

# JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD

*CIRCUIT 10*

Serving the Youth of Polk, Highlands, and Hardee Counties

## Meeting Documentation

| Type of Meeting | Meeting Date and Time                 | Meeting Location                                    | Meeting Chair                | Members Present            |
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| Board Meeting   | Monday, November 4, 2013<br>2:30 P.M. | Polk County Sheriff's<br>Office Detention<br>Center | Julia Hermelbracht,<br>Chair | See Attached Sign-In Sheet |

| Agenda Item   | Discussion / Report   | Outcome / Action Plan |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order</li> <li>2. Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>3. Approval and Acceptance of the Minute</li> <li>4. Tour Of Detention Center</li> <li>5. Update:</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Julia Hermelbracht.</li> <li>2. Julia Hermelbracht welcomed Members and did roundtable introductions.</li> <li>3. Motion to accept minutes by Nancy Langston with all members accepting them.</li> <li>4. Officer Lowell took the Board Members and guests on a Tour of the Detention Center and Portable classroom.</li> <li>4. <b>DJJ -</b></li> <li>5. <b>Probation -</b> Crystal Brown reported there are currently seven vacancies, with two more anticipated vacancies. Due to training requirements, etc. It will be some time before this is a relief in case loads, and asked the board to be patient if you cannot reach, you can always contact Jennifer Haynes, Alison Fulford or herself if it's an urgent issue. Crystal mentioned that the current redirections contract ends November 15<sup>th</sup>, there should be a new provider in place by December 1<sup>st</sup>, but there will be a gap in service. The court</li> </ol> |                       |

will be advised of any changes in services. Crystal announces that they are in the process of developing a gender specific TASC Force that'll identify protocols to strengthen the service provided to girls. The main focus will be to address early identification of risk factors, proactively link the girls to appropriate services using a gender specific approach. She invited anyone that is interested to the next meeting that will take place on November 14, 2013 at 3:00pm at the DJJ Office in Bartow. Crystal also reported that on October 10<sup>th</sup> the Departments Assistant Secretary Wimmer visited circuit 10 and she was able to visit with several stakeholders and that on October 24<sup>th</sup> several trick or treaters from local daycares came through the office for the Trick or Treat Event.

**6. Residential** – Debbie Sutton reported no updates. Several New Programs will be opening in the South and several will be shut down in the North a total of 400 beds are being closed due to budget cuts. This has caused some problems with the judges as there are no beds available for youth.

**7. Polk County Sheriff's Office Detention** – Office Lowell reported they are now offering afternoon and evening Classes in addition to the normal classes

**8. Prevention Committee** – Tina Levene announced the Nation Faith Symposium will be held November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; she'll be speaking at the symposium on the 7<sup>th</sup>. In the future she'll be holding Bridging the Gap Discussion in Polk and Highlands County, the focus will be on bringing local law enforcement and youth together to breakdown some of the misconceptions about laws. Dates will be coming in the future from Headquarters.

**9. School Based Committee** – Jim Maxwell announced that there is a New Superintendent, New Policies and a new strategic plan still with the same goals of raising FCAT Scores. Currently we are ranked 57<sup>th</sup> in for FCAT scores.

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| <p>6. Announcements</p> | <p><b>Board</b> – Julia Hermelbracht reported that on 12/3/13 she'll be going to Tallahassee for a meeting with the JJ Board.</p> <p>Julia Hermelbracht nominated Marsha Davis, Ann Martin, Chis Velasquez, and Keith Allen and a board member seconded to the motion and all members were in favor.</p> <p>Julia asked the members if anyone would be interested in being the Secretary for the board. Susan Larson volunteered, member voted and all were in favor.</p> <p>Julia asked that at the next meeting the member give thoughts on where the Board should go, what should there goal be.</p> <p>The next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on January 13, 2014 at Department of Children and Families building. May have an intermediate meeting to vote in additional Board members if needed.</p> <p>1. Glen Parkinson announced that there will be an Open House at the George Harris Youth Shelter on Wednesday November 6, 2013. There will be one of the youth will be speaking as well as other events between 4 to 6 P.M.</p> |  |
| <p>7. Adjournment</p>   | <p>Meeting adjourned at 3:56 P.M.</p>   |  |

| <b>Public Comment</b> | <b>Guests</b>   | <b>Materials Available</b> |
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| <p>1. None</p>        | <p>1. Keith Allen –Mosaic<br/>           2. Marcia Davis – School Board Highlands County<br/>           3. Kevin Perdona-Youth for Christ<br/>           4. Shondi Cole-Public Defender's Office<br/>           5. Chris Velasquez-Lake Whales Police</p> | <p>1. Meeting Minutes</p>  |

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|  | Department<br>6. Mark Nixon-Guardian Ad Litem<br>7. Alyssa Carey-PACE |  |
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**Next Meeting Date, Time, and Place:** JJ Board Meeting, Monday, January 13, at 3:00 PM at the Department of Children and Family Office.

**Submitted By:** Julia Hermelbracht, Circuit 10 Juvenile Justice Board Chair **Date:** 1.13.14