Meeting Minutes  
South Dakota Council of Juvenile Services  
June 11-12, 2013  
Crossroads Hotel and Huron Event Center, Huron, SD  

Tuesday, June 11, 2013– Dakota Ballroom A, Huron Event Center

Council of Juvenile Services Members Present: Carol Twedt, Chair; Mike Leidholt, Vice-Chair and Hughes County Sheriff; Nancy Allard, Director of Trial Court Services; Becca Bedard, Youth Member; JC Chambers, Service Provider; Judge Jeff Davis, Seventh Circuit Court Judge and Pennington County JDAI Co-Chair; Victor Erlacher, Former School Principal and Superintendent, Foster Parent, and CASA Volunteer; Arlene Ham Burr, Former State Senator; Liz Heidelberger, Youth Member and Pennington County JDAI Coordinator; Lyndon Overweg, Mitchell Chief of Public Safety; Ella Rae Stone, Yankton Sioux Tribe Correctional Facility Project Manager; Grant Walker, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chief Prosecutor; Virgena Wieseler, Director of Division of Child Protection Services;

Council of Juvenile Services Members Absent: Doug Herrmann, Director of Juvenile Services; Judge Karen Jeffries, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Judge; Jacob Kabrud, Youth Member; Beth O’Toole, Professor at the University of Sioux Falls; Michael Zellmer, Youth Member.

Others Present for the Entire Meeting: Kevin McLain, Bridget Coppersmith and Joy Ellefson, Department of Corrections (DOC).

Others Present for Part of the Meeting: Jennifer Berg, Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services; Cindy Heiberger, Minnehaha County Commissioner; Judge Doug Hoffman, Minnehaha County JDAI Co-Chair and Circuit Court Judge; Tiffany Kashas, Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services; Ken McFarland, Minnehaha County JDAI Co-Chair and Minnehaha County Commission Administrative Officer; Sara McGregor-Okroi, Executive Director of Aliive Roberts County; Erin Srstka, Minnehaha County JDAI Coordinator; and Young Voices presenters and staff.

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND AGENDA REVIEW
   Chair Carol Twedt called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM on June 11, 2013. Chair Twedt welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Chair Twedt stressed that the afternoon was focused on information gathering and that no formal action was anticipated.

2. TITLE V PRESENTATIONS
   Bridget Coppersmith provided an overview of the Title V Delinquency Prevention Grant Program and explained that the current two subgrants, the City of Yankton and Roberts County, have applied for their second year of funding after successfully implementing their chosen programs in their first year.

   Chair Twedt noted that the two subgrantees would be presenting on their program and current applications and that action on the applications would not be taken until the following day.

   CITY OF YANKTON - Jennifer Berg and Tiffany Kashas, Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services, Inc., presented an informational overview of the implementation of Project SUCCESS (Schools Using Coordinated Community Efforts to Strengthen Students) in the City of Yankton to date. They explained that the program is designed to help prevent and reduce substance use and abuse in youth and includes classroom education, school-wide activities, and engagement with students and parents. Berg and Kashas stressed the importance of having a positive presence in the schools and community and explained that their implementation plan for the projects second year will focus on summer, school, and peer groups, a partnership with the teen court, an enhanced Tobacco Coalition Partnership, parent educational groups, and learning additional information to implement the group key topics.

   Discussion ensued concerning the program as a whole, mental health screening, similarities to Prairie View Prevention Services in Sioux Falls, anticipated left over funds from year one, tracking youth after they graduate, and financial sustainability in the future after federal funds are no longer available.

   ROBERTS COUNTY - Sara McGregor-Okroi, Executive Director of Aliive Roberts County, provided an overview of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in Roberts County and how it fits into a much larger
meeting but unfortunately was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Chair Twedt expressed how impressed she is with the progress made in the pilot sites and thanked the sites for their work.

Betty Oldenkamp introduced the Young Voices program and stated that one of the greatest things about the program is that it is lead by the youth who present. Oldenkamp added that there are five Young Voices chapters throughout the state and it is part of a program that Lutheran Social Services has in partnership with the Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services.

