

June 10, 2009

TO: State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice (SACJJ)
FROM: Craig Fiskus
RE: OJJDP Nonparticipating State Award Update

2007/2008 Nonparticipating State Awards

- Initiated a meeting with representatives from Converse County on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. Debby Lynch met with officials from the county attorney's office, the sheriff's department, and Rene Kemper.
- Participated in a meeting with officials from Laramie County on Monday, June 8, 2009. Craig Fiskus met with representatives from Cornerstone, DFS, and the sheriff's department.
- Planned to meet with Lincoln County next.

Compliance Monitoring Update

- Completed initial round of compliance monitoring. Debby Lynch finished her final site review on Monday of this week, as she toured the facility in Campbell County. During the past several months, Debby traveled over 8,000 miles and monitored all secure facilities in the state, and she also reviewed non-secure sites due for a visit. Debby will monitor all secure facilities every year, which will exceed OJJDP requirements.
- Planned to submit final report to OJJDP by June 30, 2009. Debby will then issue a report to the SACJJ in August 2009. Debby will not release information until this time, a practice established by Beth Evans.

Judicial Training Update

- Cancelled trainings in Cheyenne, Rock Springs, and Cody. Received only two confirmations for the training in Cheyenne, three for the training in Rock Springs, and two for the training in Cody. Currently only have one confirmation for the training in Sheridan.
- May revamp training to include county attorneys, public defenders, guardian ad litem, DFS, Juvenile Justice, and others. If we go this route, plan to conduct trainings in Fall 2009.
- May seek to present at the State Bar Conference in Evanston on September 15-18, 2009.

Significant Issues

- Will work to address Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) issues. Remains resistance to modifying existing DSO policies. In those counties that have high status offense violation rates, officials still struggle in dealing with those offenders who refuse to comply with court orders.
- Made it a priority to write standardized detention policies for the state. Will partner with the SACJJ and Judge Hartman to create and implement these policies.
- Will work to implement a standardized data collection system, both to address DMC requirements and to help guide judicial reform efforts.
- Have applied for the 2009 Nonparticipating State Award, so look to continue this process in the future.

Data Collection Update

- DeeAnn Roll, Data Coordinator

Disproportionate Minority Contact Update

- Chuck Kratz, DMC Coordinator