



**Circuit 18
Juvenile Justice Advisory Board**

**December 11, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB), held at the Titusville Police Department, in their conference room on December 11, 2014 was called to order by Vice-Chair Phebe Powell at 1:38 pm.

Board Members

Tom	Barry	Commander (Titusville PD Chief J. Lau Designee)	BREVARD COUNTY POLICE CHIEF	Present
Marie	Bledsoe	Central Florida Cares CEO	HEALTH SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE	
Jolynn Nelson	For Laura Bosco	Assistant State Attorney (Designee)	STATE ATTORNEY PHIL ARCHER	Present
Jean Bandish	For Judge R. Burger	Circuit Court Judge (Designee)	CHIEF JUDGE 18th Judicial Circuit	Present
Mike Folger	for Melissa Catechis	Director, Student Services (Designee)	BCPS SUPERINTENDENT DR. BRIAN BINGGELLI	Present
Jeffrey	Chudnow	Oviedo Police Chief	SEMINOLE COUNTY POLICE CHIEF	
Jeffrey	Dowdy	Assistant Public Defender (Designee)	PUBLIC DEFENDER BLAISE TRETTIS	
Darrell	Hibbs	Major (Designee)	BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY	Present
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	
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	Present
Marquitta	Caesar	Circuit Supervisor JDAP – Bay Area Youth Svs.	BREVARD YOUTH-SERVING COALITION	Present
Suzanne	Reilly	Parent & RN	PARENT – JJ SYSTEM	
Richard	Rogers	Director of Development Operations – Eckerd	COMMUNITY LEADER REPRESENTATIVE	
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	
Dee	Caldwell	Intake Coordinator & Medical Screener	North Carolina Outward Bound	
Denise	Devlin	Deputy Chief Probation Officer	DJJ	Present
Dixie	Fosler	Acting Director DJJ Central Region Detention	DJJ	
Valerie	Holmes	Senior Ex. – Brevard Family Partners/CARES		
Kevin	Housel	DJJ Central Detention, Tampa	DJJ	Present
Jean	Jeffcoat	Division Manager	P.A.Y. Seminole County	
Jon	Loftheim	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	
Amanda	Tarulli	Counselor	CFDFL, Inc.	
Shellie	Walters	Officer	Altamonte Police Dept.	

B. Changes, additions, or deletions to the Agenda

- Phebe welcomed Valerie Holmes, Marquitta Caesar, who will be taking Rob Raines place (T.I.P.), and Jean Bandish, who will be Judge Burger's designee to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board (JJAB). Phebe mentioned that the proper forms will need to be sent to them and forwarded onto DJJ, after the current Circuit 18 Board votes to approve them.
- Approval of Agenda: The only change to the Agenda was the omission of the Chairman's Report – Richard Rogers was out sick.

C. Approval of Minutes

- Debbie Owens' motion to accept the November 20, 2014 meeting minutes was seconded by Lisa Page and passed by the group.

II. OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS

A. There was no Chairman's Report.

- B. Department of Juvenile Justice Report – Dan Rodgers did not have much more to add to the report given at the last meeting, which was held just three weeks prior. He commented that at the last meeting Richard Rogers had asked him for information on PACT that would be used for our strategic plan. The current PACT profile on the DJJ website is broken <http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/delinquency-data/pact-profile> so he sent a message to the Director of Planning and Research, Mark Greenwald, who assigned an analyst to Dan's request for information. Dan received an email in response to his request the day of this meeting that he will forward onto Richard, Phebe, and Isa.

The Crossover Youth Project Model (CYPM) has a meeting on Monday (12/15/14) at 9:30 a.m. Those involved in this project are making progress. The last in-person meeting with the CYPM analysts, before they leave Circuit 18 to finish the project up themselves, will be held on January 22, 2015 at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in their Community Room. Phebe commented that it would be a good idea to forward the CYPM meeting information onto the JJAB members, as they may find the discussion helpful.

- C. Committee Reports were postponed to allow for the time necessary to discuss the strategic plan.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Three-year Comprehensive Plan

- The areas needing input at this time are the trends/conditions and the PACT data. Jolynn Nelson asked about the kinds of things being looked for from the PACT data and Dan Rodgers responded the following:
 1. Percentages of the risk to reoffend broken down by the population
 2. General demographic information
 3. Percentages of the highest categories of offending behavior
 - a. Anger issues
 - b. Substance Abuse
 - c. School status
 4. Not necessarily included in the PACT data:
 - a. Truancy
 - b. SINS/FINS
- Phebe explained that understanding trends and conditions helps to identify prevention measures.
- Dan commented that some of the data will come from the delinquency profile:
 1. For example if there is a section of the County with a higher rate of referrals

