

Williston Community Justice Center Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2019

Present: Crista Lee McSweeney (Director), Steve LaTulippe (Coordinator), Marty DelNevo (Chair), Lillian Colasurdo (Vice Chair), Greta D'Agostino, Catherine Kimball, Laura Wainer, Beckett Pintair, Amanda Payne, Diane Kinnon, Shari Carr, Jon LaBrie, Hannahlei McSweeney, Mia Marinovich, Liz Merrill, Lorayne Lapin, Marion Cushner, Mary Reynolds-Wahl-Greer, Katie Titterton, Cathy Kelley, Bill Pellechia

Absent: Bree Kolibas, Tim Moran, Ali Wainer, Anne Thompson, Brant Dinkin, Adina Panitch

I. Welcome and Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- a) Minutes from the Nov. 2018 meeting were distributed. Two corrections made:
 1. Date of meeting corrected to November 5, 2019
 2. Line 13 changed "gleaning/food processing program and volunteer work in Winooski?."
- b) Motion to approve minutes with noted corrections: Lorayne Lapin.
Motion seconded: Greta D'Agostino.
Minutes approved.

II. Office Updates

- a) The Town and DOC have approved the WCJC to hire another part-time position (15 hrs/week). This position will be partially funded through budget reallocation and partially funded by the Williston Police Department until June 30th. After July 1st, the funding will be built into the WCJC's next fiscal year budget. Recruiting will begin in March. This position is to help with the increased caseload.
- b) Cases are currently scheduled out through April. Recently, there has been a large increase in cases and we are 27 cases above where we were at this point last year. Two additional case nights will be added a month to offset the volume.
- c) Panel members are reminded to let Cristalee and Steve know, in advance, if they cannot attend their scheduled case night.

III. Upcoming Trainings

- a) DOC has released a new state-wide training for all CJC members. All current members, and any new member moving forward, are required to complete the initial 10-hour training. There will be a mandatory 3-hour refresher training each

year after the initial. The initial 10-hour training will be held over a Friday evening and then all day on that following Saturday. Final date is forthcoming.

- b) Reminder that there is an opportunity to participate in a free victims engagement training through OVCTTA. Cristalee can provide more information.
- c) There will be a Deaf Culture Training (for restorative justice) scheduled for tomorrow (January 8th) at the South Burlington Police Department in the Community Room. Please RSVP to Cristalee if you plan to attend.

IV. Miscellaneous

- a) The Richmond Police Department has expressed an interest in participating more with the WCJC. The WCJC is exploring the possibility of holding a case night each month in Richmond.
- b) The WCJC was able to deliver four baskets of Thanksgiving food, with four additional turkeys, to families in need. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

V. Meeting Training Exercise

- a) Training held this evening on Storytelling. The purpose is to better understand what it takes for someone to come before a panel and tell their story. Board broken up into smaller groups to work on training exercise.
- b) Questions for the training: How do we listen better to someone's story? How are we providing a safe space for their story? How can we keep ourselves from forgetting these concepts?

VI. Adjournment

- a) Motion to adjourn: Greta D'Agostino
Motion seconded: Mary Reynolds-Wahl-Greer
- b) Marty Del Nevo, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm

Minutes submitted by: Lillian Colasurdo, Vice Chair