



**C13 Juvenile Justice Executive Circuit Advisory Board Meeting (CAB)**

**February 15, 2019**

Submitted by Jennifer Cristiano

**Attendance (from sign in sheet):** Maria Alvarez, Yvette Boatwright, Robert Boileau, Rocky Brancato, Barbara Coleman, Jennifer Cristiano, Chrissy Dorion, Kelly Hammersley, Lt. C. Preston Hollis, Julie Holt, Gina Justice, Deanna Kettner, Davia Lerebours, Elvin Martinez Jr., Commissioner Kimberly Overman, Rob Parkinson, Rhonda Rhodes, Lt. Samuel Rojka, Judy Roysden, Sharon Streater, Chris Watson, Gary White, Michael Kelleher, Holly Saia, Elizabeth Tanner, Renee Muretti, Catisna Smith, Kelly McLaren, Kaitlyn Hicks

<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b></p>	<p>Chair Elvin Martinez, Jr. called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Introductions were made. Welcome to Kelly McLaren from Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay. Minutes from the December 21, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Holt approved the minutes and Ms. Dorian seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved unanimously.</p>
<p><b>2. Board Priorities</b></p>	<p><b>DV Civil Citation: (Ms. Holt)-</b> Ms. Holt announced that Gary Wiseman met with her and an MOU is forthcoming with the inclusion of all misdemeanors with the exception of 2-3 exclusions. Mr. Martinez thanked everyone involved for their diligence and participation on the workgroup.</p> <p><b>Public Awareness: (Rob Parkinson)-</b> Rob Parkinson discussed collaboration with crime stoppers of Tampa bay to address thefts of unlocked vehicles. Executive director of Crime Stoppers is in attendance. Gun Bounty PSA is currently running. Bounty Award: \$1000 to the tipster to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. Program has been in existence for 2 years now and money comes from a grant out of the State Attorney’s Office. In addition, they are working on “Car Safe” PSA- discusses leaving guns in vehicles, locking vehicles, not leaving valuables in vehicles and crimes. The intention is to share information they receive with Law Enforcement. Filming will start next week. Mr. Parkinson advised that Safe and Sound Hillsborough is incorporating the gun bounty program during the mock trial curriculum. Crime Stoppers message plays on the radio and traffic stations as well as 3 TV stations: Spectrum Cable, WFTS, and others. Ms. McLaren read script o the group in order to allow members to provide input on the script prior to it being filmed.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Court: (Ms. Holt)-</b> Ms. Holt indicated this court is going well. She has attended 2 of the staffings so far and is impressed with the collaboration among providers. Approximately 17 evaluations are set. Also, working on a new administrative order for procedural purposes. Have received some county support through funding has been critical to successful implementation. Ms. Holt compared this court to the success and size of Veterans court. Ms. Coleman stated she has received great feedback from providers regarding the positive</p>

	<p>impact the court has had. We have the first juvenile recognized mental health court in the state of Florida. The collaboration and smoothness of the process has been overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>Ms. Roysden reviewed the Youth at Risk Committee meeting discussion regarding assessments. PACT is changing to include the ACES tool. She explained each agency will still need to conduct their own assessments and the committee would like to look at each section of the ACTS Intervention Assessment. Ms. Dorian also explained that the court is to notify the school system of any arrest and after the Parkland shooting; a Mental Health component has been added. One specific case was discussed as a success story of the mental health court. Ms. Justice added to discussion the need for space at the court house and will be informing the county of special needs in the hopes to re-identify structure and keep everything juvenile in one place. Mr. Martinez expressed his support in this initiative. He reminded the group of Ms. Levene’s announcement last meeting stating there are 25 recognized MH courts in the nation but none in Florida.</p> <p><b>Public Service Award: (Mr. White)-</b> Mr. White indicated he and Ms. Pat Mcghee have volunteered for the PSA. The next meeting will be held in March but they are looking for more volunteers. The goal is to receive nominations and present around September/October.</p> <p><b>Community Connections: (Jennifer Cristiano) -</b> The ACTS Board of Directors announced the agreement to purchase the property next to the JAC location in an effort to continue the vision of Community Connections. It was reported that the board approved the purchase and now they are working on the details of obtaining the property. Further information will be reported as it comes in.</p>
<p><b>Executive Board Updates</b></p>	<p><b>Probation (Judy Roysden) -</b> Ms. Roysden spoke about money for SA and MH rate agreements. Many youth did not have transportation or the money to be tested. DJJ was able to contract with providers to go in home to do the SA/MH testing in the home, which has been very successful. Hope is to receive more funds to put toward this. Ms. Hammersley is overseeing and is doing a tremendous job. In addition, Ms. Roysden reported the Secretary came for a visit last week and visited the detention center. Mr. Parkinson asked about an update for PJO youth. Ms. Roysden reported the PJO list is slightly increasing, with approximately 10 in jail. List has been around 13 but the past couple of week has increased to about 16. She also reported about 400 youth on Probation in Hillsborough County which has drastically decreased over the past few years. Mr. Parkinson asked what type of kids is being put on the PJO list as far as charges are concerned. Ms. Roysden responded that more serious, deep-end youth are the ones being placed on the list. Discussion ensued about the need of mentors and the positive impact that has on these youth’s lives. Mr. Parkinson informed CFBHN is sponsoring a Peer Specialist certification program in March. This will allow anyone with ‘lived’ experience to find job in the field.</p>

