

State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice

April 23, 2009- April 24, 2009

Wyoming Girls School, Sheridan, WY

Thursday, April 23

12:00 -1:00 New Member Meeting

Members present: Donna Sheen, Adrienne Freng, Anne LaPlante, Charlene Edwards, Lori Hutchinson, Judge Gary Hartman, Gary Gilmore, Les Pozsgi, Sean Brazzale, Judge Bruce Waters, Marc Homer, Melinda Dennington, Jim Pond, Matt Keating, Don Rardin, Rick Patterson, Lori Fertig, Eydie Trautwein, Lynne Davies, Rene' Kemper, Rhea Parsons, and Kris Smith

Others Present: Senator Burns, Lauri Lamm, Jeff Herb, Rep. Jerry Ikle, Jeff Bell, Stacey Obrecht, Greg Swenson, Sue Chatfield, Debby Lynch, Craig Figus, Heath Steele

1:05 p.m. Clark Fairbanks, Superintendent of Girls School-Welcome

1:15 p.m. Opening Remarks, Donna Sheen, Chair

Discussion of Agenda

- Add Joint Judiciary Interim Committee – Any formal recommendations for their May meeting.
- Add OJJDP approved request- Next meeting in Rock Springs to train new member / compliance training

1:20 p.m.. VOA Update, Craig Figus

- First quarterly report due
- Looking for no cost extension
- Met with Campbell, Hot Springs, Natrona, Park and Washakie.
- Met with Brian Skorik, Scott Stewart in Park County regarding change.
- Funding jail roster through Assessments.com
- Ability to sort data by county
- Dee Ann Roll keeping Data collection
- Chuck Kratz keeping DMC

Debby Lynch

- Been in twelve counties
- Sheriff's aware of what we are looking for
- Site visits include:
 - o update facility information
 - o Visuals on juveniles

- Review rural exemption rules
- Review valid court order
- Visited Fremont County Juvenile Detention center
- Going to RJDC – Casper
- Powell would not be participating in data and compliance monitoring
- Modification to the jail roster will be reported next meeting

Judges can attend any of the trainings. –Cheyenne, -Rock Springs, -Cody, -Sheridan

Judges can send kids to detention style placement in facilities.

Only six out of 22 counties are completely compliant.

Park County does not want the \$63K they applied for. Will continue to reach out to Park County to try and discuss collaboration.

Grant committee will get together to discuss this.

1:45 p.m. Housekeeping- Donna Sheen

Motion to Approve Minutes- Jim Pond

Matt Keating seconded. Discussion: None. Motion carried.

1:47 DMC Update- Chuck Kratz, DMC Coordinator

- Training on OJJDP webinar
- Will put data on website soon
- Discussion about target areas
- A Business Plan needs to be put together about data
- One state statute for Juvenile Justice Data Systems
- Chuck Kratz met with Adrienne Freng to discuss how to collect data
- Visited Utah and Montana DMC coordinators. Met with Juvenile Justice Specialists. Visited about data collection, how do they get it, what do they use it for, etc.?
- Agencies are required to maintain and report out data to Court Administrators.
- They look at policy and target things that need fixing.
- Opportunity with single point of contact legislation which passed to get some good data.
- Juvenile Detention data has good 6 year record
- PACT Training- Positive Achievement Change Tool
- Detention data (Assessments.com)
- Bob would be willing to come down from Montana and tell us how to use it. (on our dime)
- Perhaps bring to Joint Judiciary idea of a law on data reporting
- DCI needs to get on board on reporting data they receive from arresting officers
- Highway patrol in process of changing citations and now designate a separate copy in the county attorney's office.
- Discussion with Adrienne Freng about statewide system collection data.

