

# C13 Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board Meeting

**September 21, 2018**

Submitted by Jennifer Cristiano

<b>Attendance</b>	Jennifer Cristiano, Elvin Martinez, Freddy Barton, Leerone Benjamin, Sarah Blumberg, Robert Boileau, Chrissy Dorion, Kelly Hammersley, Julie Holt, Noel Johnson, Gina Justice, Scott Kelley, Raquel Valdez, Davia Lerebours, Tina Levene, Diane Lindsay, April May, John Mayo, Pat McGhee, Patrick Minzie, Rob Parkinson, Sandra Pinkney, Samuel Rojka, Judy Roysden, Sharon Streater, Craig Timko, Mike Trepper, Judge Twine Thomas, Gary White, DaNisha Wilkerson, Marcus Wilson, Steve Owen
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	Mr. Martinez opened the meeting at 10:01 am. Introductions were made. Minutes from the July 20, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Kert Rojka moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Gary White seconded. Minutes were approved.
<b>2. Board Issues and Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Probation (Judy Roysden) –             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Probation Update: 5978 youth on intake, 499 youth on Supervision, 63 on Aftercare, and 91 committed. Ms. Roysden reported 13 in detention on the wait list. Ms. Roysden shared a letter regarding the PJO Law. Department wants to remind everyone of their effort to reduce the waitlists. There is an average about 13 youth awaiting placement with approximately 5 needing specialized beds.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Detention (Marcus Wilson/Mr. Owen) – population as of today is 40. Kert Rojka questioned 13 beds for PJO being part of the 40. Crossover Church cookout with the youth this past weekend. Federal grant study program to reduce isolation in detention. Decrease in confinement rates compared to last year.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Staffing update: Ms. Caldwell has 28 years all at detention. Frank Watson was named central region support worker. Ten new staff has been hired with 9 other trainees in the facility.</li> <li>○ 2 mods under construction; looking for book donations and volunteers for a facility library. Volunteer opportunities contact Mr. Wilson. Mr. Owens was welcomed to the Advisory Board.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● JDAI (Sarah Blumberg) -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RED committee application to Georgetown University. Has been accepted and attending in late March of 2019. Applied for the Justice Assistance Grant which we did not receive; however, we did receive assistance with funding for the participation in March.</li> <li>○ Circuit Advisory Board DRAI letter shared as some have mentioned they did not receive the letter. Current instrument 25 years old and less than effective in predicting outcomes secure vs HD vs outright. New instrument developed with the help of outside researchers using a sample population of over 46k youth, statewide collaborative group to vote on the DRAI (statutorily mandated) new DRAI approved in December and now working on Policy and Procedure and training. Role out is scheduled for July 2019.</li> <li>○ Currently in the process of taking JDAI to state scale. Meeting 2 weeks ago with representatives from all over the state to determine the best way to bring it to the entire stated. 60 percent of the state of Florida reside in a JDAI site (definition of state scale). Currently at 5 sites, so a few more need to be brought on board.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>3. New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of Board Priorities (Elvin)- Thanked Judge Twine Thomas, Rocky, and Kert for their service and participation on the group. Announced new members. Mr. Martinez gave a brief history of the development of the board and indicated his appreciation of being part of the board. As chair elect, Mr. Martinez met with several community stakeholders and came up with 5 priorities.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Adding DV to civil citation</li><li>○ Community Connections- expanding JAC to include non-secure section for those who need services without an arrest.</li><li>○ Mental Health Court</li><li>○ Annual Public Service Award- application process for those that service JJ population can nominate someone from their organization. Committee will be put together to select the award recipient.</li><li>○ Public Service Campaign- Although numbers are low, Burglary is a crime that continuously increases. In speaking with Law Enforcement, the point is to keep all doors locked. Looking to have a billboard that we can put messages on such as “lock your doors”. Mr. Parkinson has initiated contact with Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay.</li></ul>Mr. Rojka motioned to accept these priorities with Ms. Dorian seconding. Question was asked about forming sub-committees. Mr. Martinez asked for those interested to contact him as he would like to form these as soon as possible. No further discussion regarding this. The group unanimously approved these 5 priorities.</li><li>• Board Membership- formal process of applying to be a participating. Anyone interested shall contact Mr. Martinez. The group lacks a member of the legislature as there were previously. Also, could use involvement of a justice involved youth (requirements 18-21 with previous involvement in the justice system) and a parent of a justice involved youth, and finally the faith</li></ul>

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	<p>community. Mr. Babb has volunteered to serve in that capacity. Ms. Roysden suggested membership of someone from a residential program who is in the audience.</p> <p>Mr. Martinez also recognized USF students in the audience who are in the Master's program for Social Work.</p> <p>Ms. Blumberg invited Dr. Minerva Spanner-Morrow to become a member who is also in the audience.</p> <p>Mr. Trepper suggested having a current student to participate on the board.</p>
<b>4. Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Craig Powell from PowerNet was scheduled to be here but unfortunately could not attend the meeting today.</li><li>• Mr. Mike Trepper from Prodigy Cultural Arts Program presented on the prodigy program. Developed from USF School of Social Work, initially developed as a prevention and diversion program. More recently, used as a prevention program. He along with other staff are going on a prodigy is still here tour due to community thinking Prodigy did not exist after having an 87 percent budget cut. Trying to build back the program. Video presentation on the program was shown. Website: <a href="http://www.uacdc.org">www.uacdc.org</a></li></ul>
<b>5. Acknowledgements/ Announcements</b>	<p>Ms. Justice announced Ms. Martinez has been promoted to Director of Resource Development. Advertising for her current position. Congratulations to Ms. Martinez.</p> <p>Ms. McGhee spoke of her experience at Girls Court and acknowledged Judge Twine-Thomas.</p>
<b>6. Public Comment</b>	None
<b>7. Adjourn</b>	Elvin Martinez, Jr. moved to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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