

Council of Juvenile Services
May 18-19, 2006
STAR ACADEMY, Custer, SD
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18th

The CJS arrived at STAR Academy, West Campus for a tour of the facility beginning at 1:30 PM, Mountain Time. The tour was led by STAR Academy youth, STAR staff, and the assistance of Doug Herrmann.

Council of Juvenile Services Members Present: Carol Twedt, Mike Leidholt, Keith Bonenberger, JC Chambers, Victor Erlacher, Doug Herrmann, Karen Jeffries, Susan Randall, Ella Rae Stone, Gib Sudbeck, Grant Walker, and Janine Kern.

Council of Juvenile Services Members Absent: Dave Nelson, Beth O'Toole, Sharon Sonnenschein, Doug Thrash

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

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, and REVIEW OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Mike Leidholt called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM, MT. Chair Twedt had another appointment this morning and is on her way to Custer for the meeting. Leidholt thanked Doug Herrmann for the tour, members shared their comments.

The agenda was reviewed.

2. APPROVAL OF CJS MEETING MINUTES FROM 3-16-06

Susan Randall moved to approve March 2006 meeting minutes, Karen Jeffries seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

3. CJS MEMBERSHIP

Jodi Kirschenman informed the council that there are eight members with terms expiring this summer. Kevin McLain and Kirschenman will be talking with members in the near future to see if they are willing to serve another term. They will then work with the Governor's Office for replacements for those members who do not wish to renew their membership and also for those who have resigned.

McLain indicated the need to work on recruiting youth members. CJS members were asked to submit their youth member recommendations to Kirschenman. Youth members must be under the age of 24 at the time of appointment and must have involvement with the juvenile justice system (past or present), and this involvement will remain confidential. Furthermore, those youth that are in diversion programs count for this requirement.

4. NATIVE AMERICAN PASS-THROUGH APPLICATION

Kirschenman provided a handout and an overview of the status of the Native American Pass-through Application (NAP) process. Six Tribes have submitted their application for second year funding. Kirschenman indicated that four of the Tribes have applied for the same project/program as in their first year application and that she has notified these four that their application is approved. However, Crow Creek and Lower Brule had not utilized their first year funding so they are requesting their full \$30,000 allocation in the current second year funding application. Kirschenman requested the Council's approval of these two applications. *Janine Kern moved to approve Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and Lower Brule Sioux Tribes application for second year funding; Doug Herrmann seconded. Motion carried.*

Three Tribes did not apply (Yankton, Oglala, and Standing Rock) for funding under the NAP grant solicitation. Therefore, this funding has been put into a supplemental pot for active NAP Tribes to apply for. Tribes were notified of the possibility of supplemental funding and were sent an application packet several months ago. Three tribes submitted an application for supplemental funding (Rosebud, Flandreau and Crow Creek). Discussion of their applications ensued. Ella Rae Stone expressed her concern that Yankton did not submit an application. McLain stressed the importance of meeting the grant deadlines that are given and sticking to the priorities of the grants and deadlines. McLain also reviewed DOC's process of notifying the Tribes of funding availability and that Tribal Chairs are notified, as well as members who attend TAG meetings, and those people who are listed as the grant contacts in DOC's grant files. *Keith Bonenberger moved to approve the three supplemental grant applications; Gib Sudbeck seconded. Motion carried.*

McLain informed the Council that after the supplemental awards are made, there will be approximately \$1500 remaining, which will go to support the TAG meetings.

5. SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

McLain informed the Council that this committee will go through some changes. They are narrowing the size and focus to include community based systems improvement initiatives and more data collection. McLain provided a list of potential people to be on the SI Committee. The Council reviewed the list and provided their suggestions. Kern, who serves as the chairperson of this committee, said she likes the list but wants decision makers/department heads included because they have some authority in order to bring about systems change. Kern added that she wants system collaboration to provide front-end services and to reduce the incarceration rate. Discussion ensued.

Kern provided a handout of the FACJJ 2006 draft report.

6. JUVENILE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM RATES

Kirschenman informed the committee of an issue that arose with Minnehaha County and the electronic monitoring reimbursement amount. The Council declined to pursue this issue further. Instead, Kirschenman, Carol Twedt, Ken McFarland, Hal Perry and Patty Vonsik will get together to discuss possible solutions.

7. SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT BUDGET – NEW INITIATIVES

McLain indicated there is roughly a balance of \$70,000 with the possibility of more from unspent money. This amount could be as much as \$140,000 to be safe. He recommends the Council reallocate more than this amount for new initiatives because we can fall into the new fiscal year dollars if need be. McLain said it is better to spend more instead of return money to the federal agency. Susan Randall said she would like to fund the three DMC pilot sites for training on cultural awareness, send the RFP's out now with the start date in January 2007. Discussion ensued.

The Council decided that \$40,000 for DMC training is the first priority (curriculum, development, and training). DOC would staff these trainings, but would want the regions to take more leadership and ownership with the arrangements, agenda, running the meeting, etc. to assist them in becoming more self-sufficient. Randall would like to meet quarterly. Discussion ensued on the remaining \$100,000 and best uses. McLain offered to work with the court system on a program for kids under court services with unmet needs. This program would be led by the Court Services Office and DOC would pay the provider directly. This suggestion came from the Systems Improvement Committee. The money could be used for home-based therapy/services, summer school costs, etc. The services would be contractual services, so if the funding is gone, then it's gone. *Mike Leidholt moved to allocate \$100,000 to this initiative for contractual services for kids under court services, and \$40,000 for the DMC program; Karen Jeffries seconded. Motion carried.*

8. FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE on JUVENILE JUSTICE - May Meeting Update

Kern provided an update on the May FACJJ meeting, including adolescent brain development and the juvenile death penalty. She indicated that one movement is towards life without parole for juvenile offenders. Kern will be voting on this issue in October. The Council's goals/values were mentioned at the FACJJ meeting, along with discussion of the Tribal Youth Program and other grant funding received in South Dakota.

