

Juvenile Continuity of Care Task Force Minutes

May 8, 2017 1:30PM-4:30PM

Colorado Department of Public Safety, 710 Kipling St., Lakewood CO

ATTENDEES:

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Robert Werthwein, CDHS, Office of Children, Youth and Families

Bill Kilpatrick, Golden Police Department

Mike Tessean, Jefferson County Juvenile Assessment Center, S.B. 94 Meg Williams, Division of Criminal Justice

Angela Brant, Colorado Public Defender

Rebecca Gleason, 18th Judicial, DA's office

Sheri Danz, Office of Child Representative

Susan Colling, State Court Administrators' Office, Division of Probation Services

Bill Delisio, Colorado Judicial Branch, Family Law Program

ABSENT

Shawn Cohn, Denver Juvenile Probation

Kelly Friesen, Grand County Juvenile Justice Department & S.B. 94, 14th Judicial District

Anders Jacobson, CDHS, Division of Youth Corrections

Dan Makelky, County Human Services

STAFF

Richard Stroker/CCJJ consultant

Kim English/Division of Criminal Justice

Laurence Lucero/Division of Criminal Justice

GUESTS

Skip Barber, CAFCA

Edward Wensuc, OCYF/DYC

Gretchen Russo, CDHS, OCYF (on the phone)

<p>Issue/Topic: Welcome and Introductions Approval of minutes</p>	<p>Robert Werthwein welcomed the group.</p> <p>Robert Werthwein reminded members that, due to the number of absentees at the April's meeting, the group had not reached a quorum to vote on the March meeting minutes.</p> <p>A motion and a second were made to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017 and April 10, 2017 meetings. The minutes were unanimously approved.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic: Review of Revised Recommendation #1</p> <p>Action:</p>	<p>Richard Stroker provided a brief recap of the last Task Force meeting in April and highlighted that the document included in today's meeting materials reflects the discussions from the last Task Force meeting as well as input received via emails from Task Force members. Richard asked whether there were any final comments on the Recommendation #1 before approval.</p> <p>Gretchen Russo suggested adding a clear statement about the importance of permanency for the crossover youth in the juvenile justice system. The group agreed that a recommendation #2 will be drafted to recommend that the Colorado Department of Human Services promulgate rules to ensure permanency for the crossover youth in the juvenile justice system whose parents had their parental rights terminated.</p> <p>Robert Werthwein and Gretchen Russo volunteered to draft the language for this recommendation and will report back at the next Task Force meeting in June. For consistency of language throughout the recommendation, it will be added that "<i>dually-identified crossover youth</i>" is referred to as "<i>crossover youth</i>" in the document.</p> <p>A motion and a second were made to approve Recommendation # 1 with the amendment discussed above. The recommendation was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Robert Werthwein mentioned that he attended a presentation from a graduate student of the Metropolitan State University who conducted a research on crossover youth in Child Welfare and DYC. Robert will share with the Task Force the conclusions of the study once finalized.</p> <p>Robert Werthwein stated that, in a previous meeting, the Task Force discussed the broad concept of merging responsibilities of the Juvenile Service Planning Committees and the Collaborative Management Programs into one single body to address the dually involved youth. <i>Should the Task Force give this idea further consideration?</i></p> <p>The group discussed that, even though this idea would be an effective long term solution to address this population, there are too many significant issues to overcome (for example local control) for the group to explore this idea at this time.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Recommendation #3: Data, Reporting, Monitoring and Resources</p> <p>Action:</p>	<p>Richard Stroker initiated a group discussion of Recommendation #3 as it relates to education, training and resources.</p> <p>DISCUSSION: Jurisdictions can request technical assistance through the court website and be mentored by other jurisdictions that have already implemented a crossover youth model.</p> <p>The CDHS website provides general guidance, lists a number of resources and also encourages jurisdictions to utilize existing partnerships. Additionally the CDHS has started to track data on the number of crossover youth through the TRAILS system.</p> <p>Both Judicial and CDHS websites have links to the jurisdictions that have crossover models and resources are listed. It was suggested that the CDHS would look for and explore training grant opportunities.</p> <p>Many jurisdictions are not aware that funds from S.B. 94 can be utilized to support activities related to crossover youth and it should be clearly stated in the recommendation that jurisdictions have the ability to spend S.B. 94 money on training, education and implementation.</p> <p>The group discussed S.B. 14-215 concerning the disposition of moneys collected by the state in connection with the legal marijuana industry. The group agreed to recommend expanding the scope of S.B. 14-215 to allow judicial districts to serve crossover youth as crossover youth are more likely susceptible to substance abuse concerns.</p> <p>It was also suggested adding in the recommendation that a portion of un-spent dollars from S.B. 14-215 should be allocated every year for crossover youth.</p> <p>The ongoing study from Metropolitan State University about crossover youth should be included or referenced in the recommendation to better understand the scope of the problem.</p> <p>Ed Wensuc proposed reaching out to colleagues at DYC and asking what would be necessary to expand S.B. 94 fund to crossover youth and will report back to Robert Werthwein before the next Task Force meeting.</p> <p>Robert Werthwein suggested language as follows: <i>“The primary purpose of the funds for S.B. 94 shall be to provide services to youth to keep them out of detention. However, S.B. 94 funds are allowable for the planning and implementation of programs for crossover youth since they are more likely to stay longer in detention”</i>. Robert added that the next step will be to look at S.B. 14-215 and draft an amendment to the statute to allow the use of marijuana dollars for S.B. 94 for the crossover youth population.</p> <p>Robert Werthwein volunteered to draft the language described above.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Recommendation #3: Data, Reporting, Monitoring and Resources (continued)</p> <p>Action:</p>	<p>Gretchen Russo commented that Collaborative Management Programs (CMP) should also be considered as an appropriate source of funding considering that multiple agencies are represented and funds are commingled among service providers. The recommendation should include other options for funding sources such as, for example, CMP, local counties, probation, etc.</p> <p>Richard Stroker summarized that Recommendation #3 may be titled: <i>“Encouraging and supporting appropriate local implementation with training, education and resources”</i> and structured as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicize assistance available 2. Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local data - 101 Training webinar - Request for technical assistance - Training grants 3. Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S.B. 94 - Marijuana cash fund - Other funding sources
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<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Next steps/June Agenda</p>	<p>Robert Werthwein and Gretchen Russo will look at the statutes and draft the language for Recommendation #2 around “Permanency” to be presented at the next Task Force meeting on June 5.</p> <p>Robert Werthwein called for assistance from Gretchen Russo, Ed Wensuc and Bill Delisio to gather data and references to include to the recommendation and will draft language for Recommendation #3 to be presented at the next Task Force meeting on June 5.</p> <p>Richard Stroker suggested that if the group finalizes and approves the recommendations #2 and #3 at the June meeting, all the recommendations from this Task Force may be presented to CCJJ in July 2017.</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Robert Werthwein thanked the Task Force members and guests for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm</p>
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Next Meeting

June 5, 2017 1:30pm – 4:30pm Location: 710 Kipling St., Lakewood Colorado