Young Voices was asked to present as the Council has the responsibility to contact and seek input from juveniles currently under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system. Four Young Voices youth presented their stories to the Council of being in foster care, working with the courts, moving between homes and residential facilities, family and sibling contact, and education in the system. The youth bravely told their stories of involvement with the juvenile justice system and stressed the importance of being connected with their families, receiving a consistent education, and having an understanding of the courts system.

Chair Twedt provided a historical overview of the state coming into compliance and the journey of addressing alternatives to detention through the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) model. Chair Twedt explained that South Dakota’s AECF representative, Stephanie Vetter, was promised time to present at this meeting but unfortunately was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Chair Twedt expressed how impressed she is with the progress made in the pilot sites and thanked the sites for their work.

PENNINGTON COUNTY- Liz Heidelberger, Pennington County JDAI Coordinator, presented an update of JDAI in Pennington County stressing the cost savings, status of DMC, extension services, and kids served, and a plan for future funding in calendar year 2014. Heidelberger explained that the average daily population of Pennington County kids has decreased from 19.13 in 2011 to 9.19 in 2012 and because of this, the cost saving was $816,322.50 between 2011 and 2012. Heidelberger noted that in the proposed 2014 sheriff’s budget, $717,000 has been allocated to JDAI programming and staff. Heidelberger added that the Burns Institute visited Pennington in early April to complete their readiness assessment consultation and they will be returning on July 31st to review results and recommendations. Heidelberger explained that expansion counties have been contacted and will have outreach meetings and learning labs this summer.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY- Ken McFarland, Minnehaha County JDAI Co-Chair and Minnehaha County Commission Administrative Officer, explained that in 2009, Minnehaha County’s average daily population was 41.28 kids in the detention center and because of JDAI that number has since decreased to 10.59 in 2012. McFarland added that the Minnehaha County 2013 budget contains $202,000 for alternatives to detention programs not including the coordinator or repurposing of staff at the detention center and that the proposed budget for 2014 will be $346,440 in direct alternatives programming. Erin Srstka, Minnehaha County JDAI Coordinator, provided an update of DMC in Minnehaha County where they also contracted with the Burns Institute and that their voucher system began in May. Judge Doug Hoffman, Minnehaha County JDAI Co-Chair and Circuit Court Judge, added that there are one or two days a week where there are no Minnehaha County kids in the detention center and that he is impressed with the outcomes of the Evening Report Center where kids are learning life skills and going onto probation with jobs. Cindy Heiberger, Minnehaha County Commissioner, explained that initial stakeholder meetings have taken place in the first circuit and Lincoln County regarding moving JDAI forward and that so far the response from the expansion counties has been very positive.

McFarland presented an overview of a memo he distributed to Council members requesting that Minnehaha County be able to apply for funding for a part time staff person to assist with expansion under the $15,000 subgrant set aside to aid in coordination for both Minnehaha and Pennington Counties. McFarland explained that Minnehaha County already had the coordinator salary budgeted after June and saw the funding as an opportunity to aid in extending JDAI outside of Minnehaha County.

UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM (UJS) - McLain explained that the grant between the DOC and the AECF ends June 30, 2013 and that the DOC has decided to not continue their relationship with the AECF and will not be applying for future funding or extensions. Judge Jeff Davis stated that in order to make JDAI sustainable, he is proposing that the DOC and Council allow the UJS to adopt the AECF philosophy and move JDAI forward on a state wide basis. Judge Davis added that the UJS is front loaded with working with juveniles and is the...
most appropriate place for JDAI to move forward under Nancy Allard with a statewide JDAI steering
council and a statewide JDAI coordinator. Judge Davis also proposed that the Council support the option of
the UJS leading the current implementation of JDAI in South Dakota as of July 1, 2013 and that the DOC return
the remaining balance to the AECF, which the UJS would then apply for. Nancy Allard added that the Council
was the ideal and perfect place for the initiative to start and that the next stages of sustainability and expansion
should reside with the UJS as the court system plays a significant role with JDAI buy in and is the most logical
place for JDAI to head.

Discussion ensued concerning future funding and it was made clear that the program under the UJS would
not be requesting Formula Grant funds or additional funding under the Council in the future. Discussion also
occurred concerning the UJS continuing with the AECF, whether the UJS is the appropriate location for JDAI,
and what statewide expansion would entail.

