



**Circuit 18
Juvenile Justice Advisory Board**

**November 20, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB), held at the Office of the Public Defender, 18th Judicial Circuit, in their conference room on November 20, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Richard Rogers at 1:30 pm.

Board Members

Tom	Barry	Major (Titusville Police Chief John Lau Designee)	BREVARD COUNTY POLICE CHIEF	
Marie	Bledsoe	Central Florida Cares CEO	HEALTH SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE	
Laura	Bosco-Vaughan	Assistant State Attorney (Designee)	STATE ATTORNEY PHIL ARCHER	
Robert	Burger	Circuit Court Judge (Designee)	CHIEF JUDGE 18th Judicial Circuit	
Mike Folger	for 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	
John	Horan	Seminole County Commissioner, District 2	SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
Bernard	Johns	Juv. Det. Ctr. Manager (Designee)	SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF DON ESLINGER	
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
Bethany	Lacey	Director In Home Family Services – Boys Town	COMMUNITY LEADER REPRESENTATIVE	Present
Erica	Lemp	Planning Officer (Career Source Designee)	WORKFORCE ORGANIZATION IN BREVARD	
Debbie	Owens	Director (Seminole Prev. Coalition Designee)	SEMINOLE YOUTH-SERVING COALITION	Present
Lisa	Page	Prevention Specialist (Designee)	SCPS SUPERINTENDENT DR. WALT GRIFFIN	Present
Phebe	Powell	Operations Manager	CIRCUIT 18 REPRESENTATIVE FOR DCF	
Rob	Raines	Ex. Dir. United Way Brevard (T.I.P. Designee)	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	

Attendees

Dyanne	Alves	JDC Superintendent	DJJ Brevard Regional JDC	Present
Tim	Caudill	Assistant Public Defender	Public Defender's Office Seminole	Present
Dee	Caldwell	Intake Coordinator & Medical Screener	North Carolina Outward Bound	Present
Denise	Devlin	Deputy Chief Probation Officer	DJJ	
Dixie	Fosler	Acting Director DJJ Central Region Detention	DJJ	
Kevin	Housel	DJJ Central Detention, Tampa	DJJ	Present
Jean	Jeffcoat	Division Manager	P.A.Y. Seminole County	Present
Jon	Loftheim	Regional Director	DJJ	
JoLynn	Nelson	Assistant State Attorney	State Attorney's Ofc.	
Timothy	Niermann	Director of Probation	DJJ	
Susan	Nuckols	Director New Horizons	CFDFL, Inc.	Present
Tracy	Olson	Reform Specialist	DJJ	
Mark	Rehder	Manager	SCSO	
Martin	Reid	Contract Manager	DJJ	
Dan	Rodgers	Chief Probation Officer	DJJ	Present
Laurie	Stern	Program Manager	Eckerd	
Amanda	Tarulli	Counselor	CFDFL, Inc.	
Shellie	Walters	Officer	Altamonte Police Dept.	
Denise	Williams	Admin Assistant to CEO Maria Bledsoe	CFCHS	

B. Changes, additions, or deletions to Agenda

- Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved with no changes.

C. Approval of Minutes

- Isa Kennedy asked the group if the attendance format in the minutes met the expectation discussed at the last meeting and it seemed to be okay.
- Debbie Owen's motion to accept the minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting was seconded by Chief Chudnow. The motion passed; however, Chairman Rogers addressed whether there was a quorum. Eight voting members were present for the meeting.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th, at the Titusville Police Department.

II. OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report – Richard Rogers revisited the development of a Strategic Plan and referred to a Comprehensive Plan from 2009–2012 as a guide for a current plan. He read over the major objectives and goals of the 09/12 plan; however, without a quorum, the group would not be able to vote on a plan. The Chair suggested that the group use today's meeting as an opportunity for discussion on a plan that would help guide an Ad Hoc committee develop a strategic plan.

- The 2009 – 2012 comprehensive plan's mission:
 1. To continue to act as an avenue for the reduction of juvenile crime within Circuit 18, through innovation, collaboration, advocacy, and public awareness of issues surrounding juveniles.
 2. There was a PACT overview in the plan, as well as a discussion on evidence-based treatment.
- The goals spelled out in the 09/12 plan intended to target substance use/abuse.
 1. The three areas of focus were:
 1. Advocacy
 2. Public Awareness
 3. Coordination of juvenile justice initiatives and programs
 2. The following two areas were also addressed:
 1. Viability of the Board
 2. Review of the Strategic Plan
- Chairman Rogers asked the group if they wanted to first discuss the goals for the current plan.
 1. Superintendent Alves commented that human trafficking is a priority for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Debbie Owens agreed.
 2. Bethany Lacey suggested a reduction in Domestic Violence also be addressed.
 3. Chief Chudnow commented: They have seen an increase in juvenile-age Baker Acts.
 4. The group discussed combining substance abuse and mental health.
 1. Tim Caudill provided insight into both.
 2. Lisa Page commented that mental health issues are being seen at the elementary-school-age level.
 3. Also suggested for consideration was parent awareness.
 4. Dan Rogers discussed the System of Care Grant in Seminole County that deals with early identification.
 5. Chief Chudnow commented on the importance of when the assessment is being done on the juvenile. In Seminole County it is done right away at the JAC, where in Brevard it is delayed when a civil citation is used.

