Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice Cyberbullying Subcommittee

October 30, 2014 - 2:00pm-5:00pm 700 Kipling Street, 4th floor conference room, Lakewood, CO

Members Present

Kevin Paletta, Lakewood Police Department
Jeanne Smith, Division of Criminal Justice
Jennifer Bradford, MSU Denver
Chris Harms, Co. School Safety Resource Center
Tom Raynes, CDAC
Maureen Cain, Colorado Defense Bar
Patty Moschner, Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Christine Brite, Douglas County Sheriff's Office

Members Absent

Linda Newell, Colorado Senate, District 26 Kelly Friesen, SB94, 14th JD/Grand Co. J.J. Dept. Denise Maes, ACLU of Denver

Guests:

Hanni Raley, The Arc of Aurora Anne Marie Jensen, CACP/CCASA/CCADU Jana Locke, Department of Public Safety

Staff:

Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice

Issue/Topic:	Chief Paletta welcomed the group, and members and guests introduced themselves.
Welcome,	
Introductions and	The group reviewed the minutes of the Cyberbullying Subcommittee
review of minutes	meeting on 10/08/2014.
of September 17,	
2014 meeting	Jeanne Smith moved for the approval of the 10/08/2014 minutes of the
	Cyberbullying Subcommittee. Chris Harms seconded the motion. The
	minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
Issue/Topic:	Assignment Reports and Review:
Assignment	Several members of the Cyberbullying Subcommittee submitted the draft
Reports and	of their assignment reports for the group to review prior to the meeting.
Review	Chief Paletta engaged the group to provide comments and feedback.
	Each section of the report was discussed and some changes were
	suggested.
	Introduction, Conclusion and Framework Chief Paletta, Dr. Bradford
	A Subcommittee member suggested adding in the "Summary of
	Recommendation" that Legislation on cyberbullying may have an impact
	on the school to prison pipeline. The group discussed and agreed NOT to
	include such language as there is no known evidence showing that such
	legislation would contribute to increasing the school to prison pipeline.

Additionally, such language would perpetuate the misperception that juveniles in trouble in schools end up in correctional facilities when, in reality, it affects a very small number of youth.

The draft of the report includes a language that covers the concern with the statement "unintentionally criminalize".

Response to Directive from the General Assembly

A "Recommendation" section will be added at the beginning of each response. (It was later decided to change this term to "Finding" so as not to be confused with Commission recommendations since these "Findings" are from the Subcommittee and not the Commission.)

Request 1: Maureen Cain and Tom Raynes

An Exhibit A will be attached to include all the statutory language that could address acts of cyberbullying. The "Computer Crime" statute will be added to the list of criminal statutes.

Request 2: Chris Harms and Dr. Bradford

It was agreed to acknowledge that most of the prevention and intervention efforts are centered in schools.

Request 3: Tom Raynes

The "Recommendation" section at the beginning of the request will include that restorative justice should be guided by local policies and resources and must ultimately rest within the discretion of the DA and the interest and consent of the victim.

Request 4: Maureen Cain

The "Recommendation" section at the beginning of the request will state that existing statutes are in place in Colorado and can address this behavior.

Request 5: *Jeanne Smith*

The group discussed the fact that only certain crimes are eligible for Victim Compensation funds.

The "Recommendation" section at the beginning of the request will include the need for additional behavior health services.

Request 6: Dr. Bradford

It was suggested and discussed that the report should mention that part of the funding allocated for program implementation should also include a long-term investment for continuous research evaluation so effectiveness of programs can be measured.

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Issue/Topic:	Discussion of Next Steps for Response Letter – Chief Paletta, All
Discussion of Next Steps for Response Letter	Chief Paletta and Jeanne Smith will make the recommended changes and incorporate all responses into one document. A final draft will be submitted to the group for review. Maureen Cain will complete Exhibit A and Kim English will review the draft for format of citations and references.
Issue/Topic:	Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.
Next meeting	
	Next meeting is scheduled on November 19, 2014 at 9 a.m. at 700 Kipling St. 4 th Floor conference room, Lakewood.