- Dyanne Alves mentioned that some of the data will probably need to include the number of juveniles directed to the various options/locations after being brought to the Juvenile Detention Center:
 1. Secured Detention
 2. Home Detention
 3. Straight Release
 - Phebe commented that this data would be especially important if there were correlations associated with a majority of juveniles ending up in a particular category of detention.
 - Dan reminded the group about the type of information Richard was looking for many of these items are not in PACT:
 1. Zero tolerance
 2. Disproportionate Minority Contact
 3. Truancy
 4. Youth violence
 5. Gender-specific services
 6. SINS/FINS
 7. Mental health/Substance abuse
 8. Mentoring
 9. Evidence-based programming
 - Locally, DJJ is waiting for permission to use human trafficking training information being distributed by DJJ.
 - Isa asked Jean Bandish, who works in Juvenile Drug Court, if she had any thoughts on separating substance abuse from mental health issues or if it is best to group these together. And Jean explained that there are juveniles struggling with one or the other, and there are also those diagnosed with both. Juveniles with serious mental health issues are not placed in Drug Court. They sometimes have issues where a dual-diagnosed juvenile is not being given their mental health medication unless they are drug-free, when in reality it can be difficult to get a juvenile drug-free if they are not mentally stable.
 - Phebe commented that there is value in keeping the two separate and Jean concurred.
- B. Phebe went over the three-year Comprehensive Plan that Richard had sent out.
- Dan commented that we should be able to glean from the PACT data what the trends and conditions are. One trend they are seeing is that juvenile crime is decreasing and not occurring at the rate it was five, six, seven years ago.
 - Commander Tom Barry mentioned that while juvenile crime is decreasing, there appears to be an increase in violent juvenile crime. He suggested looking into the number of juveniles being charged as adults. Jolynn commented that the number of cases being direct-filed has gone down. Commander Barry went on to say that it would be informative to compare student population numbers with juvenile crime.
 - Jolynn is concerned about what to do with juveniles who have family members also involved in criminal activity. She brought attention to families where the parents/guardians have substance abuse issues and the dilemma of returning a juvenile to that environment, especially if trying to treat the juvenile for substance abuse. Cases where the juvenile's co-defendant is a parent are very disturbing and difficult to resolve. Jean concurred that in Drug Court it is difficult to help a juvenile recover from substance use when everyone else in the household is using illegal drugs. She suggested it be changed from juvenile Drug Court to Family Drug Court.

- Jolynn wanted to know how we were going to deal with juveniles involved in gangs and juveniles having parents with substance abuse issues or parents involved in crime.
- Phebe commented that a resolution is not always obvious. DCF relies on community providers to assist with multiple issues.
- Sometimes the best we can do is to help juveniles fall deeper into the justice system.
- Jean commented on crossover juveniles – often their criminal involvement is instigated by the adult they are depending on for survival... Then there are parents who use all the income on their drugs. Phebe commented that they hope to address juveniles with these issues through the Crossover Youth program.
- It was suggested that evidence-based programs be referred to as a way to address some of the needs. In Seminole County they have:
 1. Wrap-around services
 2. Functional Family Therapy
 3. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Phebe wrapped up the discussion on the areas of focus by explaining why the group is establishing this strategic plan.
- The five areas of focus being considered are:
 1. Human Trafficking
 2. Domestic Violence (Child to Parent)
 3. Mental Health
 4. Substance Abuse (System of Care)
 5. Access to Comprehensive Juvenile Assessments for eligible youth.
- Jolynn asked if a sixth area of focus could be added:
 1. Substance abuse/criminal involvement within the family structure.
- Isa suggested having a category that encompasses all family issues and Dan Rogers suggested using the well-known term, “Family Management”, that can then be broken down into more specific issues such as, violence in the family, substance abuse in the family, and so on... (generational concerns).
- Denise Devlin asked for an explanation concerning what the fifth issue listed above, “Access to Comprehensive Juvenile Assessments for eligible youth”, actually means. Debbie Owens explained that during the last meeting there was discussion about the inconsistency between the two counties concerning when a juvenile is assessed (Child Adolescent Needs and Strength assessment CANS). In Seminole County all juveniles are taken directly to the JAC and a risk assessment is done then. In Brevard there is no intake portal. Juveniles taken to the detention center are screened there and those juveniles not taken to the detention center, such as those in the civil citation program, are assessed at the JAC at Crosswinds.
- Phebe suggested that Seminole County is addressing the evaluation and assessment process at the JAC for the mental health piece. Therefore, if we are looking to create the umbrella of Family Management, should this category fall under this umbrella.
- Phebe summarized the modified areas of focus to be:
 1. Human Trafficking
 2. Family Management
 - a. Domestic Violence (Child to Parent)
 - b. Substance Abuse (generational)
 - c. Criminality (generational)
 3. Mental Health

- a. Access to Comprehensive Juvenile Assessments (this may need to be reworded so that it is clearer).
- 4. Substance Abuse
 - Phebe asked the group if they were in agreement concerning the three major components:
 1. Advocacy
 2. Public Awareness
 3. Coordination of Juvenile Justice Initiatives/Programs
 - She went over the objectives and how they relate to the areas of focus. Everyone seemed to be in agreement with the components and their correlating objectives.
 - Phebe summarized that Dan will supply data on:
 1. PACT
 2. Truancy
 3. SINS/FINS
 4. Crime rate
 - a. Increase
 - b. Decrease
 - c. Violent juveniles
 - d. Number of direct files
 5. Civil citations

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Phebe asked if any of the committees had anything to report and there were no reports.
- B. Isa asked the group to take notice of the list providing meeting dates and times for 2015.

V. REVIEW ACTION LIST

- Phebe asked the new members to submit their forms soon after receiving them so that we could get them up to DJJ as soon as possible.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROGRAM UPDATES AND MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. There were no announcements from the floor.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the office of the Public Defender in Seminole County, 100 Bush Blvd., Sanford, FL.
- B. Having nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.