2:30 p.m. - Break

2:45 p.m. - Community Juvenile Service Boards- Jeff Herb, Department of Family Services

- Progression on Assessment
- July 1st District and County Attorney's will be the single point of entry
- Staffing diversion officers with prosecutors
- Many of the four parts of the bill are being met
- PACT pre-screen (15 minutes) basic assessment
- Detention risk assessments (can kids be served somewhere else)
- Juvenile Detention Assessment Instrument (10 minutes) is detention your best bet?
- Working on Developing a continuum of care based up on 4 risk levels of the PACT Assessment.
- The applications for boards were mailed out this week.
- Kelly Hamilton from WY Citizens Review Panel will provide Technical Assistance
- Campbell County Juvenile Justice group meeting to apply for Community Juvenile Service Boards
- Carbon County planning session in May
- Albany County in May
- Sweetwater County ready to meet next Monday
- Park County (working with Ann Marie a independent Living coordinator in the county to try grass roots effort)
- ARRA grants have been out (looking at those grants is something the Community Juvenile Service Boards)
- Looked at new website SACJJ where Comm. Juvenile Svc Boards are housed
- Ideas for funding for counties
- Viewed application
- No central CHINS database so each county will have to search out that data.
- Taskforce- Heath Education and Family Services and the Advisory Council.
- Funding Allocations through June 30, 2010
- Council is mentioned in rules to join the task force of how applications are accepted.
- Question and Answer session

July 1st letter of intent deadline

Applications due December 31st

3:30 p.m. Break

3:40 p.m. Sheridan County Update Matt Redle Jeff Bell Neal Madson

- Single point of entry from last legislative session
- Juvenile Attorney Sheryl Bunting was asked to look at something that can be implemented in Sheridan
- Large group did some strategic planning to inform us on ways that we might operate that would best serve juveniles and services we have and what is needed. Working with VOA.
- Trying to identify screening committee
- All stakeholders and service providers are represented in the group.
- Screening committee was up before legislative session
- Juvenile Probation DFS and Justice Office, School resource officers, prosecutor, city attorney and any other agency is welcome to help with screening.

- Screening takes place on Monday at 10 a.m.
- Try to determine Services the child or family might need to dictate what court or if diversion is used.
- Late November early December screening was started. Cannot give an account of how it is going, not been doing this long enough.
- Identifying services available and gaps in services.
- First looked at numbers in Sheridan and how kids come into the system.
- Look at intervention and programs. What works with what kids?
- 48 Hour hold available in Sheridan.
- Sanction levels are not used so much in Sheridan. City attorney comes with information and that is how factors are decided.
- Each of the communities has different based services and will have to have to treat kids differently. I.e. Laramie County, Natrona County is different than Sheridan.
- If child is to expose during assessment another crime (selling pot) they are not going to write them on it but use it in services.
- Longitudinal historical data gathering 1996 (working on it last eight months)
- How does SACJJ need to move
 - Would like to get to a place where, except for routine type offenses, juveniles should be seen in juvenile court (except adult felony violation) goes to juvenile court.

In delinquency and CHINS statutes – let district court judge identify what district court commissioners can handle as far as juvenile cases. Need to put incentive on getting kids into court quickly. Can be done effectively to have magistrates take it up.

4:30 p.m. Additional Agenda Items- Donna Sheen

Report on County Commissioners Detention Meeting- Judge Hartman

- Legislature decided on an Interim Study on Juvenile Detention
- WY County Commissioners meeting in May will talk about it and take it to Joint Judiciary Committee
- Broke out into 5 different groups regarding 5 questions on detaining kids.
- Private v. Public
- Presentations on feedback on questions. Beth Evans is going to put it into report to be disseminated. Chuck Kratz will be sure to get the SACJJ a copy of the report.
- Discussed that 5 facilities that exist today should be either local or “good neighbors” and have regional facilities.
- Consensus uniform assessment instrument
- Specialized training for LE
- Sheriff should have direct input since they run facilities
- There are start up construction costs which needs to be talked about
- Broader views of Diversion, community programs (what the boards are being looked at)

4:40 adjourned. Due to weather tour was given to members who signed up.

Friday, April 24

Members Present: Lynne Davies, Rene Kemper, Eydie Trautwein, Melinda Dennington, Don Rardin, Rick Patterson, Rhea Parson, Donna Sheen, Adrienne Freng, Anne LaPlante, Charlene Edwards, Lori Fertig, Sean Brazzale, Matt Keating, Jim Pond, Marc Homer, Lori Hutchison, Judge Bruce Waters, Clark Fairbanks, Les Poszgi, Gary Gilmore and Judge Gary Hartman

Others present: Sue Chatfield, Stacey Obrecht, Clark Fairbanks

8:10 a.m. Donna Sheen - Chair- opening

8:15 a.m. Marc Homer- Grant Kids Count- Casey Family Foundation

- Supplemental Policy Grant received Juvenile Justice Reform
- Focus groups will be formed perhaps one with this group
- Road Map of Juvenile Justice Reform from Casey Programs handed out

Donna Sheen- Sub committees should get together and talk about what should be endorsed at the Joint Judiciary.

8:20 a.m. PACT Assessment- Jeff Herb- Department of Family Services

- Should give consistent level of communication across the state
- 125 probation officers/screeners are trained. There are more trainings to come.
- This does have a screen for mental health. Basic level report takes hour and half for a worker to fill out.
- Juvenile Services was under the CPS case plan now have own
- PACT Assessment is proven reliable.
- Cheyenne will finish up training next week.
- Static Factor and Dynamic factors assessments.
- QA person will go around quarterly to go to county and DFS sites to audit information.
- The information put in is able to be compiled county by county.
- There are four scores on it : Low Moderate Moderate/High and High Risk.
- Majority of services to high risk kids and low risk kids should be diverted out. The policy does reflect this. Community Juvenile Service Boards should handle this
- Many different screen examples were discussed.
- Assessment is designed to determine the level of risk for reoffending, identify the targets, monitor youth's progress.
- Send statistics out about once a month to workers
- MDT team will still be the case planning and this will help report that.
- This will not replace mental health evaluations but give us a gauge
- DRAI report for detention piece of assessment is something that is being looked at but not currently budgeted.
- Every three months an update (re-assessment) will need to be done by the worker.

9:15 a.m. Federal Advisory Council Update- Judge Bruce Waters

- Each state and territory in US has State Advisory Council- Each has a representative at Federal Advisory Council
- Finished the body of the work for the next annual report this March

- The report includes need for leadership.
- Recommendations to have congress get funding levels back up
- New report should be out June or July.
- Work on new report starting already. Annual request for information. Each state gets it and has a chance to respond. That information is used for the report.
- The next report should have some DMC information in it.
- Jeff Sokowski is the Acting Director of OJJDP.
- Executive Committee will respond to technical assistance
- A lot of talk about Valid Court Order. OJJDP has not taken a position one way or the other.

9:30 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Break out into sub-committees

10:45 a.m. Sub Committee report out

Judge Hartman- Vision

- Community Juvenile Service Boards
- System of Care
- Suggest develop a checklist for communities when boards formed on where are now to get to end goal
- Detention piece- What kind of kids belong in detention?
- Recommend use central intake to determine where kid needs to be regarding Law Enforcement.

Les Pozsgi- Detention

- Items to present to Joint Judiciary through suggestion to Donna Sheen
- Don't have time or data for solid recommendations.
- Best approach for significant issues of what they can view. Have them look at existing operations (5 regional programs). Look at developing staff secure resource outlook.
- Standards do need to be developed
- Look at and define the role of detention in juvenile services
- Look at identifying a screening instrument for appropriate kids and use across the state.
- What are suggested protocols as far as operations of these programs

Adrienne Freng- Data

- Unified data gathering at all levels
- Single point of contact should help information gathering. Mandate that data collection happens at that contact.
- Against recommending one system. Encourage cooperation of the council.
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Marc Homer- Outreach

- Wyoming Public Radio(Melinda Dennington) it will run nationwide and locally (Addie Goss) Community Education on the System of Care of juveniles.
- Lori Hutchinson will chair at next meeting.
- Booth at CJP to project website on screen and answer questions
- In-kind contributions on outreach
- Help with JJDA negative effects of status offenders being locked up
- Using media advocacy in Juvenile Justice Reform (Casey website)

Motion for SACJJ to become a focus group for Casey Grant made by Richard Patterson

Don Rardin seconds. Discussion: None. Motion carries.

Sub committee chairs Les Pozgi and Adrienne Freng to put formal written email to give information to Joint Judiciary

Motion for moving forward to finalize that the recommendations and input get sent to Joint Judiciary—made by Kris Smith

Anne LaPlante seconded motion. Discussion: None. Motion carries.

11:10 a.m. Marc Homer- Website

Website links to Juvenile Justice newspaper articles to 2003.

Wyoming Juvenile Justice coalitions.

Kids count data center (for counties who need data))

Arrest data is only “juvenile justice” data that is included right now

If the website is relevant to council the executive committee can make that determination.

Adjourned 11:25 a.m.