

Juvenile Justice Task Force

September 20, 2012 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm
JAC Center, Lakewood, CO

Attendees:

Regina Huerter, Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission
Norene Simpson, Indigent Defense Counsel
Karen Ashby, Denver Juvenile Court Presiding Judge
Kim Dvorchak, Co. Juvenile Defender Coalition
Jeff McDonald, Jefferson County JAC
Don Quick, 17th District Attorney's Office
Beth McCann, House of Representatives
Charles Garcia, Juvenile Parole Board CCJJ
Meg Williams, Division of Criminal Justice
Joe Higgins, Mesa County Partners
Julie Krow, Department of Human Services
Bonnie Saltzman, JJJD Representative

Staff:

Ken Plotz, Consultant
Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice

Task Force Members Absent:

Susan Colling, State Court Administrators SCAO Probation Services
Michelle Brinegar, 8th District Attorney's Office
John Gomez, Division of Youth Corrections
Bill Kilpatrick, Golden Police Department
Linda Newell, State Senate
Inta Morris, Department of Higher Education
Regis Groff, Retired State Senator
Kirk Henwood, Montrose County SD RE-1J
Stan T. Paprocki, Division of Behavioral Health Office

Guests:

Louanna Griffith, Juvenile Parole Board
Sarah Bastani, Juvenile Parole Board
Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice
Kelly Friesen, SB-94 14th JD/Grand Co. J.J. Dept.
Diane Pasini-Hill, Division of Criminal Justice
Jerry Adamek, Rite of Passage

Issue/Topic:	Regina Huerter welcomed the group.
Welcome/ Introduction	Kelly Friesen is introduced as a new member to the JJTF. Kelly is the Director of Grand County Juvenile Justice Department and Coordinator of S.B. 94 for the 14 th Judicial District. Kelly is also a new member of the CCJJ.
Approval of the minutes	Joe Higgins moved for the approval of last month's minutes. Kim Dvorchak seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
JJTF meeting dates for 2013	<u>Status Update on Sex Offender Deregistration and Escape recommendations</u>
Status Update on Sex Offender Deregistration and Escape Recommendations	Regi Huerter reported that Norene Simpson presented on the Sex Offender deregistration recommendation at the CCJJ meeting on 09/14/2012. The CCJJ group didn't have any questions and seem supportive to the recommendation. The CCJJ members will be voting on this recommendation in October and if passes, the legislative process will start. Charles Garcia presented on the proposed Escape recommendation to the CCJJ and the members also seem supportive to of these efforts. Regi Huerter specified there will be a change in language that defines the locked detention facilities rather than listing all the facilities.

	<p>Julie Krow expressed the concern that there are some NYC staff secured facilities with residential settings considered as “locked facilities” (locked at night) where youth are allowed to go out. Charles Garcia clarified that an escape from a facility such as Lockout Mountain (facility with fence) would remain a felony.</p> <p>Don Quick moved the motion to form a committee to accept/draft final language to define locked secure facility. No second, motion dies.</p> <p>The group discussed the intent of the language proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If youth escapes from a facility with fence, charge remains a felony. 2. If youth escapes from a staff secure facility other than locked detention facility, the youth would be charged with a misdemeanor. <p>Judge Ashby clarified that youth placed in residential facility while on probation is not charged with escape. If committed to NYC, the youth would be charged with escape.</p> <p><u>New Language</u> (changes in red)</p> <p>4.1 “A person commits a class 3 misdemeanor if, having been committed to NYC adjudicated for a delinquent act and is over 18 years of age, escapes from a staff secure facility as defined in C.R.S. 19-1-103(101.5) other than a state-operated locked facility the Adams Youth Services Center, the Gilliam Youth Services Center, the Foote Youth Services Center, the Mount View Youth Services Center, the Platte Valley Youth Services Center, the Grand Mesa Youth Services Center, the Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center, the Pueblo Youth Services Center, the Spring Creek Youth Services Center, and the Zebulon Pike Youth Services Center.</p> <p>18-8-210.1 For the purpose of this part 2, any reference to custody, confinement, charged with, held for, convicted of, a felony, misdemeanor, or petty offense shall be deemed to include a juvenile who is detained and committed to the NYC, for the commission of an act which would constitute such a felony, misdemeanor, or petty offense if committed by an adult or who is subject of a petition...”</p> <p>Charles Garcia moved motion to accept this language, Norene Simpson seconded. Judge Ashby abstained. All in favor Passed. This recommendation with new language shall move forward.</p> <p>Regi Huerter suggested that a group form to study the cases of youths committed in facilities with residential settings. Charles Garcia, John Gomez and Don Quick will work on this language.</p> <p>Senator McCann volunteered to carry the bill to legislation if recommendation passes CCJJ.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic</p> <p>Expungement of Juvenile records</p>	<p><u>Expungement of Juvenile DUI records</u></p> <p>Regi Huerter summarized the work done on the juvenile DUI records issue and reminded that the group agreed on the concept of moving DUI into Juvenile Court System and that a juvenile adjudication for DUI could not be used as sentencing enhancement after 10 years.</p> <p>The Judicial working group is currently discussing expungement of records and Mr. Steve Hooper from DMV has been invited to participate to the discussions.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic</p> <p>JJTF meeting dates for 2013</p>	<p>Regi Huerter indicated that, in an attempt to reschedule the JJTF monthly meetings, some possible dates will be submitted to the group via email this week. The group is looking in rescheduling the JJTF to meet before the CCJJ monthly meetings that occur on the 2nd Fridays of every month.</p>

