

State Advisory Council Meeting
December 4-5, 2008
Casper, WY

Present: Ilaine Brown, Lindee Wiltjer, Donna Sheen, Judge Gary Hartman, Craig Fisgus, Debby Lynch, Deejanae Kelly, Gary Gilmore, Matt Keating, DeeAnn Roll, Beth Evans, Chuck Kratz, Melinda Dennington, Sharon Bates, Lynne Davies, Sue Chatfield, Pat Arthur, Don Reardin, Josh Gartrell, Wade Sanford, Lori Hutchison, Steve Aaron.

1:15-1:35 p.m. Opening Donna Sheen

Presented Annual Report to Joint Judiciary with Judge Hartman this morning

- questions on Community Juvenile Service Board- aware of change looked for some direction
- decriminalization of MIP
- Ernie Johnson spoke about MIP and how to deal with it appropriately
- On verge of making changes to single point of entry and basis is to identify high risk kids and give front end services
- Governor's office gathering information on all agencies in the state that have a touch on juveniles.
- Gary Gilmore brought a youth Ishmael Reed who told his story.
- Assignments regarding committees provided.
- executive committee there is one opening
- grants committee already formed

1:35-2:30 p.m. WCCA JJDP Update Dr. Evans

- Allen Beck presented training "What County Commissioners Need to Know About Their Jail.
- Scared straight program being looked at. Should not be ordered by public authority to go.
- Rural Exception- 17 facilities approved
- Compliance Monitoring- being transferred to Debby Lynch of VOA.
- Letter to presented to Donna Sheen with a flash drive of 125 files.
- Data presented by DeAnn Roll (handout c& d)
- Data collection is covered by the grant through Jan 2009

- New Campbell county juvenile facility will drop the numbers of violations there as it will be separate facility. Sight/sound will probably be a third less than what we see now.

DMC report

Chuck Kratz

- Committee had a conference call meeting. Data has been gathered. The outlook is bleak. Compliance will not happen by March and we will have to do another three year plan. Local jurisdiction garbage in garbage out.
- Sheriff /university/ city in Albany county counts white or black no other box to check
- Arrest data being put together in some areas. Still have work cut out for us.
- Three year plan due March 09.
- Part will require a statewide data collection. Mandated to work in three communities. Part of the plan is how to get statewide information.

Discussion with Dr. Evans continues...

- Discuss where committee would like to be in the list of council committees provided.
- Get a letter of introduction from Governor's Office so that people have more information before Chuck Kratz tries to contact them for information.
- Title V (handout e)
- Never been able to access the money awarded since we are out of compliance. We have officially been awarded the Title V money.
- A council resolution would suffice to have funds move forward to a few counties.
- The Council must also certify that local counties cooperating with DMC.
- The council must also figure out guidelines of the violation. Such as:
- Violations can be split between counties, should be allocated to the facility, or given to the originating county.
- The county split sounds good, but a lot of work
- There is a suggested resolution regarding Title V Community Prevention Grant Funds and regarding the assessment of JJDP Act violations.
- Discussion about how to proceed with counting violations for Title V. Beth gave the council three options and let them know that a decision

needs to be made on how to proceed before we can begin the application process for Title V.

- Chuck Kratz reports that detention standards would really help.
- Two largest facilities are for profit- may be a problem
- Tony says we may be able to tighten up the DFS contract with these facilities that would say that they can not take these kids that result in violations.
- Gary Gilmore shared how the WBS deals with status offense youth being placed at WBS.

2:30- 3:10 p.m. Discussion Dr. Evan's questions on proposals

We need to discuss how the process would be affected if it waited until the next meeting.

Quorum ascertained

Matt Keating makes motion that violation is against the sending county (c) Lynne Davies seconds.

Discussion:

Chuck Kratz wants split violation

Status-quo could be maintained until better data- Dr. Evans

Matt Keating withdraws the motion- seconded by Lynne Davies

Can be changed at any time on how we give the grant money.

