

**Circuit 20 Juvenile Justice Board Minutes  
January 16, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE:**

*Board Members: Dr. Sandra Pavelka, Florida Gulf Coast University; Chair; Wendi Braswell, Department of Children and Families Secretary; Dannielle Brun, Southwest Florida Works, Vice-Chair; William Naylor, Lee County Sheriff's Office; Larry Justham, State Attorney's Office; Vincent Vurro, SWFL Detention Center; Emily Lewis (Charlotte County Polycom)*

*Department of Juvenile Justice Staff: All out of town at DJJ meeting*

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Chair Pavelka called the meeting to order at 1:42 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes:** quorum not present, minutes remain in draft form.

**DJJ Report:**

Vincent Vurro--Detention Center has been approved do a dog therapy program with youth. Miami has piloted this and we are adding here locally. Internal Application for Fed Funds for Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, copy of the grant provided to Dr. Pavelka. Vincent Vurro is retiring effective 1/31/13, officially no replacement has been named. Asst. Super will be posted shortly as well. Utilize rate is still higher than the rest of the state.

**Peg Lamarca submitted a report via email prior to the meeting:**

The DJJ continues to work toward system excellence. One of the goals is to keep youth out of detention when possible and the other is to ensure that we work toward assisting youth to keep them out of the system. The civil citation programs are up and running. We continue to work with SWFAS and Human Services, the contracted civil service providers.

Locally, we have had some staff changes. Dennis Hannay, the supervisor at the Collier JAC transferred to a unit in Daytona. The new Supervisor, Tami Sherman will soon be leaving to pursue adult probation.

There are currently open Screener positions at the Lee County Juvenile Assessment Center.

DJJ Secretary doing Road Map to Success Tour and should be here in Fort Myers in the near future (possibly March).

**DCF Report:**

Wendi--Transformation that includes pre-service curriculum starting in July. Focus is to keep kids at home with extended services. Question was posed if youth cannot be placed elsewhere, is Crossroads an option? Request for John Davidson to present at our next meeting.

**COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Charlotte:**

Emily Lewis reported civil citation funding received and is county wide including 18 new referrals in January. Largest to date. Notified that approved for Invest In Children funds, will be providing Developmental Survey to improve service to youth. Crossroads is now converted to Foster program and has 7 youth as of now and more coming next week. There are needs in TV services and transportation issues still.

**Collier:**

No Rep

**Hendry/Glades:**

No Rep

**Lee:**

Last meeting was October. Larry Barnhill is new Chair. Fort Myers Police Department received Invest in Children funds for Lee County to target Truancy via TIP program in elementary. Will need to do amendment as funds are not for this program year, but next. Includes wrap around services at a younger age. JAC has been appointed a new Captain, Jim Levens.

**Legislative Priorities:**

Wendi Braswell sat on Conference Call for the Department (look at Sandra Email) for 985.664 for Advisory Boards. Discussion about revisions to the Circuit Boards and County Councils. Adjustments to Numbers and now other than Police it can be designee. All Chief of Police and ALL Sheriffs for all Municipalities must at the table. Not designee. Chair will be appointed by Secretary. You can only serve two consecutive terms at all. We will send out a copy of the bill to all members to share out with contacts impacted by changes.

**Key Decision Makers Group:**

Weekly or Bi-Weekly newsletters/updates to be sent out to help grow attendance and membership. This should help with membership. We have a commitment from Sgt Barnes for Cape Coral Police Department and Alex Oliveras. Glades County Superintendent has appointed Beth Barfield as his representative for the Board. She will begin attending next meeting.

**Open Forum:**

Dr. Pavelka reported that she will be participating in the Drug Abuse Prevention dinner that includes free spaghetti dinner. Sgt. Garcia will be providing the Night Vision class to show how youth hide their drug abuse/use.

Emily reported that the Shelter is occupied. To be opened as a shelter to serve homeless veterans with wrap around services.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Next General Board meeting is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.