6. Jean Jeffcoat commented that when discussing juvenile domestic violence it actually refers to child on parent violence.
5. To help wrap up the discussion, the Chairman read the purpose of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.
 1. Support for parents was also addressed.
 - a. It was suggested that this would fall under “Coordination of juvenile justice initiatives and programs”.
 2. Bethany Lacey suggested that all three goals be kept and everyone seemed to agree:
 - a. Advocacy
 - b. Public Awareness
 - c. Coordination of juvenile justice initiatives and programs
 3. Chairman Rogers reviewed the items of focus and Bethany provided a rewording to the Baker Act issue: Acute help with mental health crisis
 4. Juvenile Assessments were also addressed. Assessments in Brevard are not all-encompassing and are done at different times in both counties.
 5. The six items of focus for the Ad Hoc Committee were determined to be:
 - a. Human trafficking
 - b. Domestic Violence – child on parent
 - c. Mental health
 - d. Substance abuse
 - e. Access to comprehensive juvenile assessment for eligible youth
- The Chair read the prior objectives:
 1. Work with the State Legislature to bring more intervention and prevention services to Circuit 18.
 1. It was discussed that we would develop a platform that could be brought before each delegation in each county.
 2. Coordinate with other Boards to find common legislative issues to present at a statewide level. This will be omitted.
 3. Identify and coordinate other local groups to present legislative issues. This will also be omitted.
 2. Work with local agencies and government to support the juvenile justice continuum.
 3. Coordinate presentations to local stakeholders concerning juvenile justice issues.
 4. To increase public awareness of juvenile justice issues and programs.
 5. Attend events that are relevant to juvenile justice.
 6. Coordination of juvenile justice initiatives and programs.
 1. Increase coordination between local planning bodies
 2. Explore conducting an annual meeting/planning, circuit wide.
 7. Identify common areas for both counties and unite efforts to address them.
 1. Zero tolerance
 2. Disproportionate minority contact
 3. Truancy
 4. Youth violence
 5. Gender-specific services
 6. CINS/FINS
 7. Mental Health/Substance Abuse
 8. Mentoring
 9. Evidence-based programming
 8. Viability of the Board and reviewing of strategic planning were eliminated

- Discussion concerning members who have never attended meetings developed and it was decided Isa would ask T.I.P. if they would re-assign Rob Raines' designation to another T.I.P. member because he was not attending the meetings. Isa will also attempt to contact Darrell Hibbs to see if he plans to attend or send someone in his place. Other than these two members, Sharay Stafford is the only one who has not attended a meeting.
 - The Executive Committee will be responsible for putting the strategic plan together.
 1. Bethany Lacey volunteered to be on this committee.
 2. All committee chairs are also on the Executive Committee.
 - Superintendent Alves had to leave the meeting; however, before leaving she gave the group an update on the Puppy Program at the Juvenile Detention Center.
 - Dan Rodgers will work on the Introduction for the strategic plan.
 - The strategic planning committee will try to meet prior to the next meeting on the same day.
- B. Department of Juvenile Justice Report – Dan Rodgers reported that the Circuit is moving forward with the Crossover Youth Practice Model. There have been two on-site visits from Georgetown representatives. The next session will be in Seminole County. A small group went to Ft. Lauderdale to meet with the Judge, Assistant Public Defender, and the Assistant State Attorney specifically assigned to Crossover Youth.

We have been a pilot site for the EPICS program, since March. EPICS stands for Effective Practices In Community Supervision. It helps youth work through some of their thinking. The juvenile probation officer is trained to use this method as a way to help youth change their behavior. The program is moving along very well. The goal is to have JPOs use EPICS naturally, without emphasis on the fact that the process is actually being used. Every new JPO gets two days of motivational interviewing training. In response to Chairman Rogers' concern, Dan commented that DJJ encourages their providers to use EPICS, Trauma Informed Care, and motivational interviewing.

A. Committee Reports

- Grants – There was no report.
- Disproportionate Minority Count Committee – Jeff Dowdy reported that he has researched the topic and that there seems to be no rhyme or reason for the disparity.
- Jeff brought an important issue to the group concerning juveniles who are being determined to be incompetent simply because the youth does not understand the Court system. He plans to look into this further.
- Chief Chudnow had no report.
- Isa Kennedy provided an update to an Administrative Order concerning the youth being present for an injunction hearing on behalf of the child.
- No report from the Faith Committee.
- No report from the Planning Committee.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. There are no new members to discuss.
- B. Annual Report – Chairman Rogers asked the Chairs to each send him any highlights they want added to the Annual Report.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. There were no comments

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 1:30 pm at the Titusville Police Department.
- B. Having nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm.