

## TEAM JUSTICE MINUTES

January 9, 2009

**Members Present:** Brian Black (via conference call), Kathy Dittmer, Pat Hanrahan, Karen Langston, Shawna Mobley, Terri Moses, Ron Paschal, Tom Pletcher, Stephanie Springer, Marvin Stone Jr., Richard Powell and Denise Wren

**Members Absent:** Judge James Burgess, Jean Hogan, Kathleen Kaiser and Riley Williams

**Guests:** Terry Calloway, Chris Champagne, Liz Combs, Debbie Donaldson, Liane Felton, Mary Galvin, Lori Jacobs, Teresa Lovelady, Emile McGill, Greg Martin, Kirsten Lyman Roberson, Marla Sutton, John Waller, Carolyn West and Pam Williams

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

- I. **Approval of Team Justice Minutes from the 12/05/08 Meeting** – Mark Masterson stated that his understanding of what was approved by the motion in Item V. was the current level of resources for the truancy effort as it currently exists subject to discussions and technical adjustments to move in the direction of serving the at-risk population. Shawna Mobley confirmed that was her intention when she made the motion. Mark clarified that discussions could occur now with USD 259 about possible adjustments to attendance conferences in the 2009 – 2010 school year. **ACTION ITEM: Karen Langston moved, Shawna Mobley seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to approve the 12/05/08 Team Justice Minutes, as submitted.**
- II. **Election of Officers** – Board members voted by ballot for the 2009 Team Justice Officers. The results are: Terri Moses – Chair, Riley Williams – Vice Chair, and Kathy Dittmer – Secretary. An at-large board member will be appointed to the Executive Committee by the Chairperson to comply with the recently amended Team Justice By-laws.
- III. **Policy Question Regarding the Issue of Truancy** – Mark Masterson asked the Board members if they would like to dedicate some additional time to understand what the research says about truancy and moving to implement evidence-based practices to reduce offending. **ACTION ITEM: Marvin Stone Jr. moved, Richard Powell seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to hold a workshop for Team Justice Board members to study truancy.**
- IV. **Announce New Juvenile Court Judges** – Judge Burgess could not attend the meeting today due to professional obligations; therefore, Mark Masterson made the following announcement on his behalf. Bruce Brown, from Municipal Court, and Chris Magana won election as district court judges and are assigned to the juvenile division. Judge Brown will preside over juvenile offender bench trials and sentencing hearings; the remaining four judges will preside over the child-in-need-of-care (CINC) dockets, juvenile offender jury trials and detention hearings; and, Judge Magana will be taking over Judge Henderson’s CINC cases.
- V. **Closing the Gap, Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) at Brooks and Coleman Middle Schools** – Judith Wencel, USD 259, provided an overview of the mentoring and tutoring efforts to close the achievement gap. Judith expressed appreciation for the grant funding which led to at-risk funds being designated for coordinators at four other middle schools in the district. Board members requested a copy of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter program report be sent to them following the meeting.
- VI. **Mini Grant Awards for Evidence-based Programming/Practices** – Jodi Tronsgard announced the following recommendations made by the Grant Award Review Committee and approved by the Board of Bids and Contracts and the Board of County Commissioners:
  - For *Motivational Interviewing*: Kansas Children’s Service League (\$3,950); Kansas Legal Services (\$1,130); the District Attorney’s Office (\$4,695); United Methodist Youthville (\$3,570); and Youth for Christ (\$715).
  - For *Aggression Replacement Training* and *Thinking for a Change*: Episcopal Social Services (\$9,000).

The Center for Health and Wellness submitted a proposal; however, their proposal was not recommended for funding due to the majority of the budgeted funds allocated for unallowable expenditures and a lack of budget detail for other line items. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was limited to cognitive-based curricula, staff training and training supplies. The amount awarded in mini grants totaled \$23,060. Approximately \$5,000 is designated for costs associated with Dr. Latessa's presentation. Of the \$135,485 available, there is approximately \$107,425 remaining in unencumbered prevention funds.

- VII. Recommendations for SFY09 Unencumbered Prevention Funds** – Mark Masterson suggested the following possible options: reissue the Request for Proposal (RFP), identify one-time expenditures, or set aside the funds to offset potential budget reductions. Dr. Craig-Moreland mentioned that a current gap is the lack of an open-ended cognitive behavioral curriculum. **ACTION ITEM: Following discussion Terri Moses moved, Marvin Stone Jr. seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to reissue the Request for Proposal with a limit of \$20,000 per agency with Sedgwick County exploring opportunities to partner with service providers to bring in trainers. Agencies that were awarded funds under the original RFP are eligible to apply. Remaining funds would be set aside for potential budget reductions.**
- VIII. Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Update** – Mark Masterson introduced, and the Board welcomed, Emile McGill, the new African American Coalition Manager. Mark proposed the Board meet with the Burns Institute on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the training room at the Juvenile Detention Facility for a DMC strategic planning workshop. Mark recommended that members review the Justice Policy Institute document, *The Dangers of Detention*, prior to the meeting. Mark also presented an updated graph titled *Sedgwick County Juvenile Detention History – Growth In Demand Development of Alternatives – Average Daily Populations*.
- IX. Team Justice Advisory Sub-committee Report** – Jodi Tronsgard summarized the minutes of the Team Justice Advisory Sub-committee meeting held on December 9, 2008. It was noted that both components of the Truancy Prevention Program (the District Attorney's Office and USD 259) met with Dr. Craig-Moreland for technical assistance. There is no need for the agencies to present modified programs to the Sub-committee on January 13<sup>th</sup> as conceptual concerns will be addressed through continued collaboration.
- X. Endorse Recommendations made by the Sub-committee on the County Crime Prevention Funded Programs** – Jeannette Livingston presented a summary of the recommendations. Debbie Donaldson provided a brief history of the County Crime Prevention Funds. Debbie reported that the review process may be refined in the upcoming months. **ACTION ITEM: Tom Pletcher moved, Shawna Mobley seconded, the remaining members agreed and the motion carried to endorse the recommendations made by the Sub-committee on County Crime Prevention Funded programs.**
- XI. Other Business** – Mark Masterson mentioned that Dr. Latessa is scheduled to present at the Wichita State University Metroplex on February 26, 2009 (9:00 A.M. – Noon) focusing on how to use evidence-based assessments to target the factors driving the increased risk to reoffend. Dr. Latessa will also address the question about what to do with low-risk offenders without increasing their risk to reoffend.
- Mark Masterson announced that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is seeking applications for funding under its FY09 Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program. Mark requested that interested agencies contact him or Debbie Donaldson as soon as possible of their intent to apply. Terri Moses encouraged Sedgwick County to prepare an application to avoid missing this funding opportunity.
- XII. Board Member Tour of the Juvenile Detention Facility** – Marla Sutton conducted a tour of the Juvenile Detention Facility for Board Members.