

LINCOLN COUNTY YOUTH JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, December 5, 2025 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am. 9 people were in attendance.

2. Introductions

The group went around with introductions. Those present in person were: Sofia Widowski, Sarah VenRooy, Cheryl Wolken, Brittney Woebeking and Stefanie Kaminski. Those present virtually were: Sheri Woodall, Stacy Bolder and Jenn Staeven.

3. Review Minutes from October

Minutes were reviewed and approved by Widowski and second by Wolken.

a. October Minutes

4. Opioid Mini Grant Update

Erin Ray with the Health Department presented the Opioid Mini Grant and how to find the information and application on the county website. You can get to the information by this link: <https://www.co.lincoln.wi.us/health/page/opioid-task-force-offers-grants-fight-opioid-crisis>. Applicants can receive up to \$10,000 per project and the max amount they have is \$50,000. The deadline to apply is 2/20/2026 and then applications will be reviewed at the meeting in March.

5. Review 2025 Goals/New Goals for 2026?

There weren't any ideas for new goals for 2026. There will be discussion on what the group looks like moving forward.

6. Partner Updates

Brittney discussed that Kinship is moving into the new building. Patti welcomed the idea of whether, in the future, the group would like to meet there and have a tour. Group sessions have started, and they are also working on assisting youth in transitioning into adulthood.

Cheryl discussed that Kim Alston will be retiring at the end of the year from Big Brother's Big Sister's. They also have a few Merrill school district staff that have applied to be a "Big."

Lincoln County Social Services introduced their newest employee, Sarah VenRooy. She will be working with Sofia assisting with high-level youth referrals in the community.

7. Next Meeting Date(s)

The next meeting date is to be determined.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am.