5. DOC AND CJS ROLES WITH APPROVING APPLICATIONS AND AWARDING FUNDS

McLain explained that conversations have occurred concerning the roles of the Council and the DOC in
administering Formula Grant and Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Awards. McLain noted that in 2003,
legislation was passed in which the DOC was identified as the state agency responsible for the Formula Grants
Program and policy making and subgrant approval authority was given to the Council as related the Formula
Grants Program. McLain added that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) requires the
Council to have the opportunity to review and comment on proposed funding but under state the Council
approves any awarding of grants in the Formula Grants Program. McLain stated that the DOC looks at this as a
duel relationship as it relates to subgrants in that the DOC recommends awarding subgrants and the Council
ultimately approves funding. McLain added that this consensus process had been in place for a number of years
and has always worked well.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

McLain provided an information overview of the federal guidelines concerning conflict of interest. McLain
noted that the Council’s Bylaws passed in 2003 contain a conflict of interest section stating that a Council
member employed by an organization requesting funds from the Council or having a direct interest may not
make a motion or vote on any motions pertaining to the funding request. McLain added that in the 2011 federal
financial guide, there are two different types of conflict of interest, with the first being advise followed by
appearance of a conflict of interest.

Discussion ensued concerning reviewing the Council Bylaws at the next meeting.

7. JDAI DISCUSSION

McLain explained that the DOC’s grant agreement with the AECF ends June 30, 2013 and the DOC would
be eligible to apply for an additional $25,000 and or extend the current balance of roughly $67,500. McLain
added that due to the ongoing relationship issues with the AECF representative, the DOC, with the support of
the Secretary of Corrections, will be writing a letter to the AECF explaining that they will not be renewing their
application and include a check for the remaining balance.

McLain and Chair Twedt presented details of the issues revolving the AECF representative and asked that
the Council support the DOC in their decision to end the relationship.

Discussion ensued between the Council and DOC staff concerning JDAI in South Dakota and the
relationship with the AECF representative.

Judge Jeff Davis moved in support of the Department of Corrections not continuing their relationship with
the Annie E. Casey Foundation and that two letters be sent to the foundation, one in thanks for the previous
years of funding and aiding with JDAI in South Dakota with a recommendation to transfer funds to the Unified
Judicial System and the other to explain the relationship with the Annie E. Casey Foundation representative,
Betty Oldenkamp seconded. This motion would be discussed and considered the following day under Next
Steps with JDAI.

The meeting recessed for the evening at 8:40 PM.
Wednesday, June 12, 2013 – Dakota Ballroom A, Huron Event Center

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Others Present for the Entire Meeting: Kevin McLain, Bridget Coppersmith and Joy Ellefson, Department of Corrections.

Others Present for Part of the Meeting: Jay Adams, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Adult Probation Officer; Dellis Agard, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Court Administrator; Dale Charging Cloud, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Court Administrator; Robyn Garreau-Arpan, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Juvenile Probation Officer; Judge Lorrie Miner, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe Acting Chief Judge; and Shannon Silbernagel, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Lead Probation Officer.

Chair Twedt reconvened the meeting at 8:14 AM.

8. NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS PRESENTATIONS

Bridget Coppersmith provided an overview of the Native American Programs subgrants. Coppersmith explained that the Council approved to fund the Native American Programs subgrants for two years before re-opening the grant to all nine tribes and the four tribes awarded last year were Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE - Judge Lorrie Miner, Acting Chief Judge, explained how talking circles began in Lower Brule Sioux Tribe in November 2011 and how one third of the school is on probation. Judge Miner provided examples of how Talking Circles have led to convictions of adults because of the youth having courage and speaking either during the sessions or to the leaders. Judge Miner added that the Talking Circles provide an opportunity for youth to talk to someone who isn’t a therapist or law enforcement and to have ongoing contact with positive, sober adults who lead discussions in a traditional fashion.

Discussion ensued concerning the probation department and how compliance violations in the detention center are being addressed.

STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE - Shannon Silbernagel, Lead Probation Officer, and Dellis Agard, Court Administrator, presented on behalf of Sanding Rock Sioux Tribe’s application. Silbernagel described that the grant supports a juvenile probation officer, Jessica Young Bird, who assists in monitoring the juveniles who come through the Children’s Court and have been court ordered to probation. Silbernagel explained that the current number of juveniles served is forty nine who are short time status offenders and includes six juveniles who have been ordered to the SCRAMX program. Silbernagel explained that Young Bird’s job performance is excellent, that she has received numerous certifications, that she has shown the ability to work well with the Tribe’s resources, and has established positive working relationships with the local schools, agencies, and most importantly, the parents and juveniles.

Discussion ensued concerning secure and non-secure placements for Standing Rock juveniles.

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE - Dale Charging Cloud, Court Administrator, and Robyn Garreau-Arpan, Juvenile Probation Officer, presented on behalf of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe’s application. Charging Cloud explained that the position was vacant for a majority of the last grant period, making it difficult for many months. Charging Cloud stated that the grant would cover Garreau-Arpan’s salary. Garreau-Arpan explained that she is working to catch up since she just started in April and has around twenty five juveniles on her case load at the moment.
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate - Jay Adams, Adult Probation Officer, explained that the grant would be used to pay for partial salary of the juvenile probation officer. Adams stated that 40% of tribal membership on the reservation is under the age of 18 and approx 500 juvenile matters were filed last year. Adams stated that the number of juvenile matters varies between 300 and 500 per year and that there is a steady increase due to increasing drug and alcohol use.

9. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2013 MEETING MINUTES
   Sheriff Mike Leidholt moved to approve the March 2013 meeting minutes as written, Betty Oldenkamp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

10. BUDGET STATUS REPORT
    Coppersmith explained that the FY2010 Formula Grant award is set to end on September 30, 2013. Based on current balances, outstanding claims, and anticipated costs, Coppersmith projected the remaining amount at the end of September to be $69,814.92. Coppersmith explained that an extension had already been granted from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for this award and that the DOC can request a second extension at no cost but that a second extension is not a guarantee.
    Kevin McLain clarified that the funds would continue to be used in the same budget categories if an extension is granted and that the outstanding balance does not mean that there is excess money, it simply means that if we do not get an extension, the balance would not be accessed.
    Discussion ensued concerning potential future extensions of the FY2011 and FY2012 awards as a result of a second extension with FY2010.

11. COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT
    Joy Ellefson provided an overview of South Dakota’s compliance monitoring report which is required to be submitted to OJJDP at the end of June. Ellefson explained that South Dakota is in full compliance with the core requirements of separation and jail removal and in compliance with de minimis exceptions in the core requirement of deinstitutionalization of status offenders due to violations where the documentation obtained does not clear the violations. Ellefson stated that there are two status offender juveniles from Walworth County who were held for five and sixteen days and that the court system is currently looking into these cases. Ellefson explained that the remaining violations are from Roberts County consisting of six tribal cases and four unique cases where the detention center accepted juveniles from the Circle of Nations Indian School following an administrative hearing. Ellefson stated that there were additional cases involving the school that are not referenced as violations due to the juveniles being held for delinquent acts.
    Ellefson explained that South Dakota is required to come up with an acceptable plan to be in full compliance and that with Roberts County, a pattern has been identified and they cannot be found in compliance with the JJDA. Ellefson noted that letters will be sent to county, circuit, and tribal officials and that a county must be found in compliance to receive funding which will impact Native American Programs and Title V subgrants.
    Discussion ensued concerning the Circle of Nations School, reasons for the change in the practices of the detention center, the requirement for a county to be in compliance to receive funding, the compliance monitoring process, state laws on temporary custody, and how the affected subgrants would be notified.
    Judge Davis indicated that there is a presiding judge’s council meeting later in June where he would be willing to raise awareness of the issues with the violations.

