

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE
Meeting, Casper Marriott
Casper, WY
March 27-28, 2008

Members and Guests Present: Judge Bruce Waters, Ilaine Brown, Dan Wilde, Bob Quick, Nell Brown, Craig Jones, Beth Evans, April Dittman, Judge Gary Hartman, Sue Chatfield, Sharon Bates, Steve Kozisek, Greg Figus, Deb Lynch, Susan Cahill, Lisa Lumbeck, Linda Burt, Joe Evans, DeAnn Roll, Lindee Renneisen, Gary Gilmore, Deb Dugan-Doty, Bill Sexton, Steven Brown, Melinda Dennington, Katie Hogerty, John Kelly

8:05 am Meeting called to order by Judge B. Waters and introductions

DFS Community Service Boards - Dan Wilde

- ✓ Management committee on juvenile justice issues: Senate File 66.
- ✓ Concerns about number of placements in certain counties. Tony Lewis, Director of DFS visited judges in these areas to address placement.
- ✓ Result was a decrease in placement in these counties.
- ✓ Two million dollars of the DFS budget will not be returned as it can be used for change.
- ✓ Communities can apply to participate. It will be jointly funded.
- ✓ Emphasis will be on single point of entry into the system.
- ✓ Secure and non-secure settings will be addressed.
- ✓ Continuum of placement description.
- ✓ Local funding for services in communities.
- ✓ DFS, DOH and DOE will work together to develop the process regarding Senate File 66 and Community Juvenile Service Boards. Some communities already have boards in place.
- ✓ Pilot projects are underway.
- ✓ Will the SACJJ have a roll in the board and what that roll might be.

Treatment v. Punishment WBI- Bill Sexton/ Dr. Steve Brown

- ✓ Background: Dr. Brown-Psychiatrist in adolescent care. Seventy bed facility.
- ✓ 70% in the Juvenile Justice system have mental health issues. 20% have severe mental issues. Each disorder is approached differently.
- ✓ Early screening is key.
- ✓ There are three systems- Social, Juvenile Justice and Psychiatric. Children sometimes are not in the correct system.
- ✓ Pathway into the Juvenile Justice System:
 - child care identifies early behavior and notes concerns
 - special education needs are not met
 - mental health or DFS involvement

Washington Assessment- Bob Quick/Nell Brown

- ✓ Research based assessment. The instrument is free what is needed is the software.
- ✓ The Washington Assessment is currently in the process of being implemented.
- ✓ It is a pre-screen that weeds out low risk children. Washington diverts 40% of children with this tool. The assessment helps families identify resources. This, in turn, will help the Community Juvenile Service Boards.
- ✓ Validity and reliability training and quality assurance is needed.
- ✓ There must be a buy-in from the stakeholders around the state for the tool to work.
- ✓ The first training will be in May. 2008. The “roll-out” is tentatively the end of summer in Sweetwater and Sheridan counties.

Wyoming and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act – Beth Evans (Non – Participating State Grant Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA)) and DeAnn Roll

- ✓ Technical assistance in each county.
- ✓ Compliance monitoring is under way with Deb Lynch at VOA.
- ✓ Federal Report due June 30th.
- ✓ There were 13 counties approved in October. Three in December. Sixteen counties can use rural exception status which can hold kids longer in adult jails.
- ✓ Valid Court Order- “status offender court order” can only be issued by a District Court Judge.
- ✓ Chuck Kratz is the DMC contact
- ✓ Inconsistencies in data throughout the state. The data sheets are from jails only.

Lunch

Meeting called to order 1:150pm

Community Planning- Detention Study for Laramie County- Bob Quick and Deb Dugan Doty.

- ✓ Hired consultant from Nebraska for background data and demographic information.
- ✓ Option for juvenile detention facility in Laramie County.
- ✓ Cornerstone is taking over FCS.
- ✓ Need a detention criteria and screening. 45% of the detention population are status offenders.
- ✓ Specialized programs are difficult due to the rural areas throughout Wyoming.
- ✓ There is a disparity in offenses- not too many at risk.

- ✓ The study concluded that a specialized facility should be built in Cheyenne. The report may be reflective of the entire state.
- ✓ There is no short term solution for detention.
- ✓ Need entry assessment. Detention study showed money at the front end saves more money on the back end.

Juvenile Services Conference- Diane Lozano, Public Defender; Laramie County Prosecutor, Craig Jones; and Linda Burt, ACLU

- ✓ Laramie County DA's office is working to rebuild the juvenile justice system.
- ✓ Formal and informal MDT's are happening. Coordination and unification between agencies are happening.
- ✓ PD's office to head the GAL program
- ✓ PD's office to work on GAL rules.
- ✓ Planning process for the Juvenile Service Conference should be considered.

Closing Remarks- Bob Quick

4:20 meeting adjourned

Friday, March 28

Meeting called to Order at 8:00 a.m.

Non Compliance Grantee- Craig Fisgus, VOA and Deb Lynch, VOA

- ✓ Lack of compliance monitoring training.
- ✓ Hope is to issue and RFP by April 30, 2008.
- ✓ Cannot rely entirely on state funding- need county funding.
- ✓ Need to deal with judicial component.

Membership Issues

Discussion of Election of Officers

Any nominations:

Motion: Nominate Melinda Dennington as Chair of the SACJJ
Motion made by James Pond, no second

Discussion

Motion: To cease nominations and table to the next meeting

Discussion

Motion made by Judge Hartman, second Gary Gilmore. Motion carries.

Motion: To name pro-tem executive committee.

Discussion

Motion made by Judge Waters, second Ronn Jeffrey. Motion carries.

Motion: Name Melinda Dennington, April Dittman and Gary Gilmore executive committee, pro-tem.

Discussion

Motion made by James Pond, second Ronn Jeffrey. Motion carries.

Motion: Name committee to explore conference and table Juvenile Justice conference until the next meeting.

No Discussion

Motion made by Steve Aaron, second April Dittman. Motion carries.

Review of Current Committees

DMC Committee

Stephen Aaron

April Dittman

Grants Committee

April Dittman

Lindee Rennessen

Membership Committee

Melinda Dennington

Judge Hartman

Brandon Snyder

Adjourned 10:15 a.m.