

CIRCUIT 4 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2016
Youth Crisis Center
3015 Parental Home Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216
MINUTES

PRESENT: Kendall Anderson, Jim Clark, Sally Finn, Bryan Hensley, Rob Mason, Mike McAuley, Council Member Joyce Morgan, Andreu Powell, Stacy Roberts, Kim Sirdevan, Asst. Chief Tranquille

EXCUSED: Bobby Lippleman, Renee McQueen, Michael Wingate, Susan Woodford, Vicki Waytowich

ABSENT: Chief Gary Goble, Chief Mike Edwards, Daniel Leeper, Julia Gray, Justice Long, Keith Fields, Lt. Kenneth Wagner, Tricia Meisner

GUESTS: Melinda Brown (GAL), Vicki Burke (JDAI), Donna Clayton, Jill Clemens, DJJ Asst. Chief Tim Denton, Betsy Dobbins, Tessa Duvall, Dorie Hanson, Eugene Morris, Marian Phillips, Theda Roberts, Taurean Sinclair, Alex Thorpe, Sabrina Walker, Yeovanti Williams, Ysryl

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the July 10, 2015 Minutes was made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Hensley. Motion carried pending a quorum.

CIVIL CITATION UPDATE – Theda Roberts, Statewide Civil Citation Coordinator Statewide civil citation initiative is in its sixth year and has been implemented in 61 of Florida’s 67 counties. The law changed in 2015 allowing more than one opportunity for civil citation per youth. Local circuits/counties determine which offenses qualify for civil citation and set the criteria for implementing the 2nd / 3rd opportunities for civil citations. Enforcement is the responsibility of law enforcement and the State Attorney’s Office. In Circuit 4, Brooke Brady reviews all case for civil citation appropriateness and screens all cases for constitutionality of arrest and processing.

Issues that inhibit the use of civil citations: victims of the crime have the option of refusing the civil citation option; parents of the offender cannot be reached or they refuse the civil citation option. When parents cannot be reached, JSO has a process that includes transporting youth to the JAC and staff there continues the attempt to contact the parents. Asst. Chief Tranquille will report on the process at the next board meeting.

Ms. Roberts discussed the DJJ Dashboard which provides data by circuit/county, by law enforcement agency, by race, by gender, by disposition and by offense category. Data includes recidivism rates. Recidivism rate is 5% for youth who received civil citation and 10% for youth in diversion programs where youth were arrested. Across offenses, recidivism rates for youth who receive civil citation is half the recidivism rate, or less, than the rate for youth who are arrested. A higher percentage of minority youth are receiving civil citations

DJJ’s Comprehensive Accountability Report is another source of data and information. It is an annual report that includes data for civil citations, successful completions, recidivism and average length of stay in detention.

Walmart in Duval is getting involved in diversion/civil citation initiatives to help keep youth from being arrested and entering the system.

GENERAL DISCUSSION – Jim Clark discussed the need for a funding source to cover court costs, in an effort to reduce the number of youth remaining on probation for non-payment. This disproportionately impacts low-income youth. Donna Webb reported that DJJ and the courts are using community service as a method for working off the court-cost debt. Some judges (Judge Davis, Judge Bass, others) are looking at terminating sanctions and removing youth from probation if the youth are fulfilling all requirements of their probation. One circuit has implemented a pilot project that has youth doing work for DOT to work off court costs.

INVEST IN CHILDREN RFP UPDATE – Circuit chairs were notified that the Department anticipates announcing an Invest in Children RFP solicitation in December 2015 to fund \$1 million statewide (up to \$40,000 per county). The Department stated it will provide the CAB's an opportunity to provide recommendations on the proposals. Dr. Waytowich (System of Care), Mrs. Brady (State Attorney's Office), Mr. Hensley (DCF), and Kristellys Zolondek (Lutheran Services Florida) were selected to serve as subcommittee members (non-providers) and tasked with reviewing the executive summaries when made available by the Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) – Mr. Sinclair reported the committee has not had any recent activity but they will be brought together to look at prevention and recidivism
- Faith Community Network – Committee has not met but the Vision for Excellence Program was discussed as was the need for educating pastors and church leaders
- Grant Review – Invest in Children RFP. A copy of the RFP will be sent to the board members
- Legislative – Circuit 4 legislative priorities were submitted
- Planning – no report
- Nominations and Membership – Stacey Roberts is joining the board. Still need a Clay County Board of Commissioners representative and a representative from the substance abuse provider arena

CIRCUIT 4 UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duval: Kim Sirdevan reported that the CINS/FINS contract has added a mental health project that includes services for siblings and parents – Kim will provide an update at the next board meeting

Clay: No report

Nassau: Mr. Powell reported that Nassau has seen an increase in drug-related issues

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rally in Tally for Children's Week – January 26, 2016
- Duval and Nassau educators are taking a bus to Tallahassee on January 14 to address education issues with legislators
- Donna Webb discussed the community stakeholder meeting that will be held on February 5 at the FSCJ Advanced Technology Center to discuss the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement Project (JJSIP) in Circuit 4.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Hensley
Secretary