

State Advisory Council Meeting
February 12-13, 2009
Cheyenne, WY

Members present: Renee Kemper, Lori Fertig, Cindy DeLancey, Brandon Snyder, Lynne Davies, Gary Hartman, Melinda Dennington, Jim Pond, Steve Kozisek, April Dittman, Steve Aaron, Dustin Von Krosik, Eydie Trautwein, Ryan Roden, Marc Homer, Don Rardin, Rick Patterson, Anne LaPlante, Lori Hutchinson, JoAnn Numoto, Deejana Kelly, Matt Keating, Sean Brazzale, Charlene Edwards, Adrienne Freng, Sue Chatfield, Debra Dugan Doty, Les Pozsgi, Ronn Jeffery, Wade Sanford, Donna Sheen, and Kris Smith

Others Present: Tony Lewis, Craig Fisgus, Debby Lynch, Heath Steel, Nancy Evanko, Greg Swanson, Beth Evans, DeAnn Roll, Ilaine Brown and Lindee Wiltjer

1:00-1:15 p.m. Opening Donna Sheen

- Introductions
- Brief overview and history of SACJJ for new members
- Challenge in Wyoming our criminal code makes MIP a criminal defense which is inconsistent with Fed Law so a speed bump in coming into compliance
- DMC compliance
- Educate and offer money thru grants to develop ways to come into compliance of 4 core requirements of act.

1:15-2:15 p.m. WCCA Beth Evans

- Last report under contract until April to close out grant activities.
- June 30 the final report due
- Continuing tech support through contract
- Accompanied Pat Arthur- WY Children's Action Alliance went to the Wardle Academy with Senator Sessions, Senator Ross, et al
- Upcoming WCCA Juvenile Detention Facilities Meeting in March in Riverton whose attendees will include:
 - 5 counties that have juvenile detention centers
 - 5 counties that feed them
- WY Children's Justice Project in June with De Ann Roll to discuss data collection and analysis
- DMC in compliance with OJJDP requirement

DeAnn Rolls report:

- Brief report of violations for 2008 (full 12 months)
- Not one use of Valid Court Order even though law passed in June 08

- Looking into JC Wardle absconder
- Status Offense- default status offense information not available.
- Still auditing 12 month records and will provide Debby Lynch clean data before she starts visits.

Chuck Kratz DMC report:

- Training for new members next meeting
- Progress report on 2008 DMC Plan
- Segue for 2009 DMC Plan
- DMC is a mandate of Juvenile Justice Act \$128K grant provided out of the \$660K received extra \$50K received for compliance per year .
- First 2008 Goal to provide training
- Accomplished at Aug Meeting
- October identified committee and had meeting
- Develop definitions (see handout page 5)
- Data gaps and need statewide
- Doing sample 3 year plan- provide 3 yrs data and juvenile crime analysis based on that data. (see page 3)
- Consistency on reporting and keeping data
- Assessments.com PACT tool from DFS and single point of entry should help to record data.
- WY Juvenile Justice Information Act and see what it should look like. Maybe have legislative committee look at that.
- Idea to fund through JAIBG grant state receives.
- Do comprehensive plan in the three areas for 2008
- 2009 talk more about data collection

Chair recommends Detention and Data committees should get together with DMC committee

- Beth stated Senator Sessions will attempt to put a footnote on the legislation to include the data piece. More to come.

2:15 -2:30 p.m.

VOA

Craig Fisgus

- Teton county only county requested money. Counties going to wait to use money in various programs.
- Distributed 16 sub-grants along with Wind River
- This spring Debby will be going to do secure facilities. Will be inviting people to go. SACJJ members invited to go.
- Beth's 06 numbers big issue in WY status offense violations (notwithstanding sight and sound violations). Positive meeting with Campbell county. Looks like new wing will be open in June 09. Need to problem solve.

- VOA will be conducting similar meetings around the state.
- VOA funding Assessments.com March through end of year.
- We should invite Judges train on topics to regional trainings.

