

## TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

August 7, 2009

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

**Members Absent:** Judge James Burgess, Karen Langston and Richard Powell

**Guests:** Linda Auld, Sheri Boeken, Carolyn Bunch, Christy Calvert, Chris Champagne, Jeanette Clary, Deborah Diggs, Debbie Donaldson, Nola Foulston, Lori Jacobs, Marty Helget, Bob Lamkey, Angie Lynn, Minister Dale McMullen, Pastor Rashaad Powell, Cornelia Stevens, Steven Stonehouse, Marla Sutton, Soutdaly Sysavath, Larry Ternes and John Waller

**Staff:** Mark Masterson, Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland, Chris Morales, Jodi Tronsgard and Kelli Jones

**I. Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 7/10/09 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 7/10/09 Meeting, as submitted.**

**II. Juvenile Diversion** – Nola Foulston, District Attorney, presented on the deferred prosecution program of the District Attorney’s Office called the Diversion/Immediate Intervention Program which is funded by the Juvenile Justice Authority. Ms. Foulston closely reviewed the diversion program for over a year; the process involved discussions with Ron Paschal, Dr. Craig-Moreland, program staff and review of other programs, risk assessment tools and the Kansas Statute. Ms. Foulston stated the position of the District Attorney’s Office is to not engage in pre-charge diversion; however, the plan is to adopt a more consolidated and immediate type of intervention based upon risk level of the offender.

The existing program will be restructured to allow cross monitoring, a more efficient database and a more hands-on approach. The program guidelines will be consistent with risk assessments for high, moderate and low risk diversion applicants. Services will be merged for efficiency which will involve a minimal decrease in staff; consequently, grants funds could be returned to the granting authority and utilized to fund direct resources they could refer to. The intent is to accomplish the reallocation of funding by the end of 2009.

“Fast tracking” for certain crimes will allow referrals to be made promptly and services to be provided when it is more effective. Additional improvements include changing caseload assignments, expanding office hours, increasing items on the Web site, efforts at going paperless, streamlining of services and continuing to calculate the cost basis for the programs to determine the funding needed. A comprehensive plan will be developed and provided to Team Justice prior to it being implemented. Ms. Foulston requested input and assistance from Team Justice. Ms. Foulston stated that the key and the challenge are to develop partnerships in the community to provide services that can be part of the entire aesthetic, or diagram, of immediate intervention. This transition is to improve services, not cut services.

Ms. Foulston suggested youth assessed as high risk at the Juvenile Intake & Assessment Center within certain crimes be immediately transferred to the District Attorney’s Office because there is a desperate need for services in those cases. Mark Masterson stated that this change could be incorporated instantly and ‘paperlessly’ since the system is fully automated. Ms. Foulston stated that this rapid response can be incorporated into the plan immediately so high risk offenders will have immediate access to prosecution.

Rep. Melody McCray-Miller spoke about the need for accountability and that the African American Coalition is ready and positioned to be the facilitating piece to creating accountability. Brian Black thanked Ms. Foulston for her leadership and challenged the board to be proactive.

- III. Team Justice Executive Committee Report** – Terri Moses deferred to Chris Morales who summarized the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting on July 27, 2009. Chris explained the unexpended fund balances; reviewed the approvals agreed upon regarding SFY09 year-end budget transfers and adjustments; and, provided additional detail on the surplus amounts. Chris also explained the JIAC Case Management program redesign. The SFY10 contract with the provider, the Kansas Children’s Service League, includes a reduced process outcome, a proportionate reduction in funding and a provision that allows for review at 6 months to determine if further negotiation is necessary.
- IV. Approve SFY09 Year-end Budget Adjustments** – Chris Morales reported that after the Executive Committee meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> it was discovered that \$57,000 in encumbered funds was not included in the year-end fiscal report; the funds pertained to the Juvenile Field Services move to their new location. The Sedgwick County Finance Department revised the reports which will be submitted to the Juvenile Justice Authority. This change necessitates budget adjustments for Juvenile Case Management and the Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program because there are now line items that are negative in excess of \$5,000. The amount of graduated sanctions funding allowed to be carried-over to SFY10 is \$53,555. **ACTION ITEM: Brian Black moved, Denise Wren seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the SFY09 year-end budget adjustments, as submitted.**
- V. Juvenile Detention Reduction Proposal/Non-Secure Weekend Sanction Alternative** – Mark Masterson explained that youth are now being sanctioned to the detention facility differently than in the past with the shift being from during the week to weekends. The judges are interested and willing to utilize a weekend detention alternative that does not require admission to the Juvenile Detention Facility; such a program exists in Pierce County, Washington, that drastically reduced the number of youth in detention.
- Larry Ternes, Youth Services Administer for the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, presented an overview of one of the strategies developed by Pierce County, a weekend alternative detention program. The program provides meaningful consequences for youth not adhering to conditions of probation (this is the primary population). Larry is developing a proposal for Sedgwick County to present to the Detention Utilization Committee. The goals are to hold community supervision youth accountable, reduce the number of detention bed days for probation violators, increase the likelihood that youth on probation successfully complete their community supervision without the need for further confinement and to increase the decision-making and goal-setting skills of the youth involved. The potential implementation date for a program in Sedgwick County is October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Team Justice Board **agreed by general consensus** that Sedgwick County should move forward with the proposal and allocate the unencumbered prevention funds to it, which would provide partial funding.
- VI. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update** – Mark Masterson announced that the Burns Institute will visit Sedgwick County on September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> to begin community engagement work around strategies to reduce arrests. Monitors of the MacArthur Foundation project will also visit on September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> to focus on the analysis of theft, probation violations and the use of detention. A detailed schedule for the Burns Institute visit will be distributed when it is available.
- a. Review Mid-Year Progress – Relative Rate Index (RRI) for System Decision Points – Mark presented charts updated through the first half of 2009. He commented that the number of arrests have dropped every year from 2003 to 2008 for a total reduction of 14.7%; however, the numbers for 2009 are up at mid-year. The RRI numbers indicate that the continued focus should be on the point of arrest.

- b. 2008 Arrest Data – Specific Charges Driving Minor Arrest Rates – Terri Moses stated that property crimes are driving the crime rate during this period of low economy. Mark presented a handout on the top ten arrest offenses for four crime categories: violent offenses, property offenses, drug related offenses and minor crimes / status offenses. This gives an idea of offenses to target. A detailed analysis of the offense of Theft < \$1,000 will be presented at a future meeting.
- c. New Warrant Procedure – Custodial & Noncustodial Options – Mark briefly mentioned that protocol has been developed, with the District Attorney’s Office and the court, for a 2-tiered warrant procedure where a noncustodial warrant will reduce admissions to detention.
- d. Replication Site Applications – Mark announced that Seward County and Lyon County submitted applications this week to give them access to \$25,000 each to participate in the MacArthur Foundation project. Shawnee County decided not to submit an application.

**VII. Customer Satisfaction Survey Results** – Chris Morales mentioned that the results of the survey are included in the handouts; if further discussion is requested, this item can be included on a future agenda.

**VIII. Other Business** – Juvenile Field Services is moving to their new location; the move should be complete by August 14<sup>th</sup>.