	<p><b>Detention update-(Judy Roysden)</b> -Ms. Roysden reported about 50 kids in the detention center. 2 youth are currently on the waitlist for residential programs.</p> <p><b>JDAI (Mr. Martinez)</b> – Ms. Blumberg was unable to attend. Mr. Martinez advised that the committee meeting scheduled following JJ Board meeting will be re-scheduled due to her absence. He also stated they are still planning on going to Georgetown and a brief meeting will take place to discuss those plans.</p> <p><b>Civil Citation Update (Ms. Justice)</b> – Ms. Justice. Ms. Justice reported in the month of January there were 63 referrals. Population of referrals: 31 Female and 32 Male; 42-white, 21 African American. Locations happen more within the school vs. in the community: 40 in schools, 33 in the community.</p> <p><b>Safe and Sound (Mr. Brancato)</b>- Working with Ferrell Middle School for a mock trial as the one they had tried to set for earlier in the month was cancelled. Working to get another mock trial set with one of the EPIC schools; BUCS organization has requested to participate and may be assigned special roles in the mock trial. Next Safe Summit community prevention meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup> at Middleton High School.</p> <p><b>CINS/FINS (Rhonda Rhodes)</b> - Ms. Rhodes decreased numbers in Domestic Violence. Most youth in the shelter are truants. DV- most youth are females and beds are available. For DV cases, program Step Up will be working with the youth at the program.</p> <p><b>Chairpersons’ Reports (Elvin Martinez)</b>- Mr. Martinez indicated a legislative ask of \$603 million which is a \$13 million increase from what was appropriated last year. A request was made for an additional 84 residential beds in the state of Florida, in order to get youth into residential treatment beds quicker as opposed to keeping them in the detention center. Governor is moving along with the trend to increase the capacity. FJJA is advocating for direct service providers to receive additional funds of 2 million dollars to offer retention bonuses to provider staff. This keeps providers in line with DJJ.</p>
<p><b>Old Business/New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lt. Rojka asked about some sort of an evaluation process in order to produce a report to the community to show the work that Hillsborough County has done for the youth in the community and give credit to all involved. It was suggested to have Dr. Dembo return to evaluate as he has done this in the past, as a subject matter expert. Mr. Parkinson asked for a vote from the committee to make this happen. Ms. Justice supports having a scholarly study; however, cautioned the spending of money to brag about accomplishments. She also suggested using social media outlets as a way of advertising our successes. Mr. Parkinson motioned for the assessment process to include where we were before, where we are going, and what else needs to be addressed moving forward. Board members unanimously agreed.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board Meeting Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Guest Speakers for April, 2018 board meeting –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Phoenix House:</b> Maria Alvarez- Executive Director Phoenix House. Presented on Phoenix House services for adults and adolescents.</li> <li>▪ <b>Hillsborough County Schools Mental Health Plan: Holy Saia Director of Student Services, Michael Kelleher, Supervisor Clinical Care, Elizabeth Tanner, Supervisor Emotional Wellness.</b> Presented on Mental Health Plan from SB 7026. Both presenters will address full board on March 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Community Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next JJ Circuit Advisory Board Meeting is Friday, March 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. County Center Bldg., 26<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference room B, Tampa</li> <li>• Next Executive JJ Circuit Advisory Board Meeting is <b>Thursday</b>, April 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM, Courthouse, 800 E. Twiggs St. 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Judicial Conference Room, Tampa</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 11:51am.</li> </ul>