Heath Steele

Two years ago SACJJ asked VOA to apply this grant. The primary focus was to get the money to communities for grass roots level. They would like to have a partnership with SACJJ.

Debby to provide Ilaine with itinerary and contact information.

2:30-2:45 p.m.

Legislative Update Ret. Judge Gary Hartman

- Senate File 107-
- Chief Justice, Roger McDaniel and Hartman took it in rough draft to move it along. Convinces Sen. Ross to introduce bill. Senate passed and now in House.
- Single point of entry- decriminalize MIP and make status offense for kids under 18. (see attached diagram)
- Senate file 129 – Single point of entry. Central intake point to County Attorney
- This should help to identify needs and act as sieve that is in need of services which can only be provided in Juvenile Court.
- Still most will go on to court and the others will be referred out to get services.
- Objective process is where this council will have a part in what criteria may be so it can move us closer to being compliant.
- This is to help facilitate Community Juvenile Service Boards Community Juvenile Service Board general fund money was pushed back out to communities. Rules in final process. SACJJ will look at plan and say should include diversion through secure detention. SACJJ will be able to send out technical assistance.
- OJJDP meeting with Chair and Judge Hartman. They are not required to send 600K but have been sending. This money is to bring WY into compliance. The bad thing about this is in this pint in time if we were to say we want to be a participating state. 20% for participating state 20% compliant sight and sound 60% will go away for not being in compliance. Hartman asked for a letter what numbers we need to come into compliance in each part. If WY elects to become participating will we get waiver for 3 year period to come into compliance. They are looking at this. 600K not guaranteed but can turn the switch anytime. Money should be used to bring into compliance in all four categories.
- Senate File 96- Juvenile Detention facility bill- took no action in senate judiciary and asked that an interim study be done for regional detention.

3:00- 3:45 p.m.

Detention Standards and Level of Care Continuum Update

Tony Lewis/ Debra Dugan Doty

- Central Intake Bill- allows services to be accessed.
- As we are able to adjust the continuum of care we will experience decreases in the high end placements.
- This month we are spending \$63,000 less this month than last month.
- In 2007, there were 7,100 juvenile arrests in Wyoming. Average age of kid in DFS system is 16. If the average age of kids being arrested is lower there is something we are clearly missing.
- Definition of the continuum of care, brief description of the community juvenile service boards and what a continuum of care entails.

- Discussion of the Martin study. Handouts. Reference to continuum of care and discuss of what a good intake process and good alternatives looks like. The last piece would be the PACT assessment. It will be discussed tomorrow.

- The Division is mapping out what the needs are in each county and region. (see slides)
 - Behavior
 - Intervention
 - Effective Services
 - All for each low to high risk juveniles

- Community Juvenile Service Board. There are four (4) parts to the bill.
 - Central Intake and Assessment
 - Detention Standards and Programs
 - Continuum of Care
 - Funding and Planning

- SACJJ needs to take a look at it for everyone not only DFS.
- There is a committee that is looking at this Youth and Family Charter. Korin Schmidt, Nicky Anderson, and Judge Hartman working diligently to lead that committee.
- Money that is freed up we can direct it to places in community to serve juveniles better.
- Short term and long term solutions need to be looked at.
- Monitoring and education is an important piece.
- The recommended standards for detention on our website are still the ones with some minor tweaking should be used.

- Will be going to Sweetwater County with Mark Martin to see what needs to be done.
- DFS states juvenile authority only on what goes through the Court.
- Encourages council to have unified vision coming from the children.

Donna- Benefit talking about data committee knowing how to get data together it can be consistent for the assessment.

3:45- 4:45 p.m. Discussion regarding Pat Arthur correspondence

Lengthy discussion concerning correspondence received from Pat Arthur. Such questions were should the council respond, and if so, in what manner.

Declare meeting closed until 8 at 4:45.

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Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

8:15-8:55 a.m. Continue Pat Arthur Correspondence Discussion

Ronn Jeffrey makes motion that we will have this discussion on roll and ethics of the committee and meeting

Les Poszgi seconds

Discussion

Motion carries.

