

CIRCUIT 4 ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory Board Meeting

March 10, 2017

Youth Crisis Center

3015 Parental Home Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216

MINUTES

PRESENT: Andreu Powell, Assistant Chief Tranquille, Counsel Member Joyce Morgan, Deborah Schroth, Jim Clark, Kim Sirdevan, Patricia Medlock, Rob Mason, Stacy Peterson, Steve Bauer, Susan Woodford, Vicki Waytowich

EXCUSED: Bob Olson, Bobby Lippelman, Brooke Brady, Chief Gary Goble, Chief Mike Edwards, Daniel Leeper, Jason Kelley, Jackie Green, Julia Gray, Keith Fields, Kendall Anderson, Lt. Kenneth Wagner, Michael Wingate, Mike McAuley, Natalie Clayton, Renee McQueen, Sally Finn, Taurean Sinclair

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Dana Platas, Vicky Basra

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Chairman, Jim Clark, called to order the Circuit 4 Advisory Board meeting at 10:04 AM.

Mr. Clark informed the group the Executive Committee voted and approved to hold future Executive Committee meetings on the same date as, and 30 minutes prior to, general Advisory Board meetings.

Ms. Sirdevan spoke about the 34-bed co-ed residential program at YCC for youth ages 10-17. She also spoke about the DCF Respite program. In addition, she spoke about their DV Respite program for youth ages 10-17 who have been arrested for domestic violence. This is the only program that provides transportation for the kids. Kids are transported to court and/or from the JAC; however, parents must be present for transportation on medical appointments. Ms. Sirdevan also informed the group of their Probation Respite program. This program is for kids who are on probation but not following their plan. In lieu of IPO filing a violation, the program provides for the kid to be separated from the parent for a respite period of up to 30 days during which time they will receive intensive counseling with the family; then the kid is returned to the home without going back to court for that issue. Referrals to this program are made by a judge or a probation officer.

Discussion ensued regarding the criteria for kids being accepted and refused from the programs.

Mr. Clark stated Ms. Sirdevan's handouts listing the criteria for the various programs discussed will be included in, and distributed with, the minutes.

Mr. Clark opened the floor for board member and guest introductions. Mr. Clark asked new board member, Deborah Schroth, to introduce herself. He officially welcomed Ms. Schroth to the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 13, 2017 Advisory Board minutes as submitted was made by Ms. Woodford and seconded by Chief Tranquille. Motion carried.

Mr. Clark addressed the issue of “committee work”. He informed the group he has solicited participants and will be drafting others to participant on the board. Mr. Clark also informed the group of the recent changes to the committees as follows:

RED (Racial and Ethnic Disparities) – Mr. Clark stated Mr. Sinclair has agreed to chair this committee. Mr. Clark will further discuss with Mr. Sinclair his expected levels of participation.

Ms. Burke asked if the DMC (RED) and JDAI subcommittees could be combined. After polling the group, Mr. Clark asked the records to reflect the combining of the RED and JDAI subcommittees. Mr. Sinclair and Ms. Burke will be responsible for presenting the meeting reports.

Faith Community Network - Mr. Clark stated he will contact Rev. John Gunn regarding the Evening Reporting Centers.

Grant Review - Mr. Clark stated Dr. Waytowich will continue as chair of this committee.

Mr. Clark stated he will contact each of the chairs to set up responsibilities and timeframes.

Legislative – Mr. Lippleman will remain chair of this committee. Chief Tranquille, Rob Mason and Deborah Schroth are members of this committee.

Planning Committee – Ms. Sirdevan will continue to chair this committee. Ms. Woodford, Ms. Medlock and Dr. Waytowich are members of this committee.

School Report – Mr. Clark will send a letter to the Superintendent regarding a chair for this committee.

System of Care – Dr. Waytowich will continue to chair this committee.

Nominations and Membership – Mr. Clark will continue to chair this committee.

Mr. Clark informed the group we are looking for recommendations for our Business Community and Youth subcommittee vacancies.

STANDING COMMITTEES

JDAI - Ms. Burke reported a project director has been hired for the Evening Report Center (ERC) and will start March 27th; the ERC will open on May 1st or June 1st. This is a Monday through Friday after-school program for males who score for detention. The kids will be supervised by the staff hired for the program. The program will transport kids from their school to the ERC and back home. While at the ERC, they will receive a snack and dinner. The kids will also attend on Saturdays for 3 hours where they will participate in group community projects or incentive trips. The ERC will house up to 15 males from the 32208 zip code area. They will report to the ERC for a total of 21 days until they reach disposition or the courts extend their time. Ms. Burke stated if successful, it may present an opportunity for other ERCs to open throughout the city, i.e., for females or for both males and females. She anticipates the ERC to be successful because on the number of kids expected to attend based on the data gathered. Mr. Clark added that referrals for this program come from the courts. Ms. Burke also spoke on the Juvenile Intervention Program; she indicated Ms. Platas is the chair of JDAI’s DMC/RED committee and they research ways to decrease the number of “failure to appear” incidents. She will also begin working on a project with regard to school referrals.

FAITH – Nothing to report

GRANT REVIEW – Nothing to report

LEGISLATIVE – Mr. Mason informed the group of a bill that was filed in the Senate on March 3rd regarding mandatory secure detention for every child committed. Discussion ensued involving this bill. Mr. Clark stated this bill is one the group needs to follow and discuss on the legislative conference calls. Mr. Clark also asked that Vicki and Chief Tranquille present information on statistics and how the detention scoring points system works at the next meeting.

Vicki Waytowich stated the Pediatric Wellness Center opened last Thursday; it is designed for children coming out of crisis stabilization units with mental health issues and the idea is to connect them to a medical home for coordination and medical care.

Duval County – Nothing to report

Clay County – Nothing to report

Nassau County - Ms. Woodford stated she attended a meeting with the State Attorney's office concerning civil citations; she stated documentation is being maintained in Duval County of the reasons civil citations are not being given. Ms. Woodford stated another topic of discussion involved ethnic disparities in arrests and also identified there were no arrests in the summer for civil citations. Mr. Clark asked Mr. Denton to present on Missed Opportunity at the next meeting. Ms. Burke informed the group that Clay County applied for a grant for VOP in lieu of detention.

Mr. Clark stated the next meeting will have a full agenda and will run 1½ hours.

Chief Tranquille stated a JAC meeting is scheduled for March 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Clark adjourned meeting at 11 AM.