

Juvenile Justice Task Force

November 17, 2011 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm
JAC Center, Lakewood, CO

Attendees:

Regina Huerter, Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission
 Karen Ashby, Juvenile Court Presiding Judge
 Stan T. Paprocki, Division of Behavioral Health
 Jeff MacDonald, Jefferson County JAC
 Susan Colling, State Court Administrators Office
 Charles Garcia, Juvenile Parole Board
 Kim Dvorchak, Co. Juvenile Defender Coalition
 Joe Higgins, Mesa County Partners
 Don Quick, 17th District Attorney’s Office
 Bonnie Saltzman, JJDP Representative
 Beth McCann, House of Representative
 Michelle Brinegar, 8th District Attorney’s Office
 Kirk Henwood, Montrose County SD RE-1J

Staff:

Ken Plotz, Task Force Consultant
 Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice

Task Force Members Absent:

Norene Simpson, Indigent Defense Counsel
 Linda Newell, State Senate
 Inta Morris, Department of Higher Education
 Regis Groff, Retired State Senator
 Meg Williams, Division of Criminal Justice
 John Gomez, Division of Youth Corrections
 Bill Kilpatrick, Golden Police Department
 Julie Krow, Department of Human Services

Guests:

Anna Lopez – Division of Criminal Justice
 Jerry Adamek – Rite of Passage
 Hailey Wilmer - Denver District Attorney
 Lloyd Malone, CDHS

Issue/Topic: Welcome and Introduction/ Review of the last minutes and preview of this meeting	Regina Huerter welcomed the group. The task force members and guests introduced themselves. Regina Huerter provided an update on the Drug policy task force and indicated that the Structural working group revised the tabled recommendations to include both diversion and pre-plea. Charlie Garcia added that the recommendations are posted on the CCCJ website.
Issue/Topic: Review of the Guiding principles regarding “structure” and “services” and work on the “outcomes”	The group reviewed the guiding principles regarding structure, services and outcome.
Issue/Topic: Colorado Department of Human Services - Discussion of Child Welfare Program	Lloyd Malone from CDHS presented on Child Welfare program initiatives and commented on handouts materials. 1. Fact Sheet for the Division of Child Welfare Lloyd commented on the demographics and added that child welfare data include two systems: A system for Child protection and a system for Youth At-Risk (average statistics 12 years old and older).

<p>Initiatives</p>	<p>Lloyd mentioned that the “Youth at Risk” population involves care issues when the child is disabled or mentally ill.</p> <p>Definition of “At-Risk” can be found in the Children Code. Youth in conflict population represents about 50-60% of total child welfare population. There are multiple of cross-over with services. Among the “At Risk” population, about 50-60% of children are in the juvenile justice system or committed.</p> <p>Most of the referrals come from child abuse hotlines including Dependency & Neglect cases. There are about 50 child welfare hotlines in the state of Colorado. Once a call referral is placed, the Child Welfare staffs file an Open Assessment. At that point and after the assessment, determination is made whether abuse and/or neglect occurred and whether an open a case should be filed. About 25% of Open cases are confirmed to be abuse cases after investigation and Child welfare will determine a plan to meet the child’s needs and refer to services (Child welfare county services, or private services). Open cases could be open for a period of 1 day or years.</p> <p>2. CPM (Colorado’s Model Practice)</p> <p>Lloyd Malone presented the “Colorado Practice Model” and specified that the model establish a vision and standards for practice including data and outcome. Lloyd mentioned that this model is developing a system in partnership with families and communities with goal of preserving and supporting families. The CPM initiative adopts methods of prevention and early intervention and is developing a number of strategies and initiatives.</p> <p>3. Colorado Child Welfare System Reform Initiatives</p> <p>Lloyd presented a document on Colorado Child Welfare System Reform Initiatives that related to the counties collaborative initiative and quality improvement. The goal is to bring counties together and work collaboratively in data, services and efforts.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic: Update on Pending Legislation from Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition</p>	<p>Kim Dvorchak presented an update on a pending legislation proposed by the Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition.</p> <p>She handed out information about the organization and mission of the Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition and collected statistics from 1999 to present on Direct File.</p> <p>Kim also presented a handout on the proposed legislation that would address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pre-trial detention in adult jail 2) Reform the direct file statute.
<p>Issue/Topic: Models to consider: The first look</p>	<p>Bonnie Saltzman presented on Juvenile Justice models and indicated that 193 countries have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Children (CRC) from United Nations in 1989. Bonnie commented on international and national models relating to the Age of Responsibility, Age of Majority and Typologies of Systems.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic: Next meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting is on December 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Juvenile Assessment Center.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.</p>