



**Circuit 18
Juvenile Justice Advisory Board**

**February 12, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB), held at the Seminole County Office of the Public Defender, 18th Judicial Circuit, in their conference room on February 12, 2015 was called to order by Chair Richard Rogers at 1:39 pm.

Board Members

Jean	Bandish	Circuit Court Judge Robert Burger (Designee)	CHIEF JUDGE 18th Judicial Circuit	
Tom	Barry	Commander (Titusville PD Chief J. Lau Designee)	BREVARD COUNTY POLICE CHIEF	
Marie	Bledsoe	Central Florida Cares CEO	HEALTH SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE	
Laura	Bosco	Assistant State Attorney (Designee)	STATE ATTORNEY PHIL ARCHER	Present
Melissa	Catechis	Director, Student Services (Designee)	BCPS SUPERINTENDENT DR. BRIAN BINGGELLI	Present
Jeffrey	Chudnow	Oviedo Police Chief	SEMINOLE COUNTY POLICE CHIEF	Present
Jeffrey	Dowdy	Assistant Public Defender (Designee)	PUBLIC DEFENDER BLAISE TRETTIS	Present
Darrell	Hibbs	Major (Designee)	BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY	
Valerie	Holmes	Senior Ex. – Brevard Family Partners/CARES	BREVARD YOUTH-SERVING COALITION	
John	Horan	Seminole County Commissioner, District 2	SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER	Present
Andrea Antonovich	For Bernard Johns	Juv. Det. Ctr. Manager (Designee)	SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF DON ESLINGER	Present
Dawn	Johnson	(Commissioner Andy Anderson Designee)	BREVARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Marcus	Kendrick	Midway Church Pastor	FAITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	
Isa	Kennedy	Jail Population Mgt. Coord. (T.I.P. Designee)	BREVARD YOUTH-SERVING COALITION	Present
Kristi Castaneda	For Bethany Lacey	Director In Home Family Services – Boys Town	COMMUNITY LEADER REPRESENTATIVE	Present
Erica	Lemp	Planning Officer (Career Source Designee)	WORKFORCE ORGANIZATION IN BREVARD	
Jean Jeffcoat	For Debbie Owens	Director (Seminole Prev. Coalition Designee)	SEMINOLE YOUTH-SERVING COALITION	Present
Lisa	Page	Prevention Specialist (Designee)	SCPS SUPERINTENDENT DR. WALT GRIFFIN	
Phebe	Powell	Operations Manager	CIRCUIT 18 REPRESENTATIVE FOR DCF	Present
Marquitta	Caesar	Circuit Supervisor JDAP – Bay Area Youth Svcs.	BREVARD YOUTH-SERVING COALITION	
Suzanne	Reilly	Parent & RN	PARENT – JJ SYSTEM	
Richard	Rogers	Director of Development Operations – Eckerd	COMMUNITY LEADER REPRESENTATIVE	Present
Sharay	Stafford	Seminole County Student	YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE – JJ SYSTEM	
Lori	Stout	Acct. Manager (Clear Channel Media Designee)	BUSINESS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE	Present

Attendees

Dyanne	Alves	JDC Superintendent	DJJ Brevard Regional JDC	
Tim	Caudill	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender's Office Seminole	Present
Dee	Caldwell	Intake Coordinator & Medical Screener	North Carolina Outward Bound	
Denise	Devlin	Deputy Chief Probation Officer	DJJ	
Dixie	Fosler	Acting Director DJJ Central Region Detention	DJJ	
Marquitta	Caesar	Circuit Supervisor JDAP (TIP Alternate/Designee)	Bay Area Youth Services	
Kevin	Housel	DJJ Central Detention, Tampa	DJJ	
Jean	Jeffcoat	Division Manager	P.A.Y. Seminole County	
Jon	Lofheim	Regional Director	DJJ	
Timothy	Niermann	Director of Probation	DJJ	
Susan	Nuckols	Director New Horizons	CFDFL, Inc.	
Tracy	Olson	Reform Specialist	DJJ	
Dan	Rodgers	Chief Probation Officer	DJJ	Present
Laurie	Stern	Program Manager	Eckerd	Present
Amanda	Tarulli	Counselor	CFDFL, Inc.	
Shellie	Walters	Officer	Altamonte Police Dept.	Present

- B. In order to meet quorum, Laura Bosco contacted the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and asked that they send someone over as the Sheriff's designee. Andrea Antonovich who is an Administrative Aide at the Seminole County Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) filled in for Bernard Johns.
- C. Changes, additions, or deletions to the Agenda
 - No changes, additions, or deletions were made to the Agenda.
 - Phebe motioned to approve the Agenda; however, the group waited for Andrea to arrive before voting to approve the Agenda.
- D. Approval of Minutes

II. OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS

- A. Chairman Richard Rogers stated that the new Deputy Secretary for DJJ, Julia Strange will begin her new role on February 13th.
- B. Department of Juvenile Justice Report – Dan Rodgers reported. Kristi Dale has been appointed Secretary of DJJ. Assistant Secretary of Juvenile Probation Tim Narman and Dan Rodgers will retire on April 30th. Dan expects to see Denise Devlin replace him as the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for the Circuit, when he leaves. Dan also reported that the University of Cincinnati will provide training to staff on the EPICS phased-in approach, during the first few days in March. EPICS stands for Effective Practice In Community Supervision. It is a cognitive behavioral therapy model for juveniles on probation that involves motivational interviewing. It will only be used on moderate to high risk juveniles. Circuit 18 is the first Circuit in the State of Florida to completely train the staff on EPICS. It will take about three years for the training process to be complete.
- C. Committee Reports
 - a. Grant Committee – Maria Bledsoe is at a conference and was unable to send someone in her place to this meeting.
 - b. Legislative Committee – Laura Bosco provided handouts on Bills that have been filed for the upcoming Florida Legislative Session that will convene on Tuesday, March 3rd. Laura reported on the following Bills:
 - i. Senate Bill 312/House Bill 235 Restitution for Juvenile Offenses
 - ii. Senate Bill 334/House Bill 0205 Criminal History Records of Minors
 - iii. Senate Bill 378 Juvenile Justice
 - iv. Senate Bill 444/House Bill 195 Prosecution of Juveniles
 - v. Senate Bill 488/House Bill 183 Expunction of Criminal Record
 - vi. Senate Bill 498 Juvenile Justice
 - vii. Senate Bill 1082 Juvenile Justice
 - c. Some of this legislation if passed can
 - i. Significantly increase Court expenses
 - ii. Limit prosecutorial discretion
 - iii. Limit the ability for attorneys on both sides to be creative with sentencing
 - iv. Significantly reduce the jurisdiction of a case.
 - v. Increase the number of Civil Citations that a juvenile may be allowed.
 - d. Isa will send out an update on the status of these Bills
 - e. Laura also shared an article from Sunday's paper that indicated the number of Florida "...cases transferred to adult court dropped 36 percent" during 2010-2013, which is inconsistent in justifying the suggested legislative changes to direct filing of juvenile cases.

- f. There was also some discussion about cost-detention reimbursement from the State to the Counties. Seminole County Commissioner John Horan mentioned that \$4 million is owed to Seminole County.
- g. Disproportionate Minority/Mental Health Committee
 - i. Jeff Dowdy reported that he spoke with Chief Harriette at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office and they have a Boys/Girls program to curtail minority crime.
 - ii. Concerning mental health issues, the Public Defender's office is working with the Court and the State Attorney's office to develop a policy that will address the issues discussed at the last meeting concerning juveniles being declared incompetent.
- h. Faith Community Network Committee – No report was provided.
- i. Planning, JJ Week, Public Information/Relations and Outreach
 - i. Lori Stout reported that they are looking to the group for feedback to determine where to focus their attention. She provided an example of an event.
 - ii. Iheart Media is now sponsoring The Juice High School Tour in the Central Florida, Tampa, and Jacksonville areas – eventually it will be statewide. The program targets school with high minority student bodies. Vendors are invited to present information to students during the final 90 minutes of a scheduled school day that promotes academics, education, and community involvement.
 - iii. Richard commented that ideas for events will come from the strategic plan that the group is looking to finalize. There are four areas of focus – including prevention strategies.
 - iv. Project Bridge is looking to participate in the Juice High School Tour program by facilitating an opportunity for youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system to share with and discourage at-risk youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. This will provide juveniles an opportunity to earn community service hours.
 - v. Lori will send out more information about the event.
- j. Nominations/Membership Committee – Richard will forward the application to the two new potential members or to Isa to forward it onto them.
 - i. Isa mentioned that she can put in a request to her supervisor to represent the Brevard County Commission at the JJAB meetings and relinquish her membership as a TIP member so that both of the individuals who are interested in becoming members of the JJAB and who are members of TIP can represent TIP. This would help increase the chances of reaching a quorum at the meetings. The group was in favor of this.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan

- Copies of the Strategic Plan were distributed. PACT is still down so the data we have is limited to what Dan Rodgers can provide.
- Based on the minutes from the last meeting, Richard made changes to Trends and Conditions. He also changed the five target areas to the four listed under Goals.
- There was some discussion concerning local statistics.
- Phebe Powell motioned to approve the strategic plan. Her motion was seconded by Jeff Dowdy and the motion was passed.

- B. Richard asked if the group could go ahead and approve the meeting minutes now that a quorum was present. Dan Rodgers asked that the acronym CINS be corrected in the minutes. With that, Chief Chudnow motioned to approve the minutes to include the correction and it was seconded by Jeff Dowdy. The motion passed.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner John Horan commented that he has been working with Legislators concerning the DJJ budget and the Juvenile Justice system. He is looking for the Legislature to commission a comprehensive report on the juvenile justice system in Florida.

V. REVIEW ACTION LIST

- A. Richard will send the application to Isa for the new members.
- B. Lori will send information about the above event to Isa for distribution to the group.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROGRAM UPDATES AND MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Eckerd will be having their first Annual Second Chance Golf event – information was provided.
- B. Eckerd will also have a “Spirit Night” at McDonalds in Orlando.
- C. Isa offered to send out reminders for the meetings as an invitation to place the meeting on the recipient’s calendar.
- D. Richard suggested changing the Agenda item, “Annual Report” to “Strategic Plan Next Steps”. Phebe motioned the change; it was seconded, and passed by the group.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9th, 2015 at the office of the Titusville Police Department.
- B. Having nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.