9. Adjourn for the evening. The Council met at the Elk Canyon Restaurant for dinner.

Friday, May 19th

The CJS met at the STAR Academy East Campus Chapel for breakfast and then a tour of the girls campus/grounds.

Council of Juvenile Services Members Present: Carol Twedt, Mike Leidholt, Keith Bonenberger, JC Chambers, Victor Erlacher, Doug Herrmann, Karen Jeffries, Susan Randall, Ella Rae Stone, Gib Sudbeck, and Grant Walker.

Council of Juvenile Services Members Absent: Dave Nelson, Beth O'Toole, Sharon Sonnenschein, Janine Kern, and Doug Thrash

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

10. WELCOME and REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chair Twedt called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM, MT and reviewed the agenda. Members discussed the tour and discussed the questions that were brought up regarding religion.

11. OJJDP COMPLIANCE MONITORING SITE VISIT SCHEDULE

Joy Erlenbusch informed the Council that OJJDP State Rep, Larry Fiedler, will arrive on Monday for the Compliance Monitoring Site Visit. She reviewed the schedule for the site visit and possible questions that she may have to answer.

12. CWLA CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Kirschenman informed the Council that the Child Welfare League of America is sponsoring a Juvenile Justice Symposium in San Francisco May 31st – June 2nd. The CJS Executive Committee members were asked to approve sending a team of no more than six individuals from the Departments of Correction, Human Services, Social Services and the Unified Judicial System and to be paid for through unobligated System Improvement funds. The Executive Committee approved this request.

This conference is consistent with the focus of the System Improvement Committee and with the Council's effort to address the sharing of child welfare and juvenile justice records. The group that is holding this conference is the same group providing us technical assistance on the child welfare record project. Human Services and UJS were unable to send someone, so those attending are Jodi Kirschenman, Doug Herrmann, Kristi Bunkers from DOC, and Roy Conrad (MH Representative).

Also, the JJ Specialist and SAG Chairs received a special invite to attend a working group hosted by OJJDP and CWLA. This working group will meet immediately following the conference on Friday afternoon and will discuss how the child welfare and juvenile justice systems can collaborate to ensure better outcomes for youth, families, and communities.

Kirschenman asked the Council to approve what the Executive Committee authorized. Randall moved to approve; Jeffries seconded. Discussion ensued with the concern raised that there is not a DSS representative attending. Motion carried. Doug Herrmann abstained from voting since he is attending the conference.

13. JUVENILE JUSTICE RECORDS COMMITTEE TA UPDATE

McLain provided background information on the child welfare records – the 2003 JJDP requires child protection records be made available to the court for status offenders and delinquents of the courts; and those records must follow the youth to placement for appropriate services. A committee was formed last spring to address this with an excellent response received. Legislation was drafted but with difficulties due to issues with adoption records, divorce proceedings, and defense attorney's receiving the records. Technical assistance was sought, approved, and the committee met last month with the TA provider. They have developed a work plan, and have suggested to start with the legal analysis due to legally protected issues. The legal analysis will be presented in July. McLain proposes that the next steps would involve legislation being finalized with the final product going to CJS and then to the Executive Branch of the Legislative Process.

14. DMC UPDATE

Erlenbusch provided a new 3-year plan to the Council for their records. She indicated the timelines on page 184 have been changed but the focus remains the same. Due to the concern for the 'lack of knowledge', it has been suggested that training for the three pilot sites start in January 2007. This will also be followed up with an evaluation component to see how the education improves. McLain and Erlenbusch will work with Randall and JC Chambers on the RFP draft, possibly have the subcommittee review the RFP, and then have the CJS review it at their next meeting.

Erlenbusch provided an update on the three DMC communities:

Sioux Falls: Lutheran Social Services - Contract Signed, Position Filled; Great Plains Psychological Services - Contract Signed, Classes have begun; American Indian Services - Contract Pending, they have been working to reschedule the training because they ran into some conflicts with the date they had set. They are looking to reschedule the training for fall.

Sisseton: City of Sisseton - Contract Signed, Position Filled

Rapid City: Rapid City Area Schools - Contract Pending, Positions being taken to district's executive team for decisions on hiring. The School feels that they could fill the positions in about one month.

15. DMC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

McLain informed the Council that Kern is going to take this issue back to the local DMC Committee, but that they didn't get to it at their last meeting. He said the Council may have to approve the TA (he'll look into it), and if this is the case, the Executive Committee can approve it if the Council so chooses.

16. OLD BUSINESS

Keith Bonenberger provided an update on the Centralized Intake system and that it is near complete. Kirschenman will initiate an agreement with Carla and Todd at the JDC's about the reimbursement process for paying the actual costs of up to two staff (\$74,000 / 2), and also how to report on staff time, hours, costs, etc.

17. NEW BUSINESS

Randall informed the CJS that the 2007 JJ Symposium is scheduled for September 27-28th, 2007 at the Ramkota in Pierre.

Herrmann explained the Systems of Care committee that has been developed through the Mental Health Centers and the Division of Mental Health.

McLain provided an update that he has talked with the director of the Division of Mental Health about the CJS's approval for them to use their Mental Health dollars for Systems of Care project.

18. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for October 18-19th in Sioux Falls. Details will be forthcoming.

19. WRAP-UP and ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM, MT. ***Gib Sudbeck moved to adjourn; Grant Walker seconded. Motion carried.***

Recorded by Jodi Kirschenman, JJ Specialist