

## TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

July 11, 2008

**Members Present:** Kathy Dittmer, Beth Oaks for Pat Hanrahan, Jean Hogan, Karen Langston, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Thomas Pletcher, Marvin Stone Jr., Riley Williams and Chris Champagne for Denise Wren

**Members Absent:** Brian Black, Judge James Burgess, Kathleen Kaiser, Jeannine Lane, Ron Paschal and David Thompson

**Guests:** Terry Calloway, Sarah Darrington, Jane Eby, Mark Eby, Liane Felton, Lori Jacobs, Teresa Lovelady, Representative Melody McCray-Miller, Angie Moore, DeAndre Morris, Debbie Mai, Kirsten Lyman Roberson, Steven Stonehouse, Kari Vitosh and Jody Voils

**Staff:** Mark Masterson, Chris Morales, Jeannette Livingston, Sean Johnston, Kelli Jones and Jodi Tronsgard

**I. Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 6/6/08 Meeting – ACTION ITEM: Kathy Dittmer moved, Shawna Mobley seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the 6/6/08 Team Justice Minutes, as submitted.**

**II. Team Justice Certification for Title II and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Trust Fund Grant Applications** – Terri Moses stated that a new requirement for community service providers requesting Prevention Trust Fund, Title II or Title V funding from the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) is to obtain a certification letter from the local Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (Team Justice) that their proposed program will provide services that are consistent with the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Comprehensive Plan for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. Representatives from each agency were in attendance to answer questions.

### **Title II**

- a. Incredible Years Parent Training - **ACTION ITEM: Riley Williams moved, Kathy Dittmer seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to certify that the proposed program is consistent with the community comprehensive plan.**
- b. Communities In Schools (CIS) at West High School - **ACTION ITEM: Tom Pletcher moved, Jean Hogan seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to certify that the proposed program is consistent with the community comprehensive plan.**
- c. Second Chance Program - **ACTION ITEM: Tom Pletcher moved, Shawna Mobley seconded, Riley Williams abstained, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to certify that the proposed program is consistent with the community comprehensive plan.**

### **Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Trust Fund**

- d. Preschool Parent Coach Project - **ACTION ITEM: Kathy Dittmer moved, Riley Williams seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to certify that the proposed program is consistent with the community comprehensive plan.**
- e. Pathways - **ACTION ITEM: Marvin Stone Jr. moved, Shawna Mobley seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to certify that the proposed program is consistent with the community comprehensive plan.**

**III. Follow-up to Benchmark Report: Admissions to Juvenile Correctional Facilities** – Jodi Tronsgard presented an analysis, prepared by Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland, on the changing numbers and placement matrix categories of Juvenile Correctional Facility admissions from Sedgwick County.

Riley Williams mentioned the Disproportionate Minority Contact Relative Rate Index reports that Dr. Craig previously presented; he requested more in-depth data, specifically on the number and race of youth in Sedgwick County eligible for diversion to compare with data on those accepted for diversion.

**IV. Grant Application Update** – Chris Morales provided the following updates:

- The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant for SFY09 was approved. This grant, for approximately \$33,000 including the cash match, funds a portion of the District Attorney's Diversion Manager position.
- Sedgwick County submitted a Title II grant application for \$36,125 to continue disproportionate minority contact services. JJA should issue award notifications by September.
- The Mental Health Association (MHA) planned to submit a Title V grant application to JJA for the PATHS for Kids program; however, the application was disqualified by JJA. MHA currently receives Title II federal funding for the PATHS for Kids program, so they are not eligible to apply for Title V funding as a new program.

**V. Legislative Update** – Mark Masterson provided the following updates:

- The SFY09 grant application for the Sedgwick County Community Funding Plan was accepted and approved with increased funding for graduated sanctions in our district.
- Implementation of the following is underway: Juvenile Field Services is adding officers with lower caseloads to target high and moderate risk youth with cognitive behavioral programming; Juvenile Court Services is incorporating the Youth Level of Service Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI) assessment tool into their practices; and, a certification program is being designed for service providers in Sedgwick County that are interested in adopting evidence-based practices in working with juveniles who are at high and moderate risk to re-offend.
- Approximately 165 community members attended Dr. Pealer's presentation, *What Works / What Doesn't in Changing Behaviors*, in Wichita on June 27, 2008. A videotape of the presentation will be available later this summer to be utilized in training new staff. Dr. Craig plans to prepare guided exercises in a handbook to accompany the videotape.
- The Supreme Court of the State of Kansas recently determined that juveniles have a right to a jury trial. A motion for rehearing and clarification has been filed to clarify the order regarding various constitutional issues and practices.

**VI. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update** – Mark Masterson provided the following updates:

- a. Baltimore Special Meeting – Sean Johnston (DMC Community Outreach Coordinator), Dana McElrath (African American Coalition DMC Manager) and Mark attended this meeting from

June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. The DMC coordinators received training while Mark and representatives from other districts focused on the topic of graduated sanctions. They also had the opportunity to tour the Evening Reporting Center in Baltimore.

- b. **New Communities Initiative: Safe & Secure Neighborhoods Pillar** – Three strategies related to DMC were submitted by the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections (SCDOC). One of the strategies involves a partnership of the SCDOC, the Wichita Police Department, the African American Coalition and the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (Team Justice) to improve police and youth communication and to give the youth a better understanding of the police officer role in the community. Terri Moses volunteered to represent Team Justice, which serves as the local DMC Committee, at the first meeting.
- c. **Burns Institute Technical Assistance** –The Sedgwick County Division of Information and Operations has developed numerous reports to gather the data required to develop community engagement strategies. The Burns Institute plans to visit Wichita in August to examine the data and interview system and non-system community members. Rep. Miller stated that this is a good opportunity for our community to be an active and engaged partner in system change with a community-based approach. Mark announced that the MacArthur foundation will provide a fourth year of funding and increased funding for each of the remaining years of the grant.

**VII. Report of Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board (JCAB) Regional Training** – Mark Masterson, Kathy Kaiser, Riley Williams and Kathy Dittmer attended the regional training on May 22, 2008. Kathy Dittmer and Riley Williams spoke briefly about the training and encouraged others to participate in future training opportunities.

**VIII. Other Business** – Mark Masterson stated that the recent tragic homicides of youth in our community are a call to action for an immediate short-term intervention and a long-term comprehensive community plan. Mark encouraged everyone to help develop and support the effort to reduce violence in our community.