



# NEW HAMPSHIRE JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION NETWORK

PROFESSIONALS AND VOLUNTEERS DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES  
IN JUVENILE JUSTICE

## Network Meeting Minutes January 15, 2014

### Welcome & Introductions-

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Nicole Rodler (Rochester) at 10:53am at The Youth Council in Nashua. Present were: Al Baines (Goffstown – Crispins House), Betsy Houde, Holly Mara & Christina Connor (Nashua), Rachel Kohn & Sarah Moekel (CHI), Peter Brigham (Hillsboro), Dawn Shimberg (Tilton), Fred Reisch & Jay Apicelli (CADY/Restorative Justice), Jessica Klingerman (Concord). Present via conference call were: Diane Casale (Derry), Brian Loanes (Laconia), and Roclyn Porter (Atkinson). Alecia Farquhar (Newport) and Sara DeGennaro (Lower Grafton County) were excused due to technical difficulties. Elizabeth Brown (Keene) and Karen Kersting (Upreach) were also excused.

### I.) Minutes/Approval: Jessica

1. The minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

### II.) Treasurer's Report: Peter

1. The current checking account balance is 10,043.68.
2. Membership fees are \$50.00 and are due by March 31. Only one agency has paid membership fees so far. The password for the website will stay the same for now: nhdiversion13.

### III.) Old Business:

1. **Accreditation Committee:** Diane reported that Crispin's House in Goffstown has successfully completed the accreditation process. Betsy will update the website with this information.
2. **CHI/Youth Council Diversion Study Project:** Rachel reported that she received 49 completed surveys from police chiefs. The survey is closed now but there may be another round of surveys in the future to see if things are progressing. Rachel handed out a report summary of the survey and thought it might be helpful if programs could contact their police departments to follow up and see how things are going. Nicole reported that New Hampton PD won the \$100.00 pizza party. Brian will check in with the chief there to follow up and coordinate how they want to spend the money.

Rachel also passed out a report of the **Regional Prevention Network survey** results. There were some Regional Network Coordinators that did not know diversion programs existed in their areas. It may be a good time to reach out to the coordinator in your areas and educate them.

Rachel has also been collecting the *CHINS surveys* ( 1 from an educator; 1 from a JPPO and 1 from the Diversion program). She has only received a few so far and needs more in order to pull together a summary of experiences that she can present to the child and family services sub-committee. The meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> and she is open to receiving more surveys until then.

3. **Strategic Planning Committee:** Nicole reported that they are working with Rachel and Betsy to plan for the upcoming meeting with the NH Legislative Committee for oversight of child and family services for school- aged children. They will present information about diversion services in the state, including the chins survey results, and future goals for diversion in the state. There was some discussion about bringing forward to the sub-committee about some barriers we face, including confidentiality when sharing information and court officer status for all diversion staff members. Some thought more research is needed before moving forward with these topics. It was decided to continue this conversation as we move forward. Nicole will mention this when she presents on the future goals of diversion.

Nicole also reported that the planning committee is proposing that the network hire a coordinator as this will be helpful in carrying out all the work being done by CHI and Betsy. There was some discussion about under which agency the coordinator would be included under. Some thought it would make sense to include them under the family court system. Diane will talk to Judge Kelly to see how he feels about this.

4. **Website update:** Betsy reported that the SAG meeting minutes from the last three years are now on the website under Members Only. She is still working on putting more success stories on the website so please submit your story. These stories will be important for a referral source that might be on the fence about referring a youth. 'Sexting' and 'reckless conduct' are the only offenses that do not have any success stories yet.

#### **IV.) New Business:**

1. There will be an International Restorative Justice Conference in Burlington, VT – July 16 to 18. See website: <http://www.uvm.edu/conferences/restorativejustice/>. Diane reported that the cost for the conference is \$300.00 for all 3 days and this includes breakfast and lunch but not dinner and lodging. There was some discussion about sending network members to the conference. Peter made a motion to spend \$900.00 to send 3 network members to the conference, this motion was seconded by AI and approved unanimously. Names will be picked randomly after April 1. Rachel mentioned that a representative from CHI will also be attending the conference on their expense.

#### **VI.) Next Meeting:**

DATE: March 19, 2014

TIME: 10:30 – 12:00

LOCATION: Hillsboro Office Of Youth Services

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:51.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Klingerman, Recording Secretary  
New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network