How do we respond to letter and to whom do we respond?

Ronn Jeffrey moves that a group of people volunteer to see what the letter should look like

Kris Smith seconds

Discussion

Maybe identify two or three bullet points that have a purpose

Motion carries

Who wants to be on the volunteer committee:

Melinda Dennington

Adrienne Freng

Lori Hutchison

Judge Gary Hartman

Rick Patterson

Subcommittee to move on it today. Response should be to Governor and Legislature.

8:55- 9:10 a.m. Break

9:10 – 10:00 a.m. PACT Assessment Nicole Anderson

Positive Achievement Change Tool (Washington Assessment)

Purpose- DFS view not to mandate court orders help with family dynamics, et al

- Identifies risks and strengths
- Utilizes motivational interviewing.
- Replacing the three assessments using now and is more thorough.
- Researched for over 2 years. Met with Doctors who helped develop it.
- Implementation team will stay even after the roll out to continue information development.

There are three sets of two day training.

- Learn tool
- Motivational training
- Case plan and booster training
- Need extensive training and certification procedures. If missed cannot be certified or use tool until then.
- Identifies risk and protective factors

In motivational interview client does about 70% of the talking.

- Want juveniles to come up with their own feeling to change and give them the skills to work through the changes.
- Prescreen information can be used to divert if appropriate and not proceed onto the full screen
- Twelve domains in full assessment.
- Historical and current information.

- Do not complete the assessment at the time of the interview.
- Risk factors should be addressed and if not enough information then you must explain why skipped.
- Establishes goals for PO, juvenile and family.
- Helps give ideas on how to deal with issues.
- Research based tool.
- This is helping with team work and collaboration with everyone in the state.
- It will tie in with the Juvenile Community Service Boards.
- Use at MDT and connect to WYCAPS.

10:00-11:30 a.m. Divided people into sub-committees

Report on Sub-committees

Pat Arthur letter committee- headed by Judge Hartman

Response-Decide on acceptable practices and progressions in Wyoming.
 Judge Hartman will draft a letter in the next couple of days. Once final, he will send to Natrona County Commissioners for suggestion before submitted.
 Then will bring back before the council by email.

Vision/Planning/Policy Committee- Donna

Did not establish process or vision but discussed roles.
 Take a look at the PACT Assessment and appoint formal liaisons for prosecutors association. Maybe that should be Cindy DeLancy. No formal action taken.
 There is a need for a goal of trying to increase and an overview and breaking down barriers. Point out the gaps in need.

Detention/DMC Committee- Les

Lively conversation between compliance, detention, DMC and data. The intent is to develop and address a position that can be communicated to communities.
 Communities want to know expectations and therefore it is important that we come up with commonalities. (i.e. shared definitions, procedural issues, etc.)
 Did not yet assign roles. Provide resources around data to communities.
 How do we assist localities to build resources to ensure this is a long term process?

- Community Juvenile Service Boards
- Supreme Court System

Discussion on how to improve this system.

Outreach Committees- Marc Homer

Discussion of creative solution for dealing with youth.

Beth Evans pointed out that the council is obligated \$30,000 to operate and that is all the money they have.

Discussion of statutory requirements and how they were divided up. Statute- 14-101-F7-
Is what we are trying to get to. Donna read this statute to the council.

11:30- 12:30 p.m.

Old business

- Strategic plan process Hartman
- Goals are moving targets right now
- Data is the base that will drive a lot of the decisions
- Single point of entry
- Need to revise Juvenile code in WY
- Family Court Process
 - When working with system it cannot be personality driven
 - Hopefully our predecessors can take what we set up and continue with it.
 - We need to look outside the state but also inside
- Talked about upcoming meetings
- Wolfs Forms
- Rules re ICJ underway
 - State advisory group council for state for ICJ
 - Three Members: Deb Dugan Doty, Sean Brazzale and Tony Ross

1230- 1:28 p.m.

Conflict of Interest

Professor John Burman

Presentation by Professor Burman on conflicts of interest and ethical issues.
Question and answer session.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.