Matt Keating moves that the facility holding the juvenile receive the violation

Lori Hutchinson seconds

No discussion

Motion carries

Judge Waters Move adopt Resolution in handout

Gary Gilmore seconds

No discussion

Motion carries

3:10 p.m. Break

3:35 p.m. Community Juvenile Service Boards Tony Lewis

Ultimate measure for bill:

Front end diversion

System of care

Diversion

Boards to plan each function according to best practice model.

- All counties will benefit from this.
- Discuss differences between adult and juvenile population and how they are dealt with.
- 4 pilot counties are: Park, Sheridan, Natrona and Sweetwater.

4:15- 4:45 p.m. Closing Discussion

- Washington assessment and confidentiality issues.
- Judge Hartman discusses MDT issues. The Advisory Council may want to discuss if we need state standards. Do we need facilitators. Is information getting shared.
- The council needs to address what needs to be done long range. Three, five, seven year plan. We need to revamp Title 14 of the Wyoming Statutes. There are duplicative statutes.
- Federal Advisory Council news by Judge Waters-
- What do you do with Juvenile who turns 18. Policy of putting in adult jail upon juvenile turning 18. OJJDP is no longer requiring it although it is still done.
- Outreach subcommittee can work on filling in gaps that information would be shared.
- Donna gone to committee notes. (Committee Checklist Handout)
- Nominations for Judge Hartman by Gary Gilmore for the Executive Committee.
- Hartman appointed to the executive committee by Donna Sheen
- Grants Committee added Waters, Dittman and Dennington
- Discussion about the committee's already in place; media committee, training committee, because of the change in leadership there tends to be new direction and therefore the committee's have changed with the guidance of the annual report. There was a brief discussion of the old Strategic Plan and where it stands. It may need to be updated.
- Asked for comments regarding the committee's and whether or not people are okay being on the committee they have been assigned to. Committee's need to choose a chairperson, review current strategic plan goals, come up with possible goals, and set meeting dates. We want to be very clear about who is supposed to be doing what. By the end of tomorrow we would like to have the meetings finalized.

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Present: All listed above. Additional Member: Catherine Wilking

8:10 – 8:15 a.m. Called to Order Donna Sheen
Housekeeping

8:15- 9:30 a.m.

National Center for Youth Law

Pat Arthur

- 25 years of Institution Project Washington State
- Teen Child founder
- co-chair Juvenile Justice Subcommittee for ABA
- Serves on advisory board National Juvenile Defender Center
- Advocate for children in different ways
- Washington used to use pepper spray on children and after a class action suit was stopped.
- Litigation is an unfortunate route to take to try and reform, but sometimes necessary.
- National Center for Youth Law- advocacy for disadvantaged youth. They were a back up center for legal services corporation. Reproductive and health rights for youth. Juvenile Justice work. Look to support impact work in all states.
- Developing knowledge of best practice, contacts with experts, work with people who are on the path to reform, how are advocates
- Funded through Jet foundation to do work in Arkansas
- Alexander Treatment Facility state training school to be revamped. Medical care, suicides,
- Helped refocus from improving the training school and focus on keeping safe. Did the children incarcerated there need to be there. Analyzed that really 42% of the kids were there on misdemeanors and housed in a prison. Tries to define and create a framework of who needs to be in state custody and who can be diverted.
- Trying to have kids eligible for Medicare as soon as they get out. Try to help the kids survive in the community.
- Reform on how to better use Title IVe funding. Some states have built a system more treatment oriented, more therapeutic based.
- Need to build relationships in communities. People from other states who are experts to provide testimony on the judicial approach.
- Youth Advocacy program provides a paraprofessional model to provide wrap around services for kids. Learn how to use the resources in the community and develop additional resources. Difficult to get school to table for juvenile justice effort. Needs to all be at the table. Working small from community level up like the community boards.
- McCarther foundation has program called "models for change." Started with four states, Illinois, WA, LA, and PA. Have been trying to come up with a model with all various components for all states to look at. They were able to prioritize what needs to be worked on (ie mental health, DMC, diversion, etc) One is adequacy of representation and public advocacy. What are underlying needs of the child that may not be addressed.

