

TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

January 6, 2006

Members Present: Brian Black, Judge James Burgess, Marilyn Cook, John Green, Pat Hanrahan, Jean Hogan, Kathleen Kaiser, Jeannine Lane, Karen Langston, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Ron Paschal, Ralph Teran and Ron Terzian

Members Absent: Pat Beckemeyer (excused) and Senator Donald Betts (unexcused)

Guests: Linda Auld, Marla Canfield, Chris Champagne, Liane Felton, Paulette Goines, Toni Harryman, Lori Jacobs, Tom Kimbrell, Lesa Lank, Terri Patterson, Larry Ternes, John Waller and Danny Walters

Staff: Mark Masterson, Chris Morales and Jodi Tronsgard

I. **Introductions and Announcements** – The Board heard the following announcements:

- The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention satellite videoconference, *Communities Respond to Youth Gangs in America*, scheduled for January 11th has been cancelled.
- Mark Masterson reported that the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee, with the Honorable Ward Loyd, Chairperson, has been eliminated. It is uncertain at this time where proposed bills will be heard; Mark will keep Team Justice updated.
- Terri Patterson reported that Juvenile Field Services submitted an application in December 2005 for the Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management grant, which offers \$250,000 in federal funds. These funds would support the initiative Sedgwick County has undertaken for the past two years to build a working County-wide multi-disciplinary team to address issues of juvenile sex offenders.
- Jean Hogan has been appointed regional director of the Wichita Regional Social and Rehabilitation Services office.

II. **Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 12/2/05 Meeting – ACTION ITEM: Marilyn Cook moved, Ron Terzian seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the 12/2/05 Team Justice Minutes, as submitted.**

III. **2006 Election of Officers** – The twelve members present voted by ballot for the 2006 Team Justice Officers. The results are as follows: Karen Langston – Chair, Terri Moses – Vice-Chair and Ron Terzian – Secretary.

IV. **Grant Awards Update** – Chris Morales reported that the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) approved our request to transfer \$31,228 in SFY05 unexpended prevention funds to the SFY06 JIAC budget. In addition, JJA approved our application for \$5,000 in unexpended Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds from SFY05 that will be applied to help off-set the existing shortfall in the Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program.

V. **Approve SFY07 Core Program Grant Applications** – Chris Morales presented SFY07 funding requests for the three core programs with budgets based on current level funding; areas of inadequate funding have been identified. February 1st is the deadline to submit this application to the Juvenile Justice Authority. Chris also presented a handout detailing the resources that have been identified to reduce the SFY06 shortfall to \$36,822. **ACTION ITEM: Following discussion: Brian Black moved, Kathleen Kaiser seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the SFY07 Core Program Grant Application and direct the Team Justice Advisory Sub-Committee to examine the core program budget requests and, if shortfalls exist, develop a funding contingency plan.**

VI. **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update** – Paulette Goines, with the Self-Help Network, reported that the lessons learned by the Northeast DMC Advisory Group will be taken into the Hispanic community. Collaborating with community groups, instead of expecting them to attend DMC meetings, will

be the approach. Rep. Delia Garcia will transition into Rep. Melody Miller's position. The goal is developing an outcome-based plan.

Mark Masterson provided the following key points presented at the DMC national conference in Seattle in November 2005, also attended by Terri Moses, Dr. Craig-Moreland and Dorothy Burgess:

- Contributing factors to DMC include the juvenile justice system, the education system, family and socioeconomic status.
- Prevention needs to be the continued focus with detention used as a last resort. Barriers to prevention programs should be reduced to ensure equal access.
- Programs and services need to be viewed through a "DMC lens."
- Getting to what works in reducing DMC – community mobilization to raise awareness, advocacy and involvement with the system and in the community; treat Latinos as a separate group (gain knowledge about the diversity of our Latino community in order to design a plan that is inclusive); linking resources (business, churches, federal programs, partners), mapping and mobilization to address the problem.
- The current evidence-based strategies that work are prevention and early intervention programs; alternatives to secure detention; administrative rule modifications; cultural competency training; development of objective decision making tools.

VII. Update on Medicaid Policy Changes Affecting Residential Placements – Terri Patterson presented information on the impact of the recent notification from the Juvenile Justice Authority that the provision pertaining to behavior management service limitations will be enforced. Stays for Level V exceeding 140 days and stays for Level VI and Therapeutic Foster Care exceeding 180 days are no longer Medicaid reimbursable.

- In December 2005, 64 clients were impacted by this rule. Sixteen (25%) were granted extensions. Twenty youth were returned home earlier than preferred and would have continued treatment. At least two clients that returned home were rearrested. One client waited in a shelter because no other options could be identified.
- The paperwork required to get an extension is time consuming and complex.
- Professional staff performed 33 transports in December, an increase from the usual 3 - 10 transports normally done each month, because funds are not available in the budget to purchase secure transportation services.
- The criteria for extensions were not clearly developed or consistent.
- Mark Masterson stated that the SRS Secretary and Acting Commissioner Don Jordan briefed the Appropriations Committee at a hearing on December 12th about this issue. The next "Day at the Dome" for residential providers will be on January 25, 2006.

VIII. Truancy Prevention Program Update – Mark Masterson reported that USD 259, Communities In Schools, the D.A.'s Office, Debbie Donaldson and Dr. Craig-Moreland met in December to revamp the truancy efforts for 6th graders in three school districts because the existing definitions used for serving clients needed to be adjusted. The Sedgwick County Management Model was utilized and the Truancy Prevention Program has made course corrections. Team Justice will receive an update on the Truancy Prevention Program each month throughout the school year.

IX. Other Business - None