12. DOC RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVAL OF SUBGRANT AWARDS
    MINNEHAHA COUNTY COORDINATOR SUPPORT - Coppersmith referred to Minnehaha County’s presentation the previous day when Ken McFarland requested to be able to apply for a part time position to aid in expansion in lieu of supporting their JDAI coordinator. Coppersmith explained that the $15,000 was set aside for each site to support the coordinators through December 2013 to coincide with the alternatives to detention subgrants.
    Sheriff Mike Leidholt moved to approve the request for Minnehaha County to apply for a part time position to aid in expansion, Judge Jeff Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

    TITLE V - Coppersmith provided an overview of the applications from each location noting that the City of Yankton would use 71% of their subgrant for personnel followed by 11% for both travel and contracted services, and 7% for supplies while Roberts County would use 68% for personnel, 25% for supplies, and 7% for travel.
    Discussion ensued concerning the Yankton application and how impressed the Council was with Project SUCCESS for being able to have a strong working relationship with the schools.
Betty Oldenkamp moved to approve the City of Yankton’s Title V application, Liz Heidelberger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued concerning the Roberts County application and the county being out of compliance. McLain recommended that the Council not take action on the application until a plan to be in compliance is reviewed and approved.

Sheriff Mike Leidholt moved to notify anyone involved in the non compliance issue in Roberts County to inform them of the need to develop an acceptable plan to bring Roberts County into compliance and that the plan has to be submitted to the Council and approved by the Council prior to the Council being able to take action on the application, Dr. J.C. Chambers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PENNINGTON COUNTY ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION- Ellefson explained that in December, the Council approved an application from Pennington County for $50,000 to support their Reception Center and $50,000 to support their Evening Report Center. Ellefson stated that since then, issues have been identified and after several meetings, providers were approached with a competitive request to oversee the Reception Center in lieu of detention staff. Ellefson explained that Lutheran Social Services was the agency that was selected by the Pennington County JDAI Steering Committee to run the Reception Center and the shelter care in the non secure portion of the detention center. Ellefson clarified that this request is not inconsistent with what was previously approved but that the application is back before the Council due to the change in agency and addition of the shelter care component.

Sheriff Mike Leidholt moved to approve the application from Pennington County, Lyndon Overweg seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Judge Jeff Davis, Vic Erlacher, Liz Heidelberger, and Betty Oldenkamp abstaining.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS - Coppersmith explained that Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe have all applied to continue their probation officer positions while Lower Brule Sioux Tribe has applied to continue their boys and girls Talking Circles. Coppersmith provided an overview of their past grant performance and addressed delinquency in each location with claims and performance measures.

Coppersmith explained that Roberts County being out of compliance does impact the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate application and that Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Lower Brule Sioux Tribe each identified violations in their applications as well.

Judge Jeff Davis refrained from all discussion.

Lyndon Overweg moved to approve Lower Brule Sioux Tribe’s application contingent on the submission of an acceptable compliance plan, Grant Walker seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Judge Jeff Davis abstaining.

Ella Rake Stone moved to approve Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s application, Jacob Kabrud seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Judge Jeff Davis and Grant Walker abstaining.

Grant Walker moved to approve Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe’s application contingent on the submission of an acceptable compliance plan, Arlene Ham-Burr seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Judge Jeff Davis abstaining.

Sheriff Mike Leidholt moved to approve Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate’s application contingent on the submission of an acceptable compliance plan, Grant Walker seconded. Motion carried unanimously with Judge Jeff Davis abstaining.

13. TRIBAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) UPDATE, FUTURE FUNDING DISCUSSION, AND POTENTIAL AWARD

Ella Rae Stone provided an overview of the meeting minutes from the April 5th TAG Meeting. Stone explained that there was extensive discussion on the purpose of the TAG and the direction the group should head. Stone indicated that she felt the topic of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) would be especially important for the TAG to address when looking at foster parents on the reservations. Stone mentioned that it was motioned to have three meetings in the next year rather than two meetings as the TAG is one of the few groups that provides an opportunity for tribes to share information related to juvenile justice.
Coppersmith explained that at the December Council Meeting, there was a lengthy discussion concerning the TAG and the direction it should go resulting in the Council asking for guidance from the TAG. Coppersmith stated that through talking to South Dakota Voices for Children, the staff there feels that developing partnerships would be the best place to start heading with the TAG in order to address a wide variety of topics. Coppersmith explained that the three meetings would be at a rate of $4,000 per meeting with $2,000 for staffing and up to $2,000 for meeting arrangements.