- Anne E. Casey Foundation doing juvenile justice reform around the states. Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative. Casey strategic plan to reform is on a state level. Must be invited in by Governor.
- Public Welfare Foundation
- Number of kids who are underage drinking being locked up is not working according to the statistics. There should be alternative programs, some tribes have good prevention programs.
- Perhaps provide fiscal incentives to communities.
- Some catalysts are dynamic leadership. Help understand that teens and children are impulsive and work differently than adults.

9:30- 10:15

Youth Challenge Program

Joe Michaels

- Information about the Youth Challenge Program
- 1,300 drop-outs in Wyoming a year
- 60% Federally funded and 40% State funded
- Difficulties to get buy-in from the schools
- Located in the Military Department, but it is not a boot camp
- Program is GED oriented but it is not a requirement of the program. The majority of the youth do graduate with their GED.
- Youth are ages 16-21, free of illegal drugs, Wyoming resident and not adjudicated for a felony
- Program is 22 weeks
- Requirement that they select two individuals to be mentors when they arrive at the program. Mentors go through mentoring classes. They stay in touch with the young adult for one year after the program.
- Kids receive life coping skills, human sexuality, anger management, and finance instruction.
- First two weeks is the hardest for the youth. They are with the program for 24/7. The hardest part of the youth is their connectivity to the world. They do not have cell phones, iPods, or internet. They write letters when they want to contact family.
- 18 year olds are registered for the selective services if males and all are registered to vote.
- Youth Challenge Program is voluntary but they want people to know that they are out there and taking referrals.
- The only cost is a sports physical before they arrive.
- Female numbers are down. So if there are not at least 15 females or program will not go.
- Discussion about how the Youth Challenge Program is different from a boot camp program and they are not a recruitment program for the military but they are exposed to the military. Around 13% of graduates have joined the military.
- Presentation of some of the outcomes of the Youth Challenge Program.

- Per day cost for what it cost to have a youth complete the program is about \$17-25,000. The goal is to get to around \$14,000 per student which is recommended by the federal government.

10:15- 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30- 10:40 Committee Break-out Individual groups

Chuck Kratz decided DMC should be a stand alone and put in the compliance piece. OJJDP has a guideline that DMC needs to follow.

10:40- 11 a.m. Discussion regarding Boys School co-occurring issues Gary Gilmore

- 30-40 kids can be diverted to less restrictive placement. Some mental health/substance abuse kids are being kept in the communities as they need different services. Only 4 mental health counselors on staff.
- Emphasizes safety for kids.
- Structured and orderly program. Familiar with school districts so credits are transferrable.
- GED approximately 50 kids a year.
- Strong efforts towards transitional planning.
- 13% this year return to facility.
- Average length of stay is 6 months.
- Practice is monitoring goes by original court order.
- If a child is ordered to the Boys School the law is no matter how low functioning they are ordered there. The school then tries to assess them and place them in the correct facility. Dr. Rerdin stated that not including sex offenders that the final crime does not always mean placement should be at the Boys' school.
- About six years ago the decline of children placed at Boys' School started.
- There was a shift of thought to keep kids in the communities and use other programs.
- We see a reduction in length of stay in Natrona and Laramie Counties but not in number of children placed.

Tony Lewis- case management from providers see that often DFS workers won't fill out the application due to time constraints.

Patricia Arthur- Training of probation officers to respond creatively without jeopardizing security. Graduated sanctions and reinforcement seems to work.

11:11- 12 Noon Visit with committees

Three year plan regarding legislation

Set up home conferences and new member training set up.

DMC set up meeting to look at goals and get letter of introduction. Hope to have a plan in place by march. Identify three communities to assess before next plan.

Executive committee meeting regarding logistics and time frames down.

12 noon- Adjourned for lunch and tour of JDC-Casper at 1:30 p.m.