

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
DJJ Informational Conference Call
Friday, April 8 2011, 3:30PM (EST)
Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

Conference call came to order at 3:35 PM. Yvonne Woodard, Statewide Boards and Councils Coordinator, welcomed everyone on the informational conference call on behalf of Secretary Walters and Chief of Staff Christy Daly and Rhyna Jefferson, Interim Asst. Secretary. Yvonne Woodard conducted the roll call for Circuit Board Chairs

Circuit Board Chairs and Members – Circuit 1 – Bryan Callahan, Circuit 2 – Donnie Read, Circuit 3 – Curt Jenkins, Circuit 7 – Cheryl Massaro, Circuit 10 – Terri Chambers, Circuit 11 – Min. George Ellis, Circuit 15 – Barbara Gerlock, Circuit 16 – Kathy Tuell & Kathy Kirkland, Circuit 17 – Francine Klauber, 18 – Mark Rehder

DJJ HQ Officials & Staff

Rhyna Jefferson, Interim Asst. Secretary, Ana Sanchez, Legislative Director, Theda Roberts, Andy Hindman, FCN Director, Yvonne Woodard, Phyllis tucker, Latrice Covington, Tregg Mays, Lytha Belrose

DJJ Legislative Update - Ana Sanchez, DJJ Legislative Affairs Director

There has been a lot of progress and DJJ bills are moving through the committees.

- **Juvenile Justice Repeal** – (HB 4157/SB 618) – It has passed the Senate and is waiting in House Messages now. HB 4157 - we hope to have it heard in judiciary coming this Tuesday.
- **Interstate Compact** (HB-1029/SB1494) – HB 1029 - It is on the calendar for 2nd reading. It has passed all its committees of reference and is on the House floor. SB 1494 is in its last committee which is Budget and waiting to go on the agenda.
- **Juvenile Justice Reform** (out of Blueprint Commission) (HB 1233/SB 1850) - HB 1233 is currently in Rule Making. SB 1850 is in its final committee which is also Budget.
- **Civil Citation** – (SB 1300/HB 997) - HB 997 It passed its first committee of reference. It is now on the calendar for the 2nd reading on the house floor. SB 1300 - It's in its final committee of reference which is Budget. We hope to have it heard this week
- There has been a lot of movement regarding our budget appropriations. We are tracking the Detention Bill 2112. The **House Budget** –Detention bill 2112 allows for Sheriffs to run circuit detention centers. There are a couple of issues we have with it. Specifically, the bill does not require them to follow DJJ standards. It gives us no oversight. There is a federal law that says all detention centers must have equal and the same requirements and standards as a state run detention center. Therefore, if it passes, we may have some issues that could affect our funding. We are currently working to resolve this.
- **Community Based Care bill in the Senate** - It has some misdemeanor language which would exclude misdemeanants from detention. It is like a combined bill in the Senate, SB 2114. There is a difference between the misdemeanor language in the Senate and misdemeanor language in

the House. The HB 5407 (Governor's version) is the one we are pushing as an agency. Misdemeanants are excluded from residential facilities if they have four or less misdemeanors. It also makes provisions if misdemeanor was a sexual crime along with several other offenses that are excluded. Where it differs from the Senate version is the Senate has it where the child would be excluded from residential if he has 2 or less misdemeanors throughout his life as a juvenile. That is a big difference between the House and Senate. We are currently working to resolve these issues to get the House and Senate on the same path. The Governor's version 5407 is the language the agency is pushing.

Questions & Responses

Question: Barbara Gerlock, Circuit 15 – Regarding appropriation, I am hearing there have been decisions made about which positions going to be cut in the department. Have there been any decisions made?

Response: Theda Roberts - Not yet. All of those issues are up in the appropriation bill that has been passed than they will go into conference and come to a compromise on both the House and the Senate side.

Question: Barbara Gerlock, Circuit 15 – Are the DMC grants going to be funded for another year?

Response: Rhyna Jefferson, Interim Asst. Secretary - We are currently in the process of reviewing grants as it relates to performance and renewal decisions will be made within the next few weeks.

Francine Klauber, Circuit 17 – Dade County is supposed to be one of the three models. Is it true they're not anymore?

Response: Theda Roberts – That is correct. Under the current Community Juvenile Justice Based Care model there are only 2 circuits. Circuits: 6 & 9.

Francine Klauber, Circuit 17 – Is the SAG meeting in Miami?

Response: Rhyna Jefferson, Interim Asst. Secretary - the SAG meeting is in Miami, FL, May 19th at the Hyatt Hotel. It is a public meeting and anyone is welcomed to attend.

Comment: Bryan Callahan, Circuit 1 – Can we get the Civil Citation bill #.

Response: Theda Roberts - HB 997/SB 1300

Comment: Bryan Callahan, Circuit 1- I did not see this bill on the agency's website.

Response: Ana Sanchez - The reason it's not on the website is because HB 997 and SB 1300 are not agency bills, they are Governor Initiatives.

Question: Curt Jenkins, Circuit 3 - Do we have any idea how it is going to be funded?

Response: Theda Roberts - There is no funding attached for civil citation in the Governor's budget, House or the Senate. The Secretary's position is that there is a process in place currently to pick up child in process and arrest, so it can be done within existing funds, as far as processing goes. The department will pick up the cost of the data input into the JJIS prevention side, so that shouldn't be a funding issue. We will use existing community services to treat that child. We hope to see a significant investment into frontend services. We already have a survey out there to determine where services are lacking. If we get that appropriation we will start building up services in that circuit.

Question: Curt Jenkins, Circuit 3 - What gives a police officer authority to administer community service hours.

Response: Theda Roberts - Current law. Under current statute, law enforcement can assess community service hours and this bill does not change that. This will not affect Teen Court.

If you have questions please send to Theda Roberts at Theda.roberts@djj.state.fl.us. The next conference is scheduled for **April 22, 2011 @ 3:30PM**.

Conference call adjourned at 4:00 PM