

2nd Circuit Advisory Board

Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m

I. CALL TO ORDER

Introductions: Raymond Garcia/TPD, Eric Trombley/SAO, Ximena Smith/DCF, ~~Ernie Sims~~/Faith rep, Alice Sims/DJJ, Patrice Richardson/DJJ, Eugene Morris/DJJ, Aaron Mathews/DJJ, Rico Cooper/DJJ, Dave Cornuet/DJJ, Sam Lyons/DJJ, Aaron Day/Liberty Schools, Donnie Read/Twin Oaks, Deborah Shaw/Court Admin.

Agenda & Minutes-No quorum to accept minutes or agenda

Chairman's Remarks- brief hellos. Donnie met with US AG. The President through DOJ plans to put a program in place at our alternative schools. Traffic Stop Simulator with role play to teach appropriate behavior when approached by Law Enforcement. Also a "Consequence of Crime" program. Looking forward to working with the project

Eugene Morris- Crime Prevention conference last year had a demo of this simulator. DJJ is happy to support this program. Inv. Ray Garcia agreed that it had value.

Presentation: Guardian Ad Litem-Alan Abramowitz- kids in FC tend to spend more time in commitment beds than other youth. Because PD usually signs off at dispo, children aren't represented. Legislative proposal for GAL/AAL to be included in the statute so they can participate in re-entry staffings. Big benefit for DJJ to assist with kids leaving residential and coming back to the community. GAL has created proposal language to allow for inclusion in the delinquency process. Kara Fenlon is going to bring this issue to the attention of the Statewide PD Assoc. juvenile committee.

General discussion regarding the issue of DP kids in DJJ custody. Twin Oak does NOT extend placement.

II. BOARD BUSINESS

Old Business: Grant update: Department scored the grants and we read the ES. Donnie represented C2 and made recommendations for IOY for Gadsden, Livingstones for Leon and CCYS for Wakulla. Covenant proposal was not recommended for Jefferson.

We will notify Board members as soon as DJJ lets us know which recipients are awarded.

Group discussion of potential for other providers to go after funds not applied for as well as the Board perhaps facilitating grant training for new staff and new/emerging programs to assist with the grant application process.

Brief discussion re: dates and times and general membership. **MEETING WILL BE MOVED TO THURSDAYS @ 2:00pm to better serve the schedules of members.**

III. DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATES

Prevention and Victim Services- Eugene reported Leadership is in CJJ conference in Washington and Prevention is also in Orlando at the FJJA conference.

Probation & Community Correction- Probation is fully staffed.

Detention Services- absent

Residential Services- absent

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IV. MEMBER UPDATES

State Attorney's Office – Super busy.

Public Defender's Office -- Kara Fenlon exploring legal arguments to fight about the prolonged stays in JDC. Wants to get those times reduced. Discussing with national level human rights organizations. Time period between dispo and placement in high and max risks programs is WAY too long. David Cornuet discussed the on-going issue with residential placements due to a bed shortage. More discussion on wait lists, etc.

Chief Judge's Office- Waiting on Governor to appoint next Circuit Judge who will be filling vacating seat of Judge George Reynolds, who is retiring after 31+ years. The new Judge will be assigned to the Leon Delinquency bench.

Law Enforcement Officials – TPD-nothing to report

County Commissioners – none present

School Superintendents – All is well in Liberty County- welcomed new rep

Mental Health- Apalachee- nothing to report

Department of Children & Families- -Ximena- Reg Mging Director leaving today, SAMH Reg Dir to be filled soon. She feels that we have a common goal of helping our communities. Training schedule to be distributed to members. Gadsden or Leon grant but open to Region. Page 5- Youth leadership development program. 11-18. Parent component. Whole Child participating as well.

Faith Community- Pastor Sims- interested in learning why the legislature created the Board and its function. Wants to connect Community and Church. Wants to help curb juvenile crime.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Next Board Meeting Date: **Thursday, July 21, 2016 @ 2:00p.m.**

Location: Alexander Bldg

VII. ADJOURNMENT -11:15 a.m.

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