

**Juvenile Justice Task Force**  
 October 1, 2014 - 9:30 am-12 pm  
 JAC Center, Lakewood, CO

**Attendees:**

Jeff McDonald, Jefferson County JAC  
 Regina Huerter, Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission  
 Norene Simpson, Indigent Defense Counsel  
 Steve Brittain, La Plata Youth Services (on the phone)  
 Susan Colling, State Court Administrators , Probation Services  
 Hal Sargent, CDAC, 1<sup>st</sup> District Attorney's Office  
 Kim Dvorchak, CJDC  
 Stan T. Paprocki, Division of Behavioral Health  
 Julie Krow, Department of Human Services  
 Ann Gail Meinster, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District  
 Kelly Friesen, SB94, 14<sup>th</sup> JD/Grand Co. J.J. Dept  
 Sarah Ericson, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
 Beth McCann, Co. House of Representative  
 Bill Kilpatrick, Golden Police Department

**Task Force Members Absent:**

Charles Garcia, Community at Large  
 Meg Williams, Division of Criminal Justice  
 Jacob Eppler, Attorney at Law  
 Michelle Brinegar, 8th Judicial District  
 Donia Amick, JJDP Representative

**Guests:**

Jim Gault, At large  
 Holly Wilkinson, 13<sup>th</sup> District Attorney's Office

**Staff:**

Ken Plotz, Consultant to the JJTF  
 Kim English, Division of Criminal Justice  
 Laurence Lucero, Division of Criminal Justice

<p><b>Issue/Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Welcome, Introductions/ Review of minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome, introductions, review of minutes of September 3, 2014 meeting.</b></p> <p>Jeff McDonald welcomed the group. Members and guests introduced themselves.</p> <p>The group reviewed the minutes of September 3, 2014. Kim Dvorchak moved for the approval of the minutes of 09/03/14. Sarah Ericson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.</p>
<p><b>Issue/Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Petty Ticket Bill</b></p>	<p><b>Revised draft of the Petty Ticket Legislation, House Representative McCann.</b></p> <p>Rep. McCann presented the draft of the Petty Ticket Bill including the revisions suggested at the JJTF meeting on 09/03/2014. Rep. McCann engaged the group to review the draft and provide comments.</p> <p>The group discussed the draft and some additional revisions were suggested to the document. The draft of the bill will be finalized and introduced at the next Legislative session in January 2015.</p> <p>Rep. McCann will keep the group informed on the status of the bill.</p>

<p><b>Issue/Topic:</b></p> <p><b>CCI Executive Committee</b></p>	<p><b>Report to Task Force of Co-Chairs discussion with Colorado Counties Executive Committee, Kelly Friesen</b></p> <p>Kelly Friesen reported that she has recently met with Angela Lytle, Director of the Arapahoe County Child Welfare. Angela expressed interest in working on the age of delinquency issue and proposed to convene a working group including County representatives to collaborate on this issue.</p> <p>Kelly provided Angela with a history of the work undertaken by the JJTF on the age of delinquency and informed her that because no consensus could be reached in regards to an appropriate age of delinquency, discussions evolved towards the age of detention. A recommendation has been approved by the JJTF and submitted to the CCJJ for vote in an upcoming meeting. Angela Lytle reported that the concerns expressed by Human Services County Directors are essentially around the issue of congregate care and the CDHS efforts to limit the use of congregate care. Angela suggested that the recommendation should include language limiting the use of congregate care unless certain criteria are met (list of the suggested criteria were forwarded to Kelly Friesen).</p> <p><b><u>Group discussion</u></b></p> <p>The recommendation is scheduled to be voted on at the CCJJ meeting on October 10. The group discussed whether to leave the recommendation under its current form or amend it with language that would address the concerns of CDHS. It was clarified that only a CCJJ member could make a motion to amend the language of the recommendation at the CCJJ meeting on October 10.</p> <p>The majority of the JJTF members (2 opposed) agreed to amend the language of the Age of Detention recommendation with the following language:</p> <p>C.R.S. 19-2-507          (1.5) No child under the age of 13 shall be placed into a detention facility unless the juvenile is alleged to have committed a class 1 or 2 felony or a class 3 felony crime against persons or crime of violence. <b>CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 SHOULD REMAIN HOME OR BE PLACED WITH RELATIVES OR IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING.</b></p> <p>C.R.S. 19-2-508          (3) (a) (II.5) No child under the age of 13 shall be placed in a detention facility unless the juvenile is alleged to have committed a class 1 or 2 felony, or a class 3 felony crime against persons or a crime of violence. <b>CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 SHOULD REMAIN HOME OR BE PLACED WITH RELATIVES OR IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE SETTING.</b></p>
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	<p>Kelly Friesen who is a CCJJ Commissioner will propose the amendment at the CCJJ meeting on October 10, 2014.</p> <p>Kelly Friesen will update Angela Lytle from Arapahoe County Child Welfare with this amendment.</p>
<p><b>Issue/Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Pre-Trial Diversion</b></p>	<p><b>Group Discussion on concluding the work regarding Pre-Trial Diversion</b></p> <p>Ken Plotz reminded the group that CCJJ asked the JJTF to conclude its work and present at the CCJJ meeting in October. The draft of a recommendation was presented to the JJTF in the handout materials.</p> <p>The following options were presented to the JJTF:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit the recommendation as presented to the CCJJ,</li> <li>2. Submit the recommendation including the objections raised at previous JJTF meetings and discuss possible amendments to the language at this current meeting.</li> <li>3. Not submit the recommendation.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Group discussion:</u></b></p> <p>It was suggested to not submit because of the potential impact on the diversionary practices in many jurisdictions. The recommendation will need more work to address the concerns expressed at previous meetings.</p> <p>Some of JJTF members expressed supporting the concept but agreed that more work should be done to enhance the concept and address concerns at the jurisdiction levels.</p> <p>It was reported that directors of Diversion programs have recently met in an attempt to align diversionary programs across the state.</p> <p>The JJTF members agreed to Not submit the recommendation of Pre-Filing Working Group.</p> <p>Ken Plotz thanked publicly for the efforts and the work engaged by the members of the Working Group.</p>
<p><b>Issue/Topic:</b></p> <p><b>Final Wrap-up and concluding remarks</b></p>	<p><b>Report on the proceedings of the Commission regarding the Juvenile Justice Task Force, Final Wrap-up and concluding remarks,</b> <i>Jeff McDonald</i></p> <p>Jeff McDonald highlighted a powerpoint presentation that was discussed at the CCJJ on September 12, 2014.</p> <p>This was the last meeting of the Juvenile Justice Task Force and Jeff McDonald reported that Stan Hilkey, Chair of the CCJJ thanked the JJTF members for their work and efforts over the past years and proposed to meet with the JJTF members individually to discuss juvenile justice issues.</p>

	<p>During the first quarter of every year, the CCJJ members meet at a retreat and establish a strategic plan of the issues to address for the upcoming year. Jeff McDonald engaged the group to bring forward any juvenile justice issues to propose to the CCJJ.</p> <p>Julie Krow expressed appreciation for the member of JJTF and also informed that the CDHS will be working on revising the Child Welfare section in the Children code.</p> <p>Revising and updating Children’s Code was mentioned as a topic of interest to bring forward to the Commission.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am</p>
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