Discussion ensued concerning the $2,000 for staffing, three or two meetings a year, the importance of meeting on reservations to receive local input, and the funding source for TAG being under the CJS budget line of the Formula Grant Program.

Judge Jeff Davis moved to approve $12,000 for three TAG Meetings for SFY2014, Dr. J.C. Chambers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14. DOC UPDATE

McLain explained that when probable changes to JDAI were being discussed, Chair Twedt asked DOC staff to look into alternative uses for Formula Grant funds. McLain noted that the Council has consistently been interested in being involved with prevention and early intervention programs. McLain explained that DOC staff would outreach to the Division of Community Behavioral Health and Sara McGregor-Okroi for assistance in looking at implementing prevention and early intervention programs in counties. McLain added that DOC staff is recommending utilizing Formula Grant funds to support rigorous community prevention planning and that at this point, DOC staff is asking the Council for validation that there is an interest in moving this direction and that a detailed plan will be presented at the September meeting.

Coppersmith explained that DOC staff is in the initial planning of the program which will be very similar to the Title V process where communities were asked to look at their population and services, identify risk and preventative factors, recognize gaps, and choose an evidence based model to address the gaps.

Discussion ensued concerning the number of counties the program would serve, co-existence with JDAI, and the possibility of the Department of Social Services (DSS) presenting in September to aid in collaboration and prevent duplication of existing programs.

Judge Jeff Davis moved in support of the Department of Corrections pursuing prevention and early intervention subgrants, Virgena Wieseler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

15. NEXT STEPS WITH JDAI

Judge Jeff Davis moved in support of the Department of Corrections not continuing their relationship with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and that two letters be sent to the foundation, one in thanks for the previous years of funding and aiding with JDAI in South Dakota with a recommendation to transfer funds to the Unified Judicial System and the other to explain the relationship with the Annie E. Casey Foundation representative, Betty Oldenkamp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued concerning a second motion by Judge Jeff Davis’s where the Council supports the UJS in leading JDAI effective July 1, 2013. Council members questioned the need for the July 1, 2013 start date as subgrants under the Council associated with JDAI run through December 2013 and discussed that the Council and the DOC still having oversight of JDAI as associated with Formula Grant Funds, the idea of coinciding with the start date of Senate Bill 70 with the UJS on July 1, 2013, the concept of the UJS continuing a relationship with the AECF and their representative, and a statewide JDAI steering committee.

Judge Jeff Davis moved that the Council of Juvenile Services support the option of the Unified Judicial System leading the current implementation of all future expansion of JDAI throughout the state of South Dakota as of July 1, 2013, Vic Erlacher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

16. JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATES

Virgena Wieseler explained that the DSS has been working to enhance and improve the ability for juveniles under the supervision of DSS to be able to visit parents in the prison system and that there is strong support from the DOC side.

Wieseler stated that the First Lady Linda Daugaard’s initiative, Foster One, to recruit foster parents was launched in Sioux Falls on June 10th with the goals of having 1,000 people commit to know more about being a foster parent.

McLain added that if Doug Herrmann was present, he would have talked about the Sequel Transition Academy which opened near Sioux Falls on June 1st. McLain noted that the academy is building their capacity very slowly at their request and that they started with five kids to build the culture. McLain noted that these are kids who are transitioning back to Sioux Falls to their homes or independent living and that several are sex offenders with victims in the home and are transitioning into adult hood.
Wieseler mentioned the DSS has another initiative that has been working with Herrmann concerning a push on the federal level to decrease the use of psychotropic medications with children in child welfare and under DOC supervision.

Carol Twedt and the Council extended their congratulations to Sheriff Mike Leidholt who will be the president of the National Sheriffs Association effective at the end of June 2013.

17. NEXT MEETING, WRAP-UP, AND ADJOURN

The next meeting will occur the evening of September 10th and morning of September 11th in Pierre, SD.

At 11:31AM, Betty Oldenkamp moved to adjourn, Judge Jeff Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Recorded by Bridget Coppersmith, Juvenile Justice Specialist