy Ellefson, Recovery Courts
Betty Nigh, Vernon County Health Dept.
Stephanie Hopkins, Family Court Commissioner
Tricia Clements, ADRC
Emma Hood, Vernon County Prevention
Lisa Fieck, DOC
Lisa Hynek, Domestic Abuse Project Coordinator
Kristi Peterson, Judicial Assistant

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Judge Darcy Rood.

Affirmation of Proper Notice of Public Hearing: Proper notice of a public hearing was affirmed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Chuck Mulvaney-Kemp and seconded by Cindy Ellefson to approve the August 8, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Updates:

- **Recovery Courts:** Cindy Ellefson shared that Drug Court currently has 6 participants and Sobriety Court has 5. One of the drug court participants accessed residential treatment through grant funds. The team is looking to move some grant funding categories around to provide more money for treatment so participants can get higher levels of treatment. The program recently underwent and passed a federal audit.
- **Prevention/Partnership:** Emma Hood shared they are currently doing prevention work with the 8th graders at Pleasant Ridge. They are hoping their new staff member can work on marketing and convincing more schools to become involved with prevention work. They continue to work with the Vernon

County Health Department and are awaiting the official results of the surveys done this summer and at the Community Dinner.

- **Teen Court:** Chuck Mulvaney-Kemp represented Teen Court at the Coulee Region Summit held in Westby in August. He obtained useful information from the large group session and also the breakout sessions. He also spoke with Judge Teske one-on-one as well as networked with others in the county who are community leaders and/or who serve youth directly. He will continue to be involved with the School Justice Partnership.
- **Domestic Abuse Issues:** Lisa Hynek shared information about the annual Domestic Abuse Project fundraiser on October 19th at the Viroqua VFW. There is still time to get tickets. They received a generous donation which has helped her clients directly with such things as rent, security deposits and phone cards. She will be part of a team from Vernon County attending the Enhancing the Family Court's Response to Domestic Violence cases training in November in Wisconsin Dells. Becky Salmon shared that passages continues to be very busy and that Peter Daniels has now joined the Passages staff.
- **Elder Abuse Issues:** JeriLynn Lindner reported her department continues to be very busy.
- **Aging & Disability Center of Vernon County:** Tricia Clements shared information on the upcoming Resilient Caregiving Event being held on Thursday, November 7th at 3:00 pm at Kickapoo Corners in Readstown.
- **Health Department:** Betty Nigh shared some preliminary results from the survey collected this summer and at the Community Conversations Dinner. There will be a new Stepping on Class in Westby. The Stuff the Bus campaign was as success and they were able to fulfill all 650 requests for backpacks. She is looking for volunteers to help inventory supplies for next year. Also looking for funding to help with child passenger seats.
- **Trauma Informed Care Task Force/School Justice Program:** Melony Hansen shared the next task force meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th at noon at the Erlandson Building. Their fundraising efforts have been successful and there is money is available through the Meaningful Opportunity Scholarship. If there are children or families here in Vernon County that could benefit from something (that they can't afford) to ensure they are able to have a meaningful opportunity, please complete an application and forward to the task force.
- Peter Daniels has taken a new job outside of Vernon County but will continue to be involved with the task force and the School Justice Program. The annual Summit for next year will focus on AODA issues. A discussion was held on the concerns of vaping and the difficulties for law enforcement since its legal.

- **YWCA/CASA:** Tom Rhorer was not able to make today's meeting. Jessie Fortuna sent an email update indicating they did not receive the VOCA funding as they had hoped however they are committed to having a presence in Vernon County.
- **Veterans:** Crystal Knoll was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following update via email after the meeting: We were able to house and employ a Veteran who was at risk to reoffend and now is on a better track. One veteran who was in jail has since been sentenced and is now in New Lisbon prison so there are currently no documented veterans in the Vernon County Jail.
- **New Business/Roundtable Discussion:**
 - Judge Rood would like to expand this committee and form smaller subcommittees to identify, address and take action on the issues discussed. If anyone has ideas or input, please let her know.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2020 at noon.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm.