

Meeting Minutes
South Dakota Council of Juvenile Services
January 4, 2008
Cedar Shore Resort-Chamberlain, SD

Council of Juvenile Services Members Present: Mike Leidholt, Nancy Allard, JC Chambers, Doug Herrmann, Susan Randall, Gib Sudbeck, Joanna Vitek, Grant Walker, and Victor Erlacher.

Council of Juvenile Services Members Absent: Carol Twedt, Janine Kern, Beth O'Toole, Dave Nelson, Virgena Wieseler, Ella Rae Stone, Karen Jeffries, Jason Goette, Richard Erickson, Liz Heidelberger, and Tara Russell.

Others Present: Kevin McLain, Jodi Kirschenman, and Joy Erlenbusch from DOC

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, and REVIEW OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Mike Leidholt called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM. Due to no quorum, Leidholt indicated the Council would start with the informational items on the agenda and vote at the end of the meeting or as soon as a quorum developed. If need be, the Executive Committee could approve the voting items and then the full council could ratify at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed, with approval recommended. This item will go to the Executive Committee.

3. CENTRALIZED INTAKE UPDATE

Nancy Allard indicated that the last overview provided to the Council indicated that Rapid City was not interested in serving as an intake center; therefore Minnehaha is the only intake center at this time. Allard referenced the letter that CJS Chair Twedt sent to the Chief Justice in support of the Centralized Intake. Minnehaha County fully supports the Centralized Intake System and has given full support as serving as the Intake Center, a MOU has been developed, and now they are beginning the implementation phase while adding counties. In addition to Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties, which have served as the pilot counties, they will soon add Clay and Yankton Counties, with the plan of adding approximately two – three counties every six – eight weeks or so. Once those counties that contract with Minnehaha County are added to the system, they will then work toward the central part of the state to add counties and work west.

Allard has had preliminary follow up discussions with Alex Holsinger out of Kansas to eventually validate the project. They need to gather more data and have more people involved in order for Holsinger to assess the risk component. Discussion ensued regarding the budgets for the full time intake person, concerns that Pennington County does not want to participate, time management to track the entire state's data and data missing if Pennington County/Rapid City doesn't participate, and Minnehaha County's problems during testing/piloting.

4. DMC UPDATE

◆ ONGOING MONITORING

Joy Erlenbusch reviewed the DMC Summary provided in the meeting materials, and explained how the summary information was compiled. There was delay in getting the 2005 and 2006 data, but it is now complete. Erlenbusch has been working with those entities who had submitted questionable numbers, in order to get accurate data. Statewide data for 2006 has been included in the summary in order to give the CJS an overview of the arrest rates, detention rates, petition rates, adjudications, DOC commits, and transfers to adult court all of which are broken down by race. Discussion and questions ensued. Kevin McLain explained the use of a relative rate index. Joy will pull Minnehaha and Pennington County data for the DMC Committee and bring this information to the CJS as an FYI.

◆ LOCAL DMC INTERVENTIONS BUDGET REPORT

Erlenbusch reviewed the local budgets for the Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Sisseton DMC projects and Statewide Project Solutions. Third year funding will be available March 2008. Discussion ensued regarding projects and outstanding budgets.

◆ DMC TRAINING STRATEGY

Erlenbusch and McLain reviewed a handout detailing staff recommendations for cultural training. McLain and Erlenbusch have spent a number of days trying to determine the best approach, to find one that works and that will reach all participants without it being a rushed training strategy. They took this proposal to the DMC Committee for review and approval. Originally Project Solutions started Cultural Training, but due to a number of problems, the CJS terminated the contract. Erlenbusch will contact Dr. Brokenleg and others from the DMC Committee to identify local trainers. These local trainers would then present cultural training in smaller groups throughout various communities in the state, and the trainings would be in increments and be repeated various times. McLain reiterated that this training needs to be incremental and repeated using different trainers to reach all participants. If we start this in Sioux Falls, The Chief Court Service officer or her representative would be a part of this process and if it's started in Sioux Falls, then it would enhance the process to include Todd Cheaver and Kristi Bunkers or Tiffany Wolfgang. It's also critical to talk about the DMC requirements and the statewide DMC numbers to help people understand why we are doing this. The State's Bureau of Personnel has done Native American cultural diversity training the past three years. Dr. Craig Howe from Pine Ridge has consistently had high ratings for his performance and training abilities, in addition to other trainers within SD that can do the training; however, it will take a while to work through who the trainers will be and from what community.

