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State of Florida
JJDP State Advisory Group (SAG)
DMC Committee Meeting Minutes
Daytona, FL
Thursday, November 18, 2010

SAG Members (11): Judge Daniel Dawson, Alan Abramowitz, Sophia Campbell, James Clark, Jacqui Colyer, Tony Jones, Curtis Jenkins, Patti Pieri, O.B. Stander , Ivan Tucker, and Mitch Wilkins.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Staff Present (4): Rhyna Jefferson, Cheryl Howard, Juliet Westmoreland, Assistant Secretary Rex Uberman and Pat McGhee.

DMC Committee meeting was officially called to order at 9:15a.m

Juliet Westmoreland conducted roll call.

Tony Jones, DMC Committee Chair.

Ivan Tucker made a motion to approve the minutes; Sophia Campbell second the motion.

Juliet Westmoreland, the new DMC Coordinator, was introduced to the SAG members and spoke briefly about her background.

DMC Listening Tour

Rhyna Jefferson talked about a 20 minute video, "Bring Your A Game", being shown at DJJ Detention Centers. The tour is led by Juliet Westmoreland, Dr. Randy Nelson and Mr. Dale Landry.

Mr. Tony Jones said he received a copy of the video and stated how powerful it was. He stated that schools in Gainesville will be showing the video.

Action Item

Rex Uberman, DJJ Assistant Secretary suggested maybe the Department can get a license agreement to have some kids in a group setting and discuss the video. It should be an ongoing dialogue and should be compatible to a short term group discussion format for maybe 2 to 3 years.

James Clark spoke about the JDAI grant they have. What they were finding in their local area were a lot of minority kids weren't showing up for court. DMC needs to give more attention to the issues that are impacting the system. About 50% of the cases were minority youths not showing up for court, which means it only made things escalate to major issues.

Patti Pieri spoke about a pilot project that was very simple and basic, where every child was treated the same. Most kids don't have the family support to get to court; the kid doesn't make it to court therefore they fail and then go deeper into the system. In Hillsborough County, 60% get more involved with the system for failure to appear.

Patti Pieri spoke about Mr. Norman Campbell, Chief Probation Officer in Hillsborough County. He has been with DJJ for over 30 years and she feels he needs to attend a SAG meeting to discuss his insight on some of these issues that have been discussed.

Rhyna Jefferson suggested that the award money for 2009 in the amount of \$500,000, a Request for Proposal (RFP) could be solicited for services for issues that were discussed.

Tony Jones suggested that Mr. Campbell could participate on the next DMC conference call scheduled for December 2, 2010 a proposal could be put together for a RFP for DMC system issues.

Action Item

Mr. Clark said he would like to make recommendations to the transition team about system problems that are of serious concerns.

Patti Pieri recommended Mr. Norman Campbell, Chief Probation Officer of Hillsborough County, attend a SAG meeting to discuss DMC system issues.

1st Quarter DMC Programs Evaluation Report

SAG Members were given the DMC 1st Quarter Evaluation Report to review.

DMC Committee Meeting officially adjourned at 10:10am