Circuit 9 Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Board
November 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held at the Orlando Juvenile Assessment Center.

I. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 12:15 P.M.
A. Welcome from Lonnie Bell, Orange County Government, Director of Family Services Department, and your Chairman.
B. Introductions
C. No prior minutes submitted to be approved.

II. New Business:
Appointed a new Circuit 9 CAB Secretary, Sgt. Heith Yeager with the Osceola County Sheriff's Office has volunteered to be the CAB Secretary.

III. Announcement and Matters from the Floor:
*DJJ Updates: Chief Probation Officer Jill Wells advised that the JSIP training took place this past Monday in Orlando. Probation staff was trained on the Dispositional Matrix-Guidance which helps guides them to making better recommendations to court in regards to a youth. Beginning in January and/or early February, Circuit 9 probation will begin EPICS- where the JPO's are taught to interact better with the youth they come into contact with in hopes to build a better rapport.

*Public Defenders Office: Laura Klossner is resigning from Chief Public Defender starting December 2, 2016. She will no longer attend CAB meetings, and her replacement should be at the next one. There are a lot of new Public Defenders in the Juvenile Office. 3 new Public Defenders in Osceola County, and 11 new Public Defenders in Orange county. Each Public Defender may have 70-140 case each.

*Discussions about where to continue to CAB Meetings. It was suggested that since the Circuit 9 is Osceola and Orange County, that CAB meetings should flip flop between each county. Sgt. Yeager stated that the CAB's may be held at the Osceola County Sheriff's Office. CAB meetings will remain on the 2nd Wednesday every other month starting at 12:15 P.M.

*Discussion about what the content of Circuit 9 CAB meetings should be. It was suggested that it should be more meaningful, and ensure that all information is passed on to the appropriate persons. Chairman Bell opened the floor and each person expressed what they would like to gain from attending CAB Meetings.
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Members and Community Member suggested the following:

-Be more aware of the resources in the community.

-To become more knowledgeable with the DJJ system with the youth who are currently on   probation.

-To hear different ideas, suggestions, and services that may be provided for the youth in the community.

-Network, and find different services in the community.

-Find services in the Osceola County & Poinciana area that will provided services to the youth who are suspended from school. Wanting to start a weekly camp for suspended students.

-Wants to revisit what is on the CAB's priority list. Identify them, and discuss them as a group. Delinquency Specialist Dionne Anderson will look up the CAB's Comprehensive Plan and provided to the CAB members.

-More specific focus on what the CAB can discuss.

-Provide social media awareness with youth and learn what is going on and the type of activities that go on when on the sites.

-Better understanding of Detention Services and having community based services, faith based services to come out and volunteer, spend some time with the youth who are detained.

IV. Committees:

There are no current subcommittees at this time. Chairman Bell recommended that there be a membership committee. Tracy with Orange County Government, Chief Probation Officer Jill Wells, and Circuit 9 Reform Specialist Melinda Wesley-Nelson volunteered to be a part of the membership committee.

Chairman Bell suggested that a Data and Information committee should be started for the CAB.

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting January 11, 2017
Osceola County Sheriff's Office
Community Service Room
12:15 P.M.

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