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State of Florida
JJDP State Advisory Group (SAG)
Quarterly Committee Meeting
Daytona, FL
Thursday, November 18, 2010

SAG Members (11): Judge Daniel Dawson, Alan Abramowitz, Sophia Campbell, James Clark, Jacqui Colyer, Tony Jones, Curtis Jenkins, Patti Pieri, O.B. Stander , Ivan Tucker and Mitch Wilkins.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Staff Present (8): Rhyna Jefferson, Cheryl Howard, Juliet Westmoreland, Cindy Jones, David Kerr, Pat McGhee, Secretary Frank Peterman Jr. and Assistant Secretary Rex Uberman.

Quarterly Committee meeting was officially called to order at 12:30pm

Cheryl Howard conducted roll call.

Jim Clark, SAG Chair

Ivan Tucker made a motion to accept the Quarterly minutes for November 18 & 19, February 18 & 19, 2011 and August 23 & 24, 2010 meeting; motion was second by Curtis Jenkins by conference call on July 1, 2011 SAG on conference call voted yes motion carried.

Opening Comments

Secretary Frank Peterman, Jr. commented about the Juvenile Justice Research Institute that is the very first throughout the nation. He gave praise to Dr. Shairi Turner, MD, MPH Deputy Secretary of Health with the Department of Health for pushing for Trauma Informed Care Initiative and the importance of the program. There are staff trained in that area and the Department is looking for great things to happen. The Faith Symposium meeting which was held September 28 & 29 2010 in Orlando, FL was a huge success.

Subcommittee Reports

Grants and Contracts Sub-Committee

SAG will be asking the Department to streamline the process to make it more user friendly for SAG to read grants.

The Department would like for the James Clark, SAG Chairperson to offer his assistance and insight to the transition team that will be coming aboard in January.

Mitch Wilkins spoke with the SAG Chair about coming up with a couple of names for new SAG members for the new Governor to put in place.

Action Item

Rex Uberman, Assistant Secretary for Probation suggested that the SAG and Department develop some type of options for the Department to look at when it comes to reviewing proposals by the next SAG meeting. Rex Uberman said that the procurement on the legal side needs to be looked at also and the Department needs to listen to the SAG members to see what they would like to prioritize.

DMC Sub- Committee

SAG members would like to purchase "Bring Your A game" video for all prevention programs out of the SAG budget.

SAG wants Kevin Wang to send all the members monthly DMC updates.

SAG request that Mr. Norman Campbell and Mr. Bart Lebow attend the next SAG meeting to discuss their insight on DMC issues.

SAG would like for the Department to seek RFP's for Transportation.

SAG wants the Department to research audio equipment that would remind juveniles of upcoming court dates to avoid being in the system.

Action Item

Rex Uberman suggested maybe the Department can get a license agreement to have some kids in a group setting and discuss the video. It should be an ongoing dialogue

and should be compatible to a short term group discussion format for maybe 2 to 3 years.

Finance Sub Committee

Mr. Stander commends Cheryl Howard for her work on the finance report and Rhyna Jefferson for Contracts and Grants process as well as a better job on spending of the Federal dollars.

Mr. Stander asked that there be a modification to the minutes by adding, "The Committee had a concern about the award period ending before the funds are spent".

A motion was made by Ms. Colyer to accept the minutes of August 23, 2010 with the modification; motion was second by Mr. Jenkins.

A list of cancelled awards was made available to the SAG as requested.

An annual report was provided on the Planning and Administration funds, an overall explanation of expenditures on salaries paid out of the federal award.

JABG 2007 and Interest

The federal award will expire on the November 26, 2010; there is a grace period of 90 days to spend the funds. There are currently 3 grants remaining JB804, C0125 and N1105, the dates have changed to the end of the grace period. Staff has informed the Committee that the funds will be spent.

In the summary at the bottom of the award the amount spent prior year has been changed from \$208,343 to \$71,468. The correction is reflected in the notes explaining the reason for the change.

There is approximately \$30,000 remaining in interest funds.

JABG 2008 and Interest

The end date of this award has been changed from May 31, 2008 due to the first draw down of January 2, 2009.

The O9125 Supreme Court grant only spent \$23,469 FY 09/10 they will spend the remaining balance of the \$59,776 in current FY 10/11. An amendment has been made to that effect. Change in staff caused the delay in spending the funds. Judge Dawson had concerns on Supreme Court not spending the awarded funds. SAG was of the

understanding that it was mandatory Rhyna Jefferson commented the language says, "Consult with"; the department will look into this further. We do not want to give back to the government funds that are for our communities.

JABG 2009 & Interest

M0125 has been added for \$60,000 to report, this is part of the \$170,000 for Health Services I0125, therefore the amount is now \$110,000.

The FAMU \$400,000 figure was not mentioned in the Quarterly meeting minutes of August on the SEC, although it was mentioned in the DMC committee minutes.

JABG 2010

No expenditures grants started July 1, will show on future reports.

2007 Title II

Court Administration Circuit 19 has a balance of \$9,845 that will be reallocated.

State Attorney Cir 4 has \$14,800 to be reallocated program has been completed.

2008 Title II

There is very little movement. Concern that there is only one year to spend these funds.

2009 Title II

No movement on this grant. Aftercare/Reentry awardees were posted November 4, 2010. Awardees are provided in the SAG book. There are some to be determined. It was encouraged that these get out. The Finance Chair expressed a concern that there is one year before this federal grant expires.

2008 Title V & 2009 Title V

To be determined will go out with Safe Schools in January 2011.

Action Item

SAG asks the Department to look at a 5 year award instead of a 3 year award and to look at available money to award other initiatives at the next SAG meeting.

Discussion Regarding Eckerd Youth Alternative, Inc. (EYA)

Mr. Jim Clark discussed the Eckerd proposal. He mentioned that agencies had concerns about the proposal for Eckerd and wanted the SAG members to be informed.

SAG members talked about inviting the Governor's transition team to a SAG meeting. Rex Uberman informed the SAG members about maybe not waiting for the next meeting, but have a dialogue with the transition team so that they would have a chance to be heard about concerns of the Eckerd proposal and pilot sites.

New Business

Research Update Mark Greenwald, Director of Research and Planning.

Mark Greenwald gave an overview of Delinquency Trends in Florida. Economic Demographic Research (EDR) has revised down population estimates from previous projections. He started the presentation with population data.

Traditionally, Florida could expect a small year-after-year increase in the number of youth 10-17 throughout Florida. However, it appears the recession has suppressed population growth in Florida and we've actually seen a reduction in youth since 2008. EDR does not expect an increase in the 10-17 population until 2012.

We've seen a serious reduction in the number of individual youth referred to the Department. There was a 24% reduction in the last 5 years alone and we're substantially lower than in the mid 1990's when delinquency peaked. For example, there were over 108,000 kids referred to DJJ in 96-77, which was 30% higher than last year's total of 75,382.

Confirmation of next SAG meeting dates and locations.

February 17 & 18, 2011 – Tallahassee, FI
May 19 & 20, 2011- Miami, FI
August 18 & 19, 2011 – Orlando, FI
November 17 & 18, 2011 – Jacksonville, FI

The Quarterly meeting was officially adjourned at 1:57p.m.