<p>Issue/Topic</p> <p>Reinvestment and diverting juveniles out of the system</p>	<p><u>Ideas from other state systems on reinvestment and diverting juveniles out of the system</u></p> <p>Bonnie Saltzman presented on ideas from other state systems and materials of the presentation were handed-out.</p> <p>Montana. Bonnie summarized that when youths come into contact with LE, they usually receive a summons except for crimes of violence. Youths are required to come with parents for probation hearings and the Probation officers make decisions on the level of diversion. There are different levels of services available. In 2011, 80% of youth were diverted out of the criminal justice system. A tracking system has been developed. Accountability, community safety and competency development. “Back on Track” risk assessment tool. Cases are handled through an informal process which is a part of Youth Courts and operated by the Probation Department. Funding is allocated to a containment pool and the Cost Containment Review Panel allocates funding to each district. Transparency in the funding process.</p> <p>Missouri: The State of Missouri started their process in 1996. A standardized risk and needs assessment matrix is used with 3 groups of offenses and 3 levels of risks. An initial risk assessment is completed by all youth and additional assessments throughout the process of supervision. Julie Krow commented that EBP treatments are missing in the matrix.</p> <p>Ohio: “RECLAIM” Ohio is a funding initiative with the goals to encourage juvenile courts to develop or purchase a range of community-based options to meet the needs of each juvenile offender or youth at risk of offending. Bonnie discussed the Allocation formula (page 5).</p> <p>Jerry Adamek reported on initiatives from the State of Texas. Texas has been closing numbers of youth facilities with 3 facilities remaining for the entire state. The efforts are now focused on community-based services.</p> <p>Group discussions:</p> <p>Julie Krow expressed that the focus should be on reducing large locked facilities and developing and or strengthening already existing community based facilities.</p> <p>Reinvestment and realignment strategy should be to keep youth out of the system and developing prevention initiatives and response systems.</p> <p>Regi Huerter suggested that a working group be formed to work on developing an advanced system and possibly exploring initiatives from other states. A sign-in sheet is circulating among the group to be part of this working group: Regi Huerter, Meg Williams, Karen Ashby, Bonnie Saltzman, Kim Dvorchak, Joe Higgins, Kelly Friesen, Jeff McDonald and Claudia Zundel volunteered.</p> <p>Several groups such as the JJ Council, SB-94, CDAC and counties have already engaged similar discussions and it is suggested that efforts should be combined and not duplicated. The group decided to ensure that a representative of each groups be present to participate in discussions and updating on concurrent efforts.</p> <p>Jeff McDonald reminded that Colorado is being looked at as model across the nation for our initiatives in the juvenile arena.</p> <p>The new working group will be called “System Improvement” or “System Advancement” (to be confirmed).</p>
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<p>Issue/Topic</p> <p>CDHS Update</p>	<p><u>CDHS update: Trauma informed system of care – Julie Krow and Claudia Zundel</u></p> <p>Julie Krow presented on Trauma informed system of care and handed-out material.</p> <p>The problem identified is that Colorado’s children and youth with behavioral health challenges and their families often do not receive the integrated services and supports they need, resulting in poor outcomes and high cost.</p> <p>CDHS conducted a meta-analysis of 30 Colorado reports. The vision is that children with behavioral health challenges will receive effective and efficient services and supports.</p> <p>The Trauma Informed System of Care is targeted to be implemented by June 2013. 5 keys strategies for implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Care Management Entities: Administrative structure to coordinate care and monitor outcomes. Maybe a public agency, new non-profit, existing non-profit, non-profit HMOs or for-profit organization. - Trauma Informed System and Services: Improve quality of services and supports - Community of Excellence: Implement through cohort community based model - Family/Youth Partnership: Families involved at all levels from services to governance. <p>Title IV-E federal dollars have declined over 5 years due to declining of residential placements but CDHS is at the final stage of re-negotiating Title IV-E funding to reinvest in in-home and communities.</p> <p>The Trauma Informed System of Care is a State, Department and Division plans alignment.</p> <p>The targeted outcomes are to improve services and support for children, youth and families, to ensure that children receive the right services in the right amounts at the right time and that dollars saved from residential care placements are reinvested into community based prevention, early intervention and treatment services.</p>
<p>Issue/Topic:</p> <p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting is on October 18, 2012 9:00 a.m. at the Juvenile Assessment Center. Meeting adjourned at 12pm.</p>