Discussion ensued. There are a number of steps that need to take place, and then any potential contracts need to be approved by the CJS or the Executive Committee.

◆ LOCAL WORKGROUP COORDINATORS

Susan Randall stepped out of the room due to conflict of interest. McLain explained the need for a community presence where the local DMC workgroups take place, the need for staff time, and a need for a local workgroup coordinator. Erlenbusch solicited letters of interest for Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Sisseton. At their last meeting, the Council approved \$9440 per location for a one-year period of time for the position of a local workgroup coordinator. Erlenbusch received two proposals, one from South Dakota Voices for Children to serve the Sioux Falls area and one from Sani-T in Rapid City to serve the Rapid City area. Nothing received for the Sisseton area, so Erlenbusch will keep working on this to try to identify someone from Sisseton. McLain pointed out that SDVC is over budget, but with this project starting later in the calendar year, then SDVC should be able to modify their budget to cover expenses with the approved \$9440 for actual costs. Questions and discussion took place regarding Sani-T. McLain contacted people in the Rapid City area to get information on this organization, in which he received positive comments about Sani-T. Today's Council recommended the Executive Committee approve these two contracts for the budget amount of \$9440 each for one year.

5. FACJJ OCTOBER 2007 MEETING SUMMARY & 2007 FALL CJJ CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Judge Kern is not present to provide an overview at the last FACJJ meeting, so Kirschenman explained how this meeting was held in conjunction with a number of different meetings/trainings in Denver, Colorado. First the Coalition for Juvenile Justice met prior to the FACJJ. Then the OJJDP fall training was held, which was titled "Creating a shared vision for juvenile justice". Jason Goette attended the SAG youth member track during the OJJDP conference, while Kirschenman attended the State Relations and Assistance Division (SRAD) sessions. The SRAD sessions focused on dual jurisdiction, challenges and overcoming the challenges. Following the OJJDP training, then the DMC annual training took place, which was titled "reducing DMC in juvenile justice by making the right connections".

As a reminder, Doug Herrmann now serves as South Dakota's primary representative on the FACJJ, and Gib Sudbeck is the alternate.

6. CJJ MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We have been members of CJJ for a little less than a year. Our membership is due for renewal in the amount of \$5,000. Randall recommends the Executive Committee approves the Council renewing its membership and then assesses our membership after this year. This was the consensus of the Council.

7. 2007 OJJDP JOINT TRAINING SUMMARY

This agenda item was reviewed with agenda item number five. See above for specifics.

8. FORMULA GRANT BUDGET STATUS REPORT

McLain provided a thorough report of the Formula Grant budget. We have completed the FFY04 allocation as of November 2007 and it took approximately eight months to spend it. We have been expending FFY05 Formula Grant dollars since March 2007 as CJS authorizes. McLain reviewed the budget handouts, which display how the under expended categories will cover the budget category short falls and yet get us through August 2008. Then we still have FY06 and FY07 dollars to spend, and we will be applying for FY08 funding this spring. McLain then reviewed the juvenile services reimbursement program. Hughes County's goal is to add on a collocated unit, Yankton County is also building a jail and will have secure units, and Roberts County will have sixteen secure beds for juveniles this spring. An issue was raised regarding Walworth County not providing education in their detention center. Discussion ensued.

9. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT GRANTS STATUS REPORT

Kirschenman reviewed the systems improvement subgrants handout and explained the budget status of each of the subgrantees. Lewis & Clark submitted an application for funding to finish the 18-month commitment that the Council made to them. This funding will take them through June and then they will no longer be funded with the Systems Improvement dollars. Lewis & Clark's services do not qualify them for Title 19 funding, but they are seeking dollars from UJS general funds, and DOC has it in their budget for DOC kids that are there for post-dispositional placement. Two budget extensions were granted; one to the Center for Disabilities and one to the Minnehaha County JDC, to help them get their budgets expended. Discussion ensued on licensing and also on the term "Day Treatment" vs. services provided and seeking funding to cover it.

10. NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS GRANTS & APPLICATION STATUS REPORT

Kirschenman gave a status update of the Native American Pass-Through subgrantees and the reporting/budget status of each. CY07 money expired December 31st, and claims are to be submitted in January. CY08 grant application went out and is due the middle of this month. Crow Creek's, Oglala's and Standing Rock's application went to new contacts in hopes that they will apply for funding. Chepa Valandra from Crow Creek talked about contracting with Northern Plains Intertribal Agreement and asked us if we would be able to reimburse them on behalf of Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. We told Chepa that we would be able and willing to do this.

11. TITLE V STATUS UPDATE

Kirschenman indicated the same four communities (Watertown, City of Brookings/Brookings County, Oglala Sioux Tribe, and Charles Mix County/Wagner) are still working on competing for one of the three subgrant awards, with applications due March 15th. The applications were originally due at the end of December so that the Council could make the awards at the January meeting. However, due to the extensive data collection that is required with the Title V grant, applicants asked for an extension on the due date, which means a shorter budget period. The budget period would be April 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008. All applicants preferred this and felt they would not have any problems spending their award in nine months instead of twelve. Roland Loudenberg has been assisting the City of Watertown with their data collection and Brookings contracted with a college student to assist with their data collection. The other two applicants were encouraged to contract with someone for this purpose due to the data collection that is required and they were encouraged to use their planning grant dollars to pay for it.

12. TRIBAL ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE

Susan Randall gave an update on the Tribal Advisory Group, indicating that they last met in conjunction with the Juvenile Justice Symposium. The TAG agreed that they would like technical assistance (TA) to facilitate and guide them with a strategic planning process. Susan Balbas, from the state of Washington, is available to provide TA March 26-27th at Cedar Shore. It was originally discussed and planned to be held in Pierre, but there is no room availability. Ella Rae Stone, TAG Chair and Chepa Valandra, TAG Vice Chair have both agreed to this location change. In talking with Balbas, the outcome of this TA would be workplans that every stakeholder would walk away with. This TA would also look at the needs of kids in the juvenile justice system in each of their Tribes and steps they can take towards improvements. Average attendance at each of the TAG meetings is around 20 with Tribes having approximately two or three representatives, except Standing Rock and Oglala.

13. SDVC TAG CONTRACT EXPIRATION

Randall answered questions regarding the proposed contract prior to stepping out of the room. Randall said this contract is slightly over since the last contract was for \$20,000 and so this one is an 'up to' contract. She has

asked for the possibility of being compensated for an extra day since the TAG is meeting two days in March. She ran the numbers for two additional staff for that second day of the strategic planning meeting. The contract is for up to five meetings per year, but if there were only three meetings, then there would be fewer draws on the contract. Randall exited the room and discussion ensued. McLain said this comes out of the NAP money or it could come out of the SAG pot of funding. The last two contracts were for \$20,000 and a balance remained. The Council's proposed action is to continue the contract for \$20,800 per year for up to five meetings, which includes the two-day strategic planning. The SDVC shall aid in the collection of Tribal data related to determination of compliance with JJDP, and the SDVC shall provide an updated Tribal Directory. This recommendation will go before the Executive Committee.

14. FY 2007 COUNCIL OF JUVENILE SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT

Kirschenman provided the Council with a sample CJS report. The draft has been sent to Judge Kern and Dr. Randall for their review. The Council was asked to review the report and email Kirschenman with any changes by next week. The draft will then be finalized and printed for distribution. Discussion ensued.

15. OLD BUSINESS

Randall provided a handout summarizing the Juvenile Justice Symposium explaining the media coverage received, the budget versus what was actually spent, and a summary of the evaluations received by participants. Over two hundred people were registered, with 187 checking in at the registration desk.

16. NEW BUSINESS

Randall asked if members were aware of any new legislation that would affect juveniles. She explained a proposal to increase the diversion program for juveniles from 90 days up to 180 days. This is being posed in plans for the implementation of the school attendance law. SDVC will take active support on this proposal. Strengths and criticisms discussed.

Randall asked for a future update on DOC Community based projects and aftercare numbers.

Due to no quorum, the Executive Committee will approve the JABG Grant application. Staff will email the Formula Grant application to all CJS members for feedback and then to the Executive Committee for approval since the submission deadline is prior to the next CJS meeting.

17. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2008 in Chamberlain, SD.

18. WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

*Recorded by Jodi Kirschenman
Juvenile Justice Specialist*