

## TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

September 4, 2009

**Members Present:** Brian Black, Judge James Burgess, Kathy Dittmer, Pat Hanrahan, Karen Langston, Rep. Melody McCray-Miller for Emile McGill, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Tom Pletcher, Stephanie Springer, Marvin Stone Jr., Riley Williams and Denise Wren

**Members Absent:** Jean Hogan, Ron Paschal and Richard Powell

**Guests:** Linda Auld, Chris Champagne, Deborah Diggs, Lori Jacobs, Marty Helget, Steven Stonehouse, Elaine Stull, Terri Vierthaler, John Waller and Carolyn West

**Staff:** Mark Masterson, Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland, Jeannette Livingston, Jodi Tronsgard and Kelli Grant

- I. **Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 8/7/09 Meeting – ACTION ITEM: Riley Williams moved, Kathy Dittmer seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the Team Justice Minutes from the 8/7/09 Meeting, as submitted.**
  
- II. **JIAC Brief Screen Validation Study** – Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland presented her validation report for the SCDOC Juvenile Risk Assessment Instrument: Brief Screen; this tool is utilized by the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC) and is commonly referred to as the JIAC Brief Screen. Dr. Craig-Moreland found there is a strong and significant relationship between the JIAC Brief Screen and the Youthful Level of Service Case Management Inventory. The relationship is durable and strong at 60 days and less strong at 90 days; there was insufficient data to measure the relationship at 6 months. The screening instrument is a valid indicator of domains of risk for youth and is most reliable up to 90 days. A review or re-administration of the assessment is recommended beyond the 90 day time period or if there is a known change of circumstances. Two domains (school and leisure) were modified in June 2009; therefore, the instrument should be treated as conditionally valid until additional analysis confirms that there is an improved correlation for those two items.
  
- III. **Federal Grant Awards** – Jodi Tronsgard referred to a handout that lists the federal grant award recipients for the upcoming federal fiscal year (10/1/09 – 9/30/10). These are the programs that Team Justice certified as being consistent with our comprehensive plan. Five different agencies will receive funding for 7 different programs. The total funding coming to Sedgwick County is \$220,074.
  
- IV. **Memorandum of Agreement for Court Services use of the Youthful Level of Service Case Management Inventory (YLSCMI)** – Mark Masterson stated that Team Justice previously approved incentive funding for Court Services to begin administering the YLSCMI; this was initiated in November 2009. The Memorandum of Agreement provided in the handouts is the updated agreement for the second year. A full review was conducted by Stephanie Springer, Judge Burgess and Steven Stonehouse. There were opportunities to make some adjustments, particularly to integrate and make use of the JIAC Brief Screen and the YLSCMI information and provide it to the court as early as possible. Mark focused on item IV. A. 3. and item B. 5. since they were the significant changes that were made. Funding was continued for the two court services positions. There has been a significant reduction in the number of low risk youth moving to higher levels of supervision.
  
- V. **Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update** –
  - a. **Agenda for Community Engagement Meetings** – Rep. Melody McCray-Miller extended a warm invitation to everyone to attend the second Family Strengthening Summit presented by the African American Coalition on September 19<sup>th</sup>; additional details are provided in the

handout. On Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Michael Finley and Tshaka Barrows from the Burns Institute will meet with community members at the Atwater Center for a community coach-up; this will entail reviewing the toolkit called 'Upset the Set Up.' Terri Moses stated that they will also be meeting with the Wichita Police Department (5<sup>th</sup> floor of the City Building) from 1:30 P.M – 3:30 P.M. and members are welcome to attend. Rep. McCray-Miller also praised Emile McGill's efforts as the manager of the African American Coalition.

- b. Revised Court Form (Services/Sanctions/Groups)** – Mark Masterson presented an updated attachment to a form utilized by Juvenile Field Services and Court Services for recommending out of home placement. This modified form now integrates risk level and the services, sanctions and groups customarily available. This tool integrates evidence based practice into our work and improves the way we do business. Next steps involve drilling down into the data to evaluate which domains are driving failure on community corrections and use the assessment to target the high risk domains.
- c. Burns Level One Report Enhancements** – Mark Masterson stated the MacArthur Foundation project has involved programming and refining 31 different reports for the Burns Institute. This data defines how our system is operating. One of the Burns Level One reports (identifying admissions to detention by top 10 offenses, race and ethnicity) was reprogrammed to separate the data for those admitted to detention for a new crime and those admitted for administrative reasons (e.g., court orders and technical probation violations). The handout displays the significant difference between the two methods of data collection. This more accurate data provides a better focus for in-depth discussion on the issues.
- d. Agenda for the Upcoming Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP) Site Visit** – Jodi Tronsgard provided the tentative agenda for the CCLP site visit which will be in Wichita on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Garry and Mark Soler will review our revised data for Top 10 Reasons for Admission to Detention, discuss plans for Year #3 activities, provide technical assistance on the Burns Level One data collection tool, meet with representatives from the DMC replication sites (Lyons and Seward Counties), meet with the African American Coalition to receive an update on their DMC community engagement work, tour various facilities and attend the Detention Utilization Committee meeting and hear a presentation on a study on Theft <\$1,000.
- e. DMC Training Institute** – Jodi Tronsgard stated that Title II and MacArthur Foundation funding will be used to send a local team to the Burns DMC Training Institute on October 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco. The local team is comprised of Mark Masterson, Steven Stonehouse, Bridgette Franklin, Karen Palmer and Terri Moses. A draft agenda is provided in the handouts.

- VI. Other Business** – Jodi Tronsgard announced that the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District was randomly selected by the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA) to participate in a SFY10 1<sup>st</sup> quarter fiscal audit. Documentation for all 1<sup>st</sup> quarter expenditures will be reviewed by JJA staff. October 30<sup>th</sup> is our deadline to have copies of the receipts and invoices to JJA. Results of the audit will be reported at a future meeting.

Jodi Tronsgard also commented that the location for the October meeting may be moved from the Ark Valley Lodge to accommodate the larger attendance expected at that meeting. Chris Morales will notify everyone of the location via e-mail prior to the meeting.