Welcome / introductions:
Paul Thinesen called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Review / approve minutes of September 13, 2018:
Andrew Horgen made a motion to approve the September 13th minutes. Greg Guy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review / approve agenda:
Julie Danda made a motion to approve the agenda. Collette Neron Ellenbecker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Violent Offenders Task Force: Joel Schmidt & Chad Meemken
Joel and Chad passed around various types of drugs in sealed bags so that the group could see first-hand what all the different types of drugs look like. They shared the various drugs that they are seeing in the St. Cloud area more recently. Cocaine and Methamphetamine are some of the most popular drugs in the St. Cloud area. They do not believe there are any large meth labs in the St. Cloud surrounding area. A lot of the meth they suspect is coming from New Mexico. Marijuana they are seeing come from Colorado and Alaska more and more. Marijuana is a more common drug that they see a lot of college kids using.

Fentanyl is a fatal drug that they have come across. All of the Steans County Deputies carry a Narcan with them to bring someone out of an overdose. They also shared that they have heard that Narcan is used at parties if someone overdoses. They also have found that people overdose just to use Narcan.
The use of illegal drugs is increasing significantly, especially over the past few years they are seeing.

**Reflection/Information Sharing: All**
Greg Guy said that the attendance at the Smart Recovery meetings are very high. They have gone from two meetings a week to three meetings a week with the large volume of attendance and participation.

Andrew Horgen shared that the work Smart Recovery is doing is very much appreciated in Corrections to encourage folks to get help.

Bethany Oberg passed around flyers to be shared.

We will be welcoming Keri Raiber at the November meeting. She was unable to attend the October meeting. Keri will be replacing Jennifer Bruzek’s position in social services.

**Adjourn:**
Motion made by Paul Thinesen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Julie Ellis. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

**Next meeting is Thursday, November 8, 2018, 1:30 p.m. in Room 499 at